

Friendship Center for New Beginnings

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"NOT BY MIGHT, NOT BY POWER, BUT BY MY S[PIRIT], SAYS THE LORD" ZECHARIAH 4: 6

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What a wonderfully encouraging Easter month we are having! A number of our mothers visited the Center with their children for our Easter egg hunt, which is quite different from the secular version! Our peer counselors share the resurrection story through 12 colored plastic Resurrection Eggs, which each have symbols of the Easter story, the last one being empty to celebrate the empty tomb of Jesus!

Further we are rejoicing that the Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C. hosted "America Reads The Bible" for 12 hours a day from the 18th to the 25th of April, in celebration of the 250th anniversary of our nation! Almost 500 readers - including cabinet members, members of Congress, governors, pastors, artists, and everyday believers embarked on this first-ever undertaking to read the Bible publicly from cover to cover.

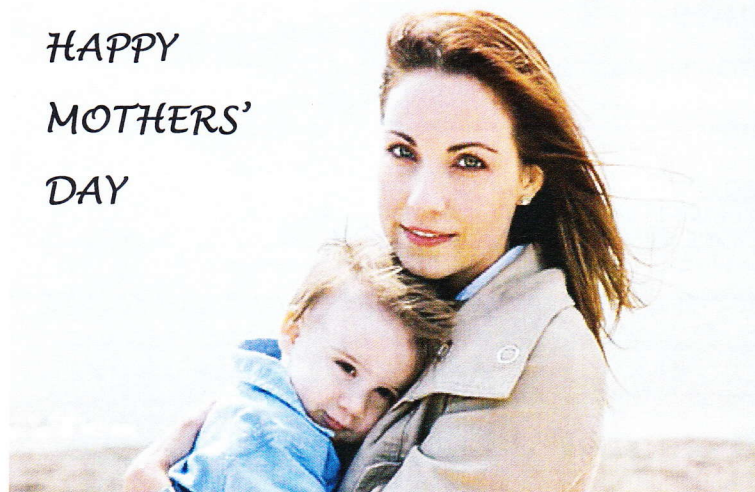
Please pray with us that as the people listened, they reflected on how God's Truth shaped our nation, and how He continues to transform lives to His Glory today!

Nearly a dozen federal departments posted messages on Easter Sunday explicitly acknowledging the resurrection of Jesus Christ PTL! These cabinet departments were not shy to quote Scripture, and the White House itself issued a statement "rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, whose triumph over sin and victory over death secured the promise of redemption and the hope of eternal life for all who believe in Him as Lord and Savior!"

It may be that this boldness by the leadership of this country, in speaking out about their Christian faith, has at the very least, been an encouragement to our young men, aged 18-29, who, in a Gallup survey last month, showed a remarkable surge in numbers of those saying religion was "very important" to them, and who are returning to regular attendance at church.

May God send us revival!

**HAPPY
MOTHERS'
DAY**



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“A FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS IS OUR GOD” PSALM 68:5

A significant proportion of our nation's children are growing up in cohabiting families, which are considerably more unstable than married parent homes. Currently, over 20 million adults are unmarried, yet living together in the United States, up from 14 million in 2009, according to the National Center for Family and Marriage Research. (See the graph below)

When these cohabiting couples break up, it adversely affects the children in multiple ways. As the children usually stay with the biological mother, they face financial hardship immediately, as the partner, who has made no legal commitment in marriage, leaves the family with one less income, and no legal recourse. This desperate financial need increases the temptation to cohabit again, with no marriage commitment, if only to keep up with the bills,

The children are left confused as to who the father figure is, and since they are not the biological children of the new partner, it often increases the stress and even, the research shows, the risk of neglect or abuse of the children. This, in turn, increases the likelihood of yet another breakup.

Children can end up in cohabiting homes for 2 reasons: divorce/separation, or never-married motherhood

So, would you pray with us, that God will send hurting couples to us who need our excellent Christian resources to strengthen and heal marriages

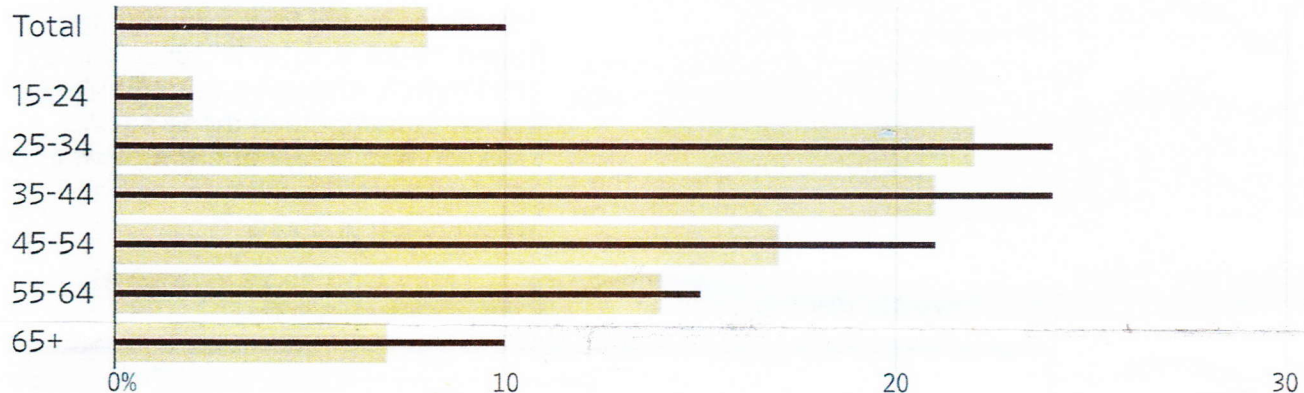
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HELPERS for our Summer Sports Outreach to pre-teens & teens, which will include Biblical teaching/challenge on sexual purity!

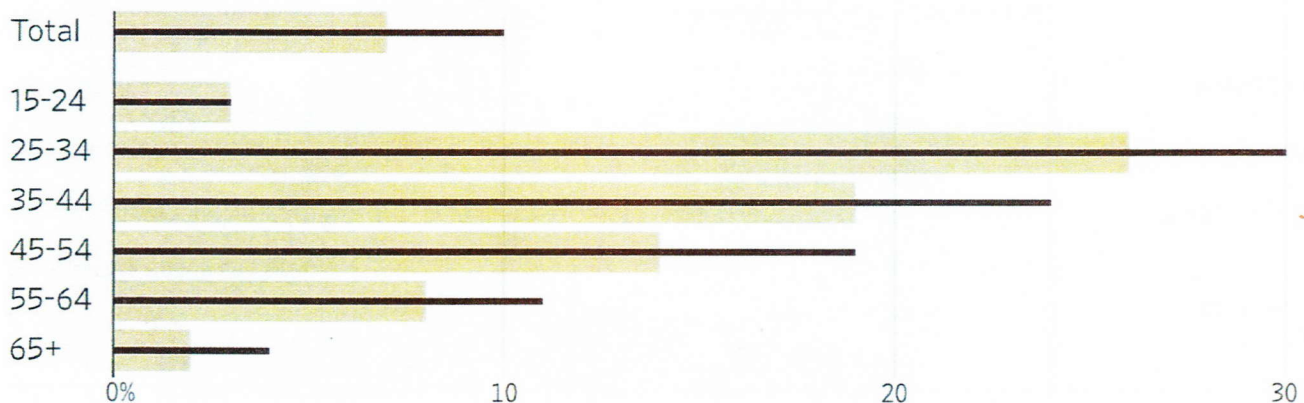
Percentage of unmarried people who were living with their significant other, by gender and age

■ 2009 ■ 2024

...among unmarried **men**



...among unmarried **women**



Source: National Center for Family & Marriage Research analyses of U.S. Census Bureau data; IPUMS CPS, University of Minnesota

We thank God that the world is waking up to the risks to children and teens of the constant, unsupervised use of social media. Australia has already banned it for under-16's, and the European Union is seriously considering doing the same. In the U.S., 95% of our teens are on social media, and nearly a third use it “almost constantly”

Recent research reported by the Wall Street Journal and Washington Stand, show that social media causes a range of adverse effects on adolescent developing brains. These include depression and anxiety symptoms, as especially teen girls are continually shown the curated perfection of other girls' figures online. There are negative effects on sleep and decreasing ability to engage socially with others. They tend to isolate from family and friends, except online.

Data show that a shocking majority of youth come across explicit content online, even when they are not looking for it. They can be unknowingly contacted by predators online, which often leads to grooming or exploitation. Cyberbullying has contributed to the increase of suicide rates by nearly 20% amongst young people between 2014 and 2024, according to a new study by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. With the booming growth of Artificial Intelligence, they are turning to chatbots for validation, comfort and even counsel!

We share that reclaiming balance requires intentionality: start in small ways such as silencing notifications during meals, or switching off phones for an hour or two for some creative activity which the family enjoy, and can do together once a week.

GLORIFY GOD AMONG THE NATIONS



SEEKING HIM IN ALL GENERATIONS

1 CHRONICLES 16:24 NASB

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG

NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER



**Date:
Thursday**

May 7, 2026

Time:

6:00-7:30 pm

**Place: Mine
Brook Park,
116 Capner
Street,
Flemington**

**For more
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SUMMER NEEDS LIST 2026

FRIENDSHIP CENTER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

DIAPER DRIVE FOR MOTHERS' DAY!

DIAPERS: – Boxes of Huggies and Pampers ONLY please, as these are best on allergic skins!

Sizes **4, 5, and 6 only please**

- Unscented BABY WIPES
- Baby Wash/Lotion/Shampoo/Diaper Rash Cream

Gift Certificates for Shoprite and Wal-Mart

are like pure gold for our single moms! In suggested amounts of \$20.00, please.

BOYS & GIRLS CLOTHING

- Socks – Toddler - adult
- Tights: – Toddler – size 10
- Underwear: - Toddler – size 12
- Sweat pants up to size 6
- Summer Shorts: - birth - 2T
- Sun Hats



TOYS

- Construction Toys (Especially Legos Please)
- Play doh
- Dolls
- Trucks/cars
- Infant developmental toys
- Outdoor sports equipment
- Board Bible story books

BEDDING

- Receiving Blankets
- Crib Quilts
- Crib Pads
- Crib Sheets

Please No puzzles or board games (as they do not seem needed)