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GOD IS THE SAME AS YESTERDAY THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT HAVE NEVER CHANGED



We are serving the same God as did the children of Israel. Nothing about God has changed! He is the same yesterday, today and will be tomorrow. Our Heavenly Father values every soul the same—the life of every person is precious and equally important to Him.

He has given us life. The scriptures are certain and true. *"The thief cometh not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."* (John 10:10 KJV). The Bible further states, *"Behold, all souls are Mine, the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine..."* (Ezekiel 18:4 KJV). These verses and many more help us to understand the preciousness and sacredness of life. Every human life is valuable, purposeful, and favored by the Creator of this universe!

No life should be taken for granted and used for ungodly sacrifices. Old Testament pagan nations sacrificed their children to the god Molech. The first mention of Molech is in Leviticus 18:21 in which the Lord commanded, "You shall not give any of your children to offer them to Molech, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord." The worship of Molech clearly involved ritual child sacrifice, something God's people were not to practice. This act was punishable by death according to Leviticus 20:2 which states, *"Any one of the people of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech shall surely be put to death."* <https://www.compellingtruth.org/>

The last mention of child sacrifices was with Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, who spoke against these practices and pronounced curses on them for their abomination. Jonathan Cahn wrote in his book, "The Return of The Gods," the following: "Their aim from the beginning was revealed in the end, in the Valley of Hinnom. The goal was destruction of the nation's children and of the nation itself. The gods had caused mothers to forget their motherhood and lift up their babies to the molten god that would destroy them. The gods had deafened the nation to the screaming of their little children on the altars in the valley."

Sadly, America is paying for the sins of their ancestors and past generations for reintroducing another form of Molech worship called abortion! Although abortion has been around for centuries, it is criminal in nature and violates the laws of God. God does not approve of sacrificing a child's life for other pleasures. Every soul is important and has an assignment in this earth. The Bible quotes, *"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him."* (Psalms 127:3 NLT)

Let's look inside this issue for great testimonies of life and of God's goodness. We will see the hand of God in every story and every testimony. We will see His beauty in each child and each parent. Go with us on this journey!

Angie D. Harris



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FINDING FAITH WHEN PLANS DON'T WORK OUT

By: Kristen Schober



Motherhood. This word is something I've always considered for myself as I traveled through life. I grew up in a large Irish Catholic family, and I was one of the oldest of 15 grandchildren. I knew that being a mother was something I had to be. It was a part of who I wanted to be.

Cancer. A word I feared, and a word I didn't think would directly cause me to re-evaluate all of the plans I had for life. I married the love of my life in June 2015 and in 2017, God took us on a path that neither one of us thought we'd ever get to the other side of. My husband was diagnosed with stage 2 Hodgkin's Lymphoma. We had a two-day window to decide if we wanted to freeze sperm, to wrap our minds around the idea of not having children naturally together, and try to comprehend the idea of losing my husband.

War. I prayed. The minute I knew my husband had cancer, I prayed hard. I didn't know what I'd do without him and then I had to pray for the guidance on how to have a child that I knew I needed. Unfortunately, my husband's sperm count was already affected by the cancer. I had to grieve the idea that I'd never have a biological child with my husband. I was frozen in my own selfishness while my husband was about to be put through a battle that I never imagined for his future. I didn't have time to grieve the idea that I couldn't have biological kids with my husband; I had to fight with him. So, I did what I think any wife would do; I put the thoughts of motherhood aside, and began the war. The war with cancer.

Victory. Thankfully, and only because of God, my husband won the war and beat cancer. Now, we had another battle. The battle of fertility treatments. It took shopping for sperm (yes, shopping like Amazon) in order to find a donor who'd most align with my husband's background both physically and personality-wise. I struggled during this time. I felt like I was playing God. I grew up Catholic, so the Catholic ideology of IVF, fertility treatments, etc. as "playing God" kept popping up in my mind. I was so worried and torn between the thoughts of "God took away our options for children for a reason" and "science exists and is an option for a reason." I just prayed that God would guide us, and He did.

IVF. We went through two rounds of IUI (Intrauterine Insemination) and neither of those rounds worked (there's only a 17% chance or so of it working). Those failures caused us to jump right into the world of IVF (In Vitro Fertilization). I can't begin to explain how difficult this process is. We had two embryos that I miscarried at seven weeks. I was so angry. SO angry and SO sad.

I did everything right, but I had three embryos left, so I didn't give up. Embryo #3. Embryo #3 is our sweet miracle, Griffin Michael. My son Griffin was born a week after the world shut down for COVID-19. He was my little embryo that could, and he's my miracle. He's almost three now, and I thank God daily for him. When Griffin was about two, we tried to implant our 4th embryo. It didn't stick. This left us with our last and final embryo.



#5. I was ready. I prayed so hard. I stayed positive. I lost weight, watched what I ate, I was the same size as I was when I got pregnant with Griffin, I followed the directions from our infertility doctor, and I was SO confident. I put this last transfer and embryo on God. I had so many conversations with Him where I told Him, "I trust You; I know You've got us, and I know that this is going to work." He knew my heart and knew I wanted Griffin to have a sibling. I didn't know what it was like to be an only child, so I was sure God knew my heart needed another baby.



Embryo #5 didn't stick. My whole world turned upside down. I was mad at God. So mad. I put it all on Him. I let go of every thought and prayed hard for another baby. I put my faith, my whole faith into His hands, and He let me down. I struggled for quite a while. Physically, I had to go back to normal after years of fertility treatments, but mentally, I was lost. Confused. Hurt. I felt betrayed by God. Why did He do this to me? I did everything right. Why doesn't He want me to have another baby?



Time. It just took time. I gradually found my way back to God, gradually trusted Him again, and gradually understood. I understood that God wants me to just be Griffin's mom. God wants me to put my whole heart into my son, and that sometimes, it's not up for me to understand.

I started going to therapy, started healing, and tried to focus on two things. I have an amazing, beautiful, funny, and sweet son, and my husband is alive. I have my moments of doubt, my moments of sadness, but I know that I am beyond blessed. **WWP**



My name is Kirsten Schober and I live in Newnan with my husband of seven years and our miracle three-year-old Griffin. I am a middle school educator in Coweta County, and my husband works as a dietitian at the City of Hope hospital (former Cancer Treatment Centers of America). In our free time, we love to go on walks with our dog, Rocky, and watch movies together as a family. We currently attend online services through Community Christian Church in Sharpsburg.

THE SANCTITY OF LIFE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF FOSTER PARENTS

By: Jeff Merritt



One Sunday, God convicted me as I preached my own message. As I preached to myself on the sanctity of life, God challenged me to consider the other side of abortion: What happens to the babies we save? My wife, Stephanie, and I were both unclear about what foster care looked like. We already had three biological children and I was not looking for more kids! However, out of obedience we went through this long process of drug screens and background checks. Suddenly we found ourselves holding a beautiful one-month-old African American baby girl.

Now, I have three bio kids. I would introduce them as Eeny, Meeny and Miny and I hoped to have no Moe. Well, we got a second phone call 53 weeks later and they said, "Would you like another child?" I was like, "We still have the first one y'all dropped off a year ago." He ends up being Moe's older brother, so we named him "Tiger" ...pause...get it? We have fallen in love with Moe and Tiger as they have come in and out of care over the last six years.

Recently Tiger had to have both of his kidneys removed. If living away from his parents wasn't bad enough, his diet consists of only 18 ounces of liquid per day. This is his life. He can't attend school. He goes to dialysis three times a week and is in and out of the hospital. We are waiting patiently for a kidney transplant.



Almost 12,000 kids woke up this morning in a new home. Every one of them is a heart, mind and a soul that I believe we as the Church of Jesus Christ are commanded to care for. In 2019, Georgia had 7,510 licensed foster parents. On the other side of the pandemic, that number has dropped to 4,650 licensed foster parents—that's a 38% decrease! In Georgia, approximately 100 abortions occur every day. If 25% of the children rescued as a result of the Heartbeat Bill end up in care, 9,128 babies will most likely go into foster care this year.



God starts dealing with the fatherless and the widows in Exodus chapter 22. James writes in 1:27, "Pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their distress." (ESV) I believe the orphan and widow share a common bond between them. That connection is that they both lack a male protector. In scripture we see that they are in a society that when there is no male protector, the culture does a pretty good job taking shots at those kids and widows. I believe this is a calling to families, but I believe ultimately, it's accountable to men. I believe as godly men, we are commanded to fight for these kids! I believe we are called to be a daddy to the fatherless. I believe that scripture is very clear that we will be held accountable for what happens to the kids in our communities. This is a biblical call!

When God started dealing with the orphans in Exodus, there was no government and no DFCS (Department of Family and Children's Services). Let me be blunt: At the end of the day, these kids endure abuse, neglect, and suffering.

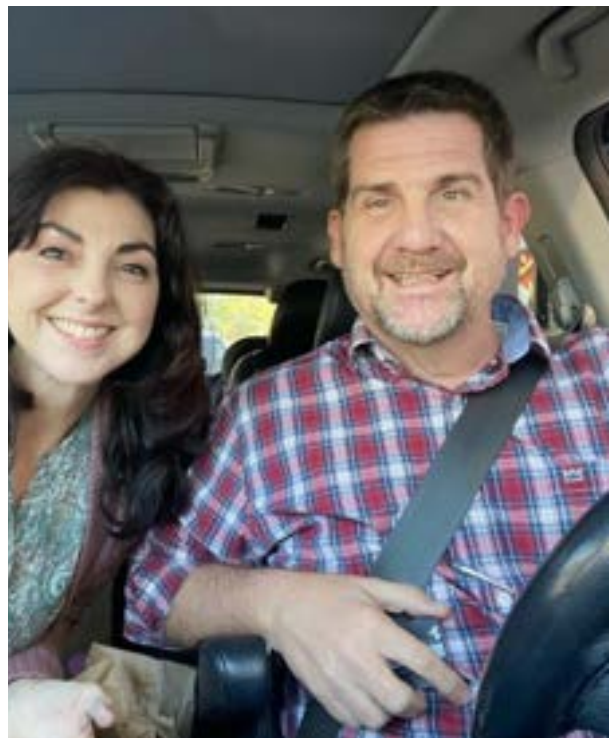
If they never hear about Jesus, the abuse they have in hell will be a lot longer and a lot worse than anything they had on earth. I think it's very difficult for us to get around a calling to take care of kids that were made in the image of our God.

I know what you're thinking. "I would never ever foster, but are there other ways that believers can get involved in solving this crisis without necessarily having to sign up as a foster parent?"

Absolutely—but I would be careful telling God you'll never ever do anything! There are 25,000 Protestant churches in Georgia. If every church got involved, we could literally wipe the problem out overnight. Not 25,000 believers, 25,000 churches.

Fostering is tough. It's tough on your family. It's tough on your marriage. It's tough on your biological kids. Over half of the families that foster through DFCS quit within one year. It's not because they don't love kids. It's not because they stopped loving Jesus.

In Coweta County this morning, 79 kids are in foster care. I believe with all my heart that God has a plan for the lives of foster and adoptive children as much as He does for those children raised by their biological parents. Immediately after Psalm 139 reminds us that we are "*knit in our mother's womb,*" it tells us in Psalm 139:14 "*I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*" I think that applies to the preacher's kid, the deacon's kid as well as the foster kid. I believe that when God says, "*I know the plans I have for you; plans to give you a hope and a future not to harm you.*" (Jeremiah 29:11), that applies just as much to the kids in Newnan, Georgia, as it does the ones in Africa.



When these kids come into God's kingdom, we are equal because the ground is level at the foot of the cross of the One who died for all of us. Every Easter we celebrate the power that raised Jesus from the grave 2,000 years ago. I absolutely believe that same power is working in these kids' lives also! **WWP**



Jeff Merritt is a pastor with 25 years of local church ministry experience. He has a unique perspective on the foster parent and adoption need in the state of Georgia and the local church's involvement. A Fayette County native, he currently lives in Loganville with his wife, Stephanie, three biological children and his four foster children.

ORPHANED NO MORE. LET'S BRING THEM HOME

By: Kelly Preston



150 million.

According to recent statistics, there are approximately 150 million orphans around the world.

Yes, you read that number correctly: 150 million children in America and throughout the world go to bed without a mommy and/or daddy to tuck them in and say goodnight prayers. And unfortunately, that number has more than likely increased due to COVID-19 and the ongoing war in Ukraine.

It is indeed a staggering number, and it is easy for one to feel overwhelmed at the thought of how to help such a huge problem in our country and worldwide.

My heart was impacted many years ago when I learned about the orphan crisis in our world. I had already given birth to three healthy babies who were thriving and keeping me on my toes. Yet amidst the busyness of having three children ages five and under, my heart ached knowing there are millions of children who do not have the warmth of a mother's embrace.



My husband and I had always talked about having three children, so I wasn't too sure how he would respond to opening our hearts and home to another child through adoption. At first, he was not on board, but after many months of prayer and discussion, the Lord changed my husband's heart and we began the process to adopt a little girl from China.

And when I say process, it most certainly was! Over the next 18 months, my husband and I were fingerprinted multiple times, submitted tons of paperwork to our adoption agency, had meetings with a social worker for our home study, and engaged in multiple educational opportunities to help us prepare for our new daughter. It was a lot of work and quite overwhelming. Yet at the same time, the Lord continued to grant me peace and joy knowing that in His perfect timing, our daughter would be HOME!



In November 2013, that became a reality. After spending two weeks in Guangzhou, China, we brought our daughter home to meet her three older siblings. Despite there being numerous adjustments to becoming a family of six, God provided His grace and peace throughout the journey.

The Lord also provided for us financially. One of the most overwhelming aspects of adoption is the expense involved. Before we started the process to adopt, we were told that the average adoption can cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000. Needless to say, we did not have that kind of money sitting in our bank account!

We learned that most families who adopt do various kinds of fundraisers, so after some discussion, my husband and I decided to plan a 5K running race for our community. We were collegiate cross-country and track runners and still enjoy running to this day, so we put our minds together, collaborated with volunteers, and hosted the first RACE for the Orphans 5K in April 2013.

Much to our surprise, more than 350 people participated! Although we did not make a lot of money to put toward our adoption since we were not a 501(c)(3), we were so thankful for the positive response from our community that we decided to pursue developing an official non-profit organization and make the RACE an annual event to help other families raise funds for their adoptions.

I am thankful to say that since 2013, more than \$387,000 has been raised to help bring multiple children home to their forever families through the miracle of adoption. And by the grace of God, the 11th Annual RACE for the Orphans 5K will be held on May 6th in downtown Newnan to raise funds to help bring more children HOME! Visit www.racefortheorphans.org to register or donate.

Adopting our daughter is one avenue the Lord has used to teach our family that life is truly a gift and that every life matters. Our daughter's birthmother in China could have chosen to abort her baby, but instead she chose to give her life, and I will forever and always give God praise for that decision. There have been so many times over the past 10 years that I wish I could show and tell our daughter's birthmother how she is growing and thriving.



At the core of adoption is loss, but in His omnipotence, God is able to turn mourning into dancing and His mercies are new every morning. I've often been asked, "Have the last 10 years been easy?" And the answer is, "No! But they have definitely been worth it!"

Adoption is at the heart of the Gospel. 1 John 3:1 says, *"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"* (NIV)

It has been said that "Adopting one child won't change the world, but for that child, the world will change." (Unknown) I would also say that adoption changes the ones who are adopting. My husband and I both grew in our faith during our adoption process and over the past 10 years as we have helped other families through the ministry of RACE for the Orphans. It has been very evident to us that *"God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by His power that is working in us."* (Ephesians 3:20, NIRV)

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about adoption, I welcome the opportunity to talk with you. **WWP**



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A LONGING SO DEEP

By: Leslie Clay-McCoy



Infertility. Not what I believed I would ever face. Why would I? My husband and I were both good, giving, God-fearing people who even took what some people would consider a bad hand and turned it into our greatest adventure.

My oldest son has special needs, and rather than seeing this as heartbreak, we saw the amazing blessing. We both worked hard to reach a point in our life where we were comfortable and ready to add another blessing to the family. We expected nothing but a few months of trying. Never did we imagine the road that was ahead.

A year after making the decision to have a child, we were still empty handed. The year's journey was kept low key, only among family and close friends. My hope and faith were still strong that our prayers would be answered. Fifteen months into it I finally saw my positive. The weight of worry and stress I had kept inside was released and I sat on the bathroom floor crying while I called my husband. We both praised God for the blessing through tears and giggled about the joy ahead. Our blood work was positive and I walked out of the doctor's office told to celebrate and finally relax. Come back for the ultrasound.

This was not the case. Ahead was the greatest pain I have ever felt. As soon as we told family, friends, and co-workers that we were finally having a baby, I lost it. The heartbreak of losing a part of yourself can never be fully described in words. Along with that pain also came a feeling of shame and embarrassment. The devil saw an opening and he planted his seed.

The truth was that nobody really shares this pain openly, and with it being so hard to put into words, I believe women keep it to themselves and their close circle. It was the start of feeling angry and ignored by God.

As we moved forward, I was consistently poked and prodded for years. Yes, years. During the next two years after the first loss, I would face three more. My journey had become very public knowledge, as I was seeking help from whoever I could. It seemed that every friend around me was getting pregnant with no problems and every news story was about a mother abusing her children. Again, the anger was growing inside of me and I felt God had betrayed me. Why me? Why do I have to take on all this pain while others have it so easy?

Thankfully, as one of my dearest friends says, God works ahead of us. A little back story: When I became a teacher, I had very specific schools in mind that I wanted to work at. Madras Middle School was not one of them. Turns out, they were the only one calling me back. I had no idea that I was going to be surrounded by people who became family. Co-workers who picked me up daily when I struggled to walk through the door. God placed me there because I would have never made it through without having those friends surrounding me daily with love and encouragement.





While I was searching everywhere for help, I wasn't really letting go and letting God guide me. I also felt so disconnected from that part of me, and angry that God would never listen to me anyway. He stepped in and put another godly lady in my daily schedule.

She saw my pain without me saying a word and made it easy for me to open up and honestly speak every thought I had. Tracey told me it was OK to be angry, it was OK to tell God all about that anger. In my mind, if Tracey said it, it was true. She gave me a notebook and told me to write every bit of it down; write it all down for Him, because sometimes speaking your truth is hard.



As I spent each day seeking Him, I felt stronger. The pain was still there; I cried all the time; I begged God daily for a baby, but getting out of bed started to get easier. I finally broke and sought a fertility specialist. We were told it was unexplained infertility and IVF was the closest we could get to a higher chance of carrying full term. In that office as I cried, the doctor said we could try one drug before looking at that.

I fell upon Hannah in the Bible. For years she faced infertility, feeling those around her almost bullying her because of it. The way she faced it all and carried it was so familiar. I went home and prayed just as Hannah prayed. I asked God to hear me through my grief and I truly gave it to Him.

This was it: the last chance at having a baby and not taking control of the situation. I was not going to stress every day about every twinge or pain I felt in my body. We were going about this differently. Rather than looking up different yoga poses every night to do, I asked for prayers. There was this newfound hope.

After three years and four losses, I finally got my rainbow. **WWP**



I am Leslie Mckoy, born and raised in a military family that brought my family to Georgia when I was six years old. I graduated from Northgate High School. I have my master's degree in special education and am a special education teacher with the Coweta County School System. I was married in 2007. We have have two beautiful kids.

EMBRACE GRACE & CELEBRATE EVERY LIFE CREATED BY GOD

By: Brittany Leatherwood



I was 20 years old attending nursing school. My father had just passed away after battling brain cancer and I was in a long season of depression and anxiety. As I looked down at the five positive pregnancy tests I had just taken, I was overwhelmed with fear and shame. What a mess I had made!

I grew up in the church and in a loving family and I knew I wouldn't consider getting an abortion, but I was so afraid of disappointing my family and my church. My baby's dad, who is now my husband of 11 years, loved me and I knew we would find a way to get through this. My mother's response was gracious and kind. Though I'm sure she would have preferred a different timing, it took her about five seconds before she had a big smile and said, "We're having a baby!" I'm thankful for the way my family supported me and loved me unconditionally. I know many women don't have that and it really makes a huge difference!

Although we had the support of our families, our church's response to our situation felt harsh even though we were repentant. My heart is to help women realize that Jesus calls us to come to Him in our time of trouble and the church can be a place of great healing!

But after talking with many single pregnant women and crisis pregnancy center workers, it is common to hear that many women facing unexpected pregnancies are afraid of going to their church for help. They think they will be judged, condemned, and shamed.

A study done by CareNet revealed that four out of every 10 women scheduled to get an abortion claim to be evangelical Christians. This is an alarming statistic that suggests that the church may not be doing a great job of letting women know that it is a refuge for them in time of crisis.

This past summer, the Lord led me to an amazing non-profit called Embrace Grace Inc. Embrace Grace was founded by Amy Ford, who also experienced an unexpected pregnancy at the age of 19 and didn't find support in the church. Many years later, she started a biblical support group at her church for single pregnant women in her area. The ministry took off and now Amy and her team have created a model for churches all over the world to follow that offers support to these women spiritually, emotionally, and financially.

My team and I have launched an Embrace Grace group at Coweta Community Church in Newnan. We have three amazing brave mamas this semester and it has been such a blessing to not only be able to encourage them spiritually and emotionally but to see the whole church rally around them and support them through their pregnancies.

As a part of the 12-week group, the church throws each mama a huge baby shower to let them know that we are not only here to help, but that EVERY LIFE, no matter how it is conceived, is planned and purposed by God and is WORTH CELEBRATING!

Many evangelical Christians would say that they are pro-life and we are seeing exciting movements in this area, like the overturning of Roe v. Wade. However, I believe now is the time for the church to really examine its role in this pro-life movement. Amy Ford says that, "Pro-life is a stance but being pro-love is an action."



If you're like me, maybe you have felt passionately about the sanctity of life but haven't known how to help. I'd like to encourage you that while this may feel like a huge political issue that you can't do anything about, there are actually many ways you can have a meaningful impact.

You can find ways to support our Embrace Grace group by visiting our Facebook or Instagram page. You can start your own Embrace Grace group at your church. You can also contact your local pregnancy resource center to find ways to help. Lastly, the biggest thing I can encourage you to do is to be a part of changing the church culture from one of shame and condemnation to one that welcomes these mamas in and loves them unconditionally.

We're not celebrating sin; we're celebrating a LIFE that was created and planned by God. No baby is a mistake!

By bringing these women into local churches and allowing them to be a part of the body of Christ, they experience the hope of the gospel and they benefit from being a part of a biblical community that offers ongoing support and encouragement. The church must find ways to draw these hurting women back into the forgiveness, grace, and provision that God offers to all of us.

WWP





My name is Brittany Leatherwood. I am a follower of Jesus, a nurse, a wife, and a mom to four incredible boys! My primary goal is that my life would have Kingdom Impact! Whether that's in raising godly men or helping single pregnant women, I just want to be obedient to what God calls me to. I'm thankful to God for the way that He turns our trials into testimonies and I'm so humbled to be a part of helping others to encounter Him.

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THE PLAN OF GOD IS ALWAYS RIGHT

By: Tracey Pitts



"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." (Jeremiah 29:11 KJV)

After several years of unplanned and unexpected events in life, I now have a better understanding of Isaiah 55:8-9: *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."* (KJV)

My husband and I had just buried his brother in 2006, his dad in 2007, his sister in 2010, and his mother in 2011. We were overwhelmed and exhausted from all of these deaths. To add to this exhaustion, we were helping to raise two nephews that my sister-in-law left behind. My sister-in-law also left a notebook and it was addressed to me. In this tiny notebook, she had written a letter stating that my husband, Harry, and I would be inheriting a four-and-a half-year-old that she was raising as her son. She left explicit details of the sizes of clothing and shoes that he wore.

She went on to say that God was blessing us with a son who was energetic, smart, but very shy. With tears in my eyes, I dropped the notebook on the floor. I did not want to raise another child.

We located the child's biological father. After my husband spoke with him, our agreement was that we would gain legal custody of this child for two years, and then send him to be raised by his biological father. Our son came with lots of "stuff." I can remember one night he had really worn my patience thin and I began to cry. He stared at me with those big, brown eyes and began to cry, too. I sat on his little bed and said, "I love you little boy, but I don't know what to do with you. I do not know how to be a mother to you. I am sorry, but I am not going to be good at this. This is just too hard."

I began comparing myself to other moms; I just did not measure up in my eyes. I then began to allow him to do whatever he wanted to do because I was afraid that I would lose him. I prayed. I asked God to help me to be the mother that He had called and planned for me to be. It was very rocky at first, because I still was intimidated by this word "motherhood." I remember watching my mom with my brothers and me, and I was not willing to work that hard. I kept saying, "There is no way that I can do this!" But God said otherwise.

Fatherhood seemed so natural for my husband. He did not yell or scream. He just told him what to do one time and all would be well.



I would just break down in tears because it seemed as if I could not get this kid's attention like I wanted it. I would pout, throw my hands up, and then go to my prayer closet to journal and pray. My husband kept encouraging me not to try so hard.

He said, "Stop trying to be like your friends with their parenting skills. Our son is different. God has all of this, and He has us. He has called us to parent this child. We are to train him in the ways of God, to love him, and to show him a better life. He has blessed us with this child. Just relax, love, correct, and nurture, then watch God blossom in your life and into our son's life."

I began spending more time in prayer, studying God's word, meditating on it, and spending time worshipping with my Heavenly Abba. God starting changing my heart towards being a mother to D. J. Because of this, God formed a bond between us that I never thought could exist. I have a son, and I love him to pieces. I love what God has done in me. I have learned how to listen to his heart, nurture him, correct him in love, and to laugh with him. Fourteen years later, we have a senior who still lives with us.

He has become a great assistant to me in ministry. He sets up my props and even does puppet shows when I travel to churches to minister. He also loves to coordinate every outfit with matching shoes.



Everyone who knows me well knows that I love fashion. I love our family times together. We laugh and joke around so much that he has truly taken on my comedic side. He creates facial scowls like me; sometimes we will just look at each other when we see something funny, and we have the same exact expression.

It is hilarious! He also has many mannerisms like Harry. He will fold his arms and scratch his head just as Harry does.

When D.J. came into our lives, my family never made a distinction between him and our biological family members. My mother calls him her grandson and he is crazy about his Grandma Vera. Though it was not my plan to become a mother to the cutest kid ever, God's plan superseded mine, and I am so happy to honor Him by obeying Him. **WWP**



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PRAYER WARRIOR TEAM TAKES IT TO THE STREETS

By: Debbie Travis & Cassie Holt



2 Chronicles 7:14 says, *"If My people, who are called by My Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and I will heal their land."* (NIV)

Prayer changes the atmosphere. Prayer brings us into His Presence, and that's exactly where we want to be. And wherever two or more are gathered in His Name, He promises to be in the midst of us.

Debbie: Two years ago, my friend Cassie Holt and I started meeting to pray for our community, rotating weekly between the Coweta County Courthouse, Coweta Pregnancy Services, the hospital and the school board. All of these places are under attack on a national, state and local level. We wanted to pray God's protection over these places and the people who worked there, volunteered there, who were associated with them, the people who were using their services and the decisions that were being made in these very important places.

God gave us ALL a way to make a difference with prayer! We have both experienced His miracles in our lives and seen what prayer can do. We may not always get the answers or results we want, but we can go to Him and ask.

We have kept our prayer time to just the two of us because it's what we feel we are supposed to do. Most people don't even know what we are doing. This is between us and God.

We (Cassie's family and mine) went to Israel years ago. On our trip, we went to the Wall (the temple wall) and saw so many people from all over the world coming to pray in all languages. It was quite moving and you felt the power that was there. We also went on a tour behind the wall. We saw that the ladies would do the Amidah daily prayers where they believed was the closest place to the Holy of Holies. The last part of the Amidah prayer is: "May the expressions of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart find favor before You, Yahweh, my Rock and my Redeemer."

Their dedication to their prayer time with all of the people touring, talking, and walking around them was something that made such an impression on me. They were focused and steadfast. Nothing distracted them from their task at hand. That was the reason I wanted to go to the actual locations to pray rather than praying from home.

We have seen many prayers answered these last two years, including with regards to life with the overturning of Roe V. Wade! Even though our world seems to be spiraling out of control, God is still on His throne! Nothing can or will ever change that!



"And if you seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:13)

"I will Praise you, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your Name, O Most High." (Psalm 9:19)

"Lord, be gracious to us; we long for You. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in times of distress." (Isaiah 33:2)

Cassie: *"The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom and to shun evil is understanding." (Job 28:28 NIV)*

My friend, Debbie Travis, and I are fully aware of how evil the times we are living in are and we felt led of the Lord in January of 2021 to go into town and pray at certain specific locations, including the pregnancy center, the courthouse, the school board, and Newnan Piedmont Hospital. We rotate these four all month. While we pray, we ask God to change the hearts and minds of the judges in the courtroom to have a godly fear of the One True God and to discipline those accordingly.

At the pregnancy center, we pray for the leadership to follow the Scripture and ask the Holy Spirit to come and surround the facility with God's mighty angels to protect the life of those who don't yet have a voice. We've seen the new building transform before our eyes. God is on the move in Coweta County!

At the school board, we ask God to infiltrate the board members and the schools through the principals and teachers. During 2022, we saw the principal at East Coweta call the community into a time of prayer for the school and students. We were a part of that beautiful prayer time. At the hospital, we pray that the administrators, the doctors, the nurses, and the patients all feel God's holy hand of healing and for the miracles that only God can do. We pray for Him to go before us and behind us.

God has instructed us to pray and we are doing what we can to answer that call. As a result, we are seeing Him transform our community, one prayer at a time! **WWP**



Debbie Travis

My name is Debbie Travis and my husband and I live in Sharpsburg and part-time in North Carolina. We have two adult children, Patrick and Nicole, who both live in Florida. I am a hairdresser and have had my own studio for 15 years. I love to hike in the mountains with my puppy, Molly, and see waterfalls and the scenic views. I feel a closeness to God when I get away from the "noise" of the world and enjoy this beautiful place He created. It is my heart's desire that more people will turn to God and pray.



Cassie Holt

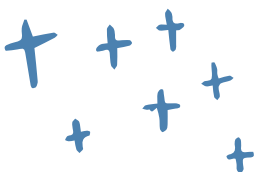
My name is Cassie Holt. I live in Coweta County and sell real estate in and around Georgia. I have three adult children, Kelby, Moriah, and Aprilia and I also have four grandchildren: Lilah, Kannon, Harley, and Willow. I love people and enjoy hiking, kayaking and walking on the beach.



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NOT ONE BUT TWO

By: Jennifer Brooks



I was in darkness. I was a drug addict and a felon. I had lost everything including the support of my family. But in 2006 I found a friend named Jesus. Little by little all that I had lost started being restored by my loving Father God. The prophet Joel wrote, *“And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, My great army which I sent among you.”* (Joel 2:25 KJV)

I met my future husband in 2010 and we married in November 2011. Now, we are in the plan of God for our lives. The Bible says, *“For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.”* (Psalms 84:11 KJV)

Neither Danny nor I had ever been married. We had one child but wanted to have more. We were in our late thirties and time was not on our side, but my greatest heart's desire was to be a mom. My husband also shared this same passion and desire. The scriptures teach us, *“Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him.”* (Psalm 127:3 NLT)

So, we took the first year of marital bliss and tried the natural way; sadly, nothing happened. The following year we decided we should go the IVF (In Vitro Fertilization) route. Many suggested the option as a great route for us, but we had no idea how incredibly expensive it is.

A few years passed and we were without hope or answers. People who had adopted encouraged us to do the same. So, we began to consider adopting a child and even got a bit excited by the prospect. However, our past life haunted us. But the agency assured us we had nothing to worry about. We started the legwork of getting prepared for the baby. We had a lot to do, including the set-up of a nursery. And then, just as soon as we felt we were on our way, bad news came. "We are so sorry but we are not going to be able to work with you due to your past."

To say we were disappointed would be an understatement. We were given hope and then it was snatched away from us. And I became bitter, angry, and hurt. I felt like no matter what good I did and how I tried to live my life in a positive Christ-like way, my past would always haunt me. After much reflection and prayer, I realized I was trying to do God's work. I never prayed about IVF or the adoption agency. I just moved forward, never really surrendering my desires to God. When I had that realization, I turned it all over to God and said, "If it is Your will, I give my greatest heart's desire to You." On that day I had a wave of peace come over me. This is a scripture to live by, and it would become alive for us! *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."* (Jeremiah 29:11 KJV)



June 15, 2022 would be the day that changed our lives forever. This scripture comforted us, *“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28 KJV)*. My husband called me at work and said, “Do we want to adopt twin boys?” Yes, yes, yes! That night we drove to Midtown to meet our precious boys that were born on June 14, twelve weeks early. They were so tiny but so very perfect. For the next two months after work, we would drive to Midtown to hold our little Daniel and David. God’s plan for our lives was coming together as He desired.

What a joy it is to cry out to God with a surrendered heart and mind. Nevertheless, not my will but Yours be done! We finally had both boys home from the hospital in September. Our two little miracles became our heart and soul bearing our last name, Brooks, in October of 2022. It was final in the courts of law.

I have learned that when God says HE will give you the desires of your heart He will, but we must get out of the way.

He cannot give you what He has for you if you are so busy trying to fix everything yourself. God's timing may not look like your timing, but His timing is always perfect. Do not give up if you desire to have a child.



God's timing is always perfect. Remember, *“And let us not grow weary of doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”* (Galatians 6:9 KJV) **WWP**



My name is Jennifer Brooks and I am married to Danny Brooks. We had one son and desired other children. God blessed us with not one, but two! We reside in Peachtree City. What a timely journey into parenthood, but most importantly, it was our journey in learning to trust God.

THE BIRTH OF ABORTION AND THE TARGETING OF THE BLACK RACE

By: Ezra Thompson



One cannot begin to understand the tragic story of abortion in the United States until one knows about the foundation of Planned Parenthood, its supporters, admirers, founder, and the legacy it has left on this country. The majority of the black community continue to endorse, support, defend, rally around, and invest political capital and money in an organization that was created by racists using the cloak of medicine to systematically eradicate an entire race.

Margaret Sanger was born September 14, 1879, in Corning, New York, the sixth of 11 children. Sanger's life was shaped by the poverty of her childhood and the death of her mother at age 50, which she attributed to the toll of 11 pregnancies. Sanger became a nurse, attending Claverack College and Hudson River Institute in 1896 and completing the nursing program at White Plains Hospital in 1902. That year she married William Sanger, an architect, and moved to Hastings, New York, where the couple had three children.

In 1921 Sanger founded the American Birth Control League and served as its president until 1928. The league was one of the parent organizations of the Birth Control Federation of America that in 1942 became the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Sanger was a virulent racist and eugenicist. Planned Parenthood has acknowledged as much. In 2020, Planned Parenthood's president Alexis McGill Johnson authored an op-ed for The New York Times, in which she acknowledged "Sanger's racist and eugenics tendencies by calling out her meeting with the Ku Klux Klan to give a speech at a women's auxiliary branch in Silver Lake, New Jersey, in 1926 and her support for the Supreme Court *Buck v. Bell* case that legalized the forced sterilization of those considered 'imbeciles.'"

She repeatedly referred to the lower classes as "human waste" not worthy of assistance, and proudly quoted the extreme eugenic view that human "weeds" should be "exterminated" (Edwin Black, *War Against the Weak*, p. 127). Sanger advocated abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Calling large families "immoral," she said, "The most merciful thing that the large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it" (Sanger, *Woman and the New Race*, chapter 5).

Sanger was involved in the eugenics movement and in the speech she gave to the Ku Klux Klan women's auxiliary branch she urged "the gradual suppression, elimination, and eventual extinction, of defective stocks—those human weeds which threaten the blooming of the finest flowers of American civilization."

Eugenics (selective breeding) sought to purify the human race by culling the herd of the "unfit and inferior" through birth control, abortion, infanticide, sterilization, and euthanasia. The *Birth Control Review* is replete with articles written by such "luminaries" as Lothrop Stoddard, American Birth Control League board member and author of the books "The Rising Tide of Color Against White World-Supremacy" and "The Menace of the Under Man." The following are men whom Sanger associated with and their ties to the Nazi party of the 1930's.

Ernest Rudin

Director of the foremost German eugenics research institute (Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Genealogy, in Munich, Germany). Rudin was a frequent contributor to Margaret Sanger's magazine *The Birth Control Review*, submitting "Eugenic Sterilization: An Urgent Need."



Mrs. Margaret Sanger, the great birth control advocate, and her two sons

“WOMAN AND THE NEW RACE”
By Margaret Sanger

This book, just published, is Margaret Sanger's greatest effort for the birth control movement. It contains the very essence of her life's work. It instructs the women of the world in the greatest step of their emancipation. "WOMAN AND THE NEW RACE" contains the sum total of Margaret Sanger's experience and knowledge on this vital subject—knowledge she dared to utter and print—knowledge for which she faced jail and fought through every court to establish as woman's inalienable right.

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THE KNOWLEDGE IS PRICELESS



Ernst Rudin & The Third International Eugenics Congress

When published, he was serving as Hitler's Director of Genetic Sterilization. Rudin joined the Nazi Party in 1937. In 1939, on his 65th birthday, he was awarded a Goethe medal for art and science handed to him personally by Hitler, who honored him as the "pioneer of the racial-hygienic measures of the Third Reich." Sanger corresponded with Ernst Rudin and never once renounced his eugenic views.

Lothrop Stoddard

Sanger appointed Stoddard as a board member of the Birth Control League (the forerunner of Planned Parenthood). One of his more controversial books was "The Rising Tide of Color Against White World-Supremacy." In fact, he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan, a member of the American Eugenics Society as well as a founding member (along with Margaret Sanger) and board member of the American Birth Control League. Stoddard traveled to Germany to be welcomed by Heinrich Himmler and Adolf Hitler. In fact, he was so popular in Germany, his writings were incorporated into Nazi school books.



Leon Whitney

Sanger published many writings by Leon F. Whitney, former executive secretary of the American Eugenics Society, in her Birth Control Review. In 1934, Adolf Hitler sent a letter to Whitney complimenting him for a book he authored, "Selective Sterilization," on systematic sterilization procedures and Whitney praised Hitler as "one of the greatest statesmen and social planners in the world."



The work done in the field of eugenics in the United States in the twenties and thirties laid the groundwork for the German/Nazi party's program that sterilized more than 400,000 people against their will and an additional 300,000 were euthanized for birth defects.

These men, among others, were Margaret Sanger's affiliations, her admirers, her believers, and her influencers. All were white supremacists, some were Nazi's. Do you think for one minute that when she instituted the Negro Project, it was done for the betterment of the black race? Was it enacted to help the downtrodden blacks in the South climb out of poverty? Ask yourself, would someone who had these associations with admitted racists really care for the health and welfare of the Negro? We can thus say with certainty that Planned Parenthood honors a person (Margaret Sanger) who not only befriended authentic racists and Nazis, but gave them a widespread platform to spread their poison.

The Negro Project

In 1930 Sanger opened a family planning clinic in Harlem that was staffed by a black physician and black social worker who sought to enlist support for contraceptive use and to bring the benefits of family planning to women who were denied access to their city's health and social services. It was endorsed by The Amsterdam News (a powerful local black newspaper), the Abyssinian Baptist Church, the Urban League, and W.E.B. DuBois.

After the clinic was well-established, she began the Negro Project. It began in 1939 and ended in 1942.

The Negro Project was supervised by a special committee that included Sanger, Mary Lasker, and Clarence Gamble. It was guided by a national Negro Advisory Council made up of representatives of 25 major black organizations and universities, and included many prominent black leaders. With the help of local community organizations, the Negro Project assembled clinical data to influence the adoption of clinics and contraceptive techniques primarily in the black communities of the South.



Planned Parenthood Founder Margret Sanger



W.E.B. DuBois, a man revered in the black community, was fully on board with the eugenics movement and was enlisted by Sanger to institute these policies in the black community and the Harlem clinic. From this thinking grew the "talented tenth" idea.

"[Negroes] are led away by the fallacy of numbers. They want the black race to survive. They are cheered by the Census return of increasing numbers and a high rate of increase. They must learn that among human races and groups, as among vegetables, quality and not mere quantity really counts." W. E. B. DuBois

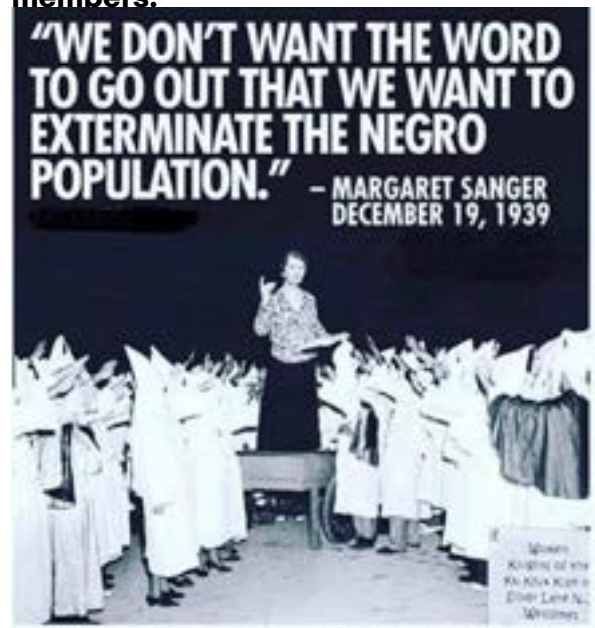
In a letter to a large donor, C.J. Gamble (owner of Procter & Gamble), Sanger made it very clear how she wanted to use the black clergy, academicians and doctors.

"There is only one thing that I would like to be in touch with and that is the Negro Project of the South which, if the execution of the details remains in Miss Rose's hands, my suggestions will not be confusing because she knows the way my mind works.

"Miss Rose sent me a copy of your letter of December 5th and I note that you doubt it worthwhile to employ a full time Negro physician. It seems to me from my experience where I have been in North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Texas, that while the colored Negroes have great respect for white doctors, they can get closer to their own members and more or less lay their cards on the table, which means their ignorance, superstitions and doubts.

"They do not do this with the white people and if we can train the Negro doctor at the Clinic, he can go among them with enthusiasm and with knowledge, which, I believe, will have far-reaching results among the colored people. His work in my opinion should be entirely with the Negro profession and the nurses, hospital, social workers, as well as the County's white doctors. His success will depend upon his personality and his training by us.

"The ministers' work is also important and also, he should be trained, perhaps by the Federation as to our ideals and the goal that we hope to reach. **We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members."**



Before it was called "Planned
Parenthood"
...It was called **"The Negro Project."**

Dr. Shantella Y. Sherman states in her book "In Search of Purity: Popular Eugenics and Racial Uplift Among New Negroes 1915-1935,": "The early 20th Century Black Mis-leadership class fully supported eugenic theory using racial sterilization couched in language supporting birth control to limit the ability of poor black women to have children. A veritable who's who of early 20th century black history from W.E.B. Dubois, Mary McCloud Bethune, Charles Drew and more were supporters of this widely supported Black Eugenics movement to basically rid America of the black poor. One must realize, in 1966 55% of black America lived below the poverty line. We can only imagine how high that number was in the 1920s and 30s, particularly during the Depression years. This Black Eugenics policy was not merely a plan for race purity, but if implemented to the full desires of that Black Mis-leadership class, it could have meant race genocide."

Year	Live Births					Abortions				
	total	white,non-Hisp.	black,non-Hisp.	Hispanic	other	total	white,non-Hisp.	black,non-Hisp.	Hispanic	other
2000	4,058,814	2,389,000	611,000	823,000	236,000	1,313,000	530,000	431,000	262,000	91,000
2001	4,025,933	2,341,000	593,000	857,000	235,000	1,289,000	506,000	419,000	267,000	98,000
2002	4,021,726	2,313,000	581,000	882,000	246,000	1,271,000	488,000	411,000	274,000	99,000
2003	4,089,950	2,338,000	579,000	919,000	254,000	1,252,000	469,000	422,000	259,000	102,000
2004	4,112,052	2,315,000	582,000	954,000	260,000	1,221,000	447,000	416,000	257,000	102,000
2005	4,138,349	2,296,000	587,000	993,000	262,000	1,209,000	433,000	415,000	259,000	103,000
2006	4,265,555	2,325,000	621,000	1,047,000	273,000	1,235,000	434,000	423,000	277,000	102,000
2007	4,316,233	2,327,000	631,000	1,071,000	287,000	1,210,000	438,000	406,000	275,000	91,000
2008	4,247,694	2,284,000	627,000	1,051,000	286,000	1,213,000	427,000	416,000	277,000	93,000
2009	4,130,665	2,227,000	614,000	1,008,000	282,000	1,154,000	405,000	398,000	263,000	88,000
2010	3,999,386	2,176,000	593,000	953,000	277,000	1,104,000	384,000	379,000	254,000	87,000
2011	3,953,590	2,160,000	586,000	926,000	282,000	1,060,000	366,000	360,000	247,000	86,000
2012	3,952,841	2,149,000	587,000	917,000	300,000	1,010,000	349,000	344,000	232,000	85,000
2013	3,932,181	2,143,000	587,000	909,000	293,000	959,000	322,000	333,000	220,000	84,000
2014	3,988,076	2,164,000	593,000	923,000	309,000	927,000	323,000	317,000	204,000	83,000
2015	3,978,497	2,146,000	593,000	934,000	306,000	896,000	308,000	309,000	197,000	82,000
2016	3,945,875	2,117,000	572,000	949,000	308,000	875,000	294,000	303,000	200,000	79,000
2017	3,855,500	2,051,000	575,000	928,000	301,000	851,000	280,000	295,000	195,000	77,000
year	live births					abortions (estimated)				
	total	white,non-Hisp.	black,non-Hisp.	Hispanic	other	total	white,non-Hisp.	black,non-Hisp.	Hispanic	other

The current black population in the United States is 46.1 million. Conservative numbers indicate that 20 million black babies have been aborted since Roe V. Wade. That is 45% of our current population that is no longer with us.

Why do we allow genocide to be perpetrated on us given the racist beginnings of Planned Parenthood?

THOSE WHO WILL NOT SEE

By: Ezra Thompson



From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see His invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature. So, they have no excuse whatsoever for not knowing God. (Romans 1:20)

“There are none so blind as those who will not see,” my mother used to tell me when I couldn’t find something. She imagined that I did not want to find the offending article! At times she implied that it was a peculiar masculine aberration. She may have been right!

God has a similar complaint about humanity. All people can “clearly see [God’s] invisible qualities in the creation all around them. The creation abounds with clear evidence of God’s being and character. As a result, *“the truth about God is known to them instinctively.”* (Romans 1:19)

But men reject what is clear to them, they push the truth away from themselves. It is not that man cannot know God—it is that he will not respond to the knowledge available on every hand. There are none so blind as those who will not see.

There is more. Man has taken his refusal to see God a perverse step further. He has crafted alternative theories about reality that deny and reject God. He has put in God’s place things that could never be responsible for creation (1:23). Man prefers what God has made to the God who made it!

Throughout the world, man is guilty of worshiping materials and rejecting the Maker.

This is the ultimate folly, but man does not see it. Man regards this foolishness as evidence of the superiority of human wisdom! There are none so blind as those who will not believe!

A wise man will examine the intricacy of all creation and determine whether it looks like an accident or a created order. He should then ask if the order suggests an intelligence behind the order.

God apparently expects man to see enough in creation to convince him of God's existence and power. Should a man arrive at the conclusion that there is a Creator, he should then see if there is further information available about the Supreme Being. If he reads, learns, and inwardly digests the Scriptures, he will find the answers to questions about his origin, purpose, reason for being, personal longings, and much, much more—and all in Christ our Lord!

Nothing is more crucial for man's well-being in life and eternity than finding God. The God who revealed Himself partially in creation leads the seeking man to discover more of His self-revelation in Christ. Eventually, the man comes to see the truth in Christ and to experience the salvation found only in Him. There are none so blind as those who will not see—and none so blessed as those who will—and do!

For further study: Romans 1:1-5, 16-20 **WWP**



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A close-up photograph of a newborn baby. The baby is wearing a light green knit beanie and is wrapped in a white blanket with a green leaf pattern. The name 'Cash' is written in black cursive on the blanket. The baby's eyes are closed, and they appear to be sleeping peacefully. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white fabric.

Coweta Pregnancy Services Serves Coweta County's Unborn, Newborn, & Families

By: Hollie Mosley



"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart..." (Jeremiah 1:5, NIV). These were God's words to Jeremiah when He called him to be a prophet. King David had amazing insight into the sanctity of human life.

In Psalm 139:14-16 he was inspired to write, *"I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be."* God has a calling for every single individual He has made! The body of Christ must do all in its power to protect life, educate the lost and provide for the needs of struggling mothers and their infants.

The pro-life movement in America rejoiced after the historic overturning of Roe v. Wade by the Supreme Court of the United States in June 2022. Just two years before that, the state of Georgia passed the LIFE Act which prohibits abortion after the heartbeat of the unborn baby is detected (usually around six weeks of gestation.) This lifesaving law was temporarily blocked by the courts, but was allowed to go into effect in July 2022. Many prayers have been answered and God is changing the hearts of women and men, thanks to the ministry of pregnancy centers like Coweta Pregnancy Services.

Coweta Pregnancy Services began serving the Coweta County community in 1988. Located at 29 Brown Street in downtown Newnan, it performs an average of 1,000 pregnancy tests and 600 ultrasounds each year. It is a non-profit, Christian-based organization serving women and men of all ages who are unprepared for pregnancy. It aspires to bring hope, truth and healing that are found only in Jesus Christ. The Center offers the following FREE and confidential services: pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound exams, options counseling, abortion education, pregnancy and parenting classes with mentors, material support and community referrals.

The pregnancy/parenting classes are called "Earn While You Learn." They are tailored to meet the moms and dads where they are in their pregnancy journey. They can earn a brand-new crib, car seat and other baby necessities just by participating in the educational classes. In addition, the classes are offered either in-person or online. The staff and volunteers are warm, welcoming, and informative. It is their joy to share the love of Jesus with each woman who comes through the door. CPS's executive director, Cindy Hughes, has served at the Center for 15 years. She began as a part-time stenographer.

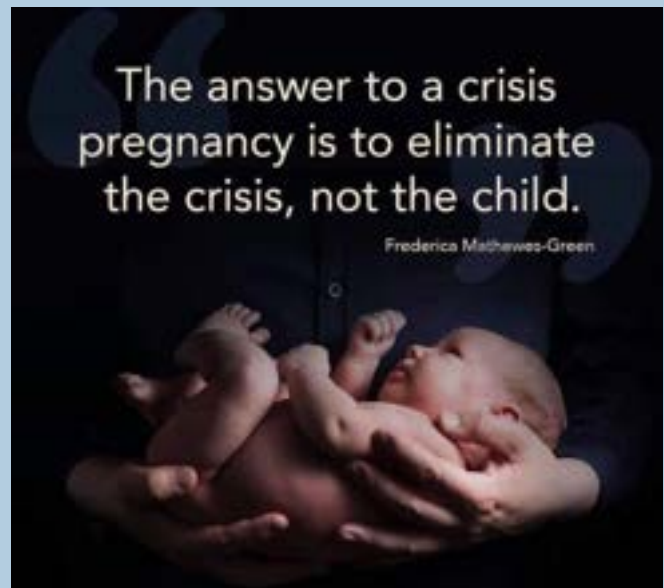


Hughes said she has seen a number of changes and challenges since the Roe. v. Wade reversal. A sad, new reality is 'Abortion Tourism.' Companies have set up funds to help women travel to have an abortion. If their state has outlawed or limited it, they can travel to another state. The funds will pay for their travel expenses and abortion. Giant billboards on interstates, including Atlanta, advertise it.

"Another challenge is the 'abortion pill.' It now accounts for 40% of all abortions. Also called a 'medical abortion,' it's easy to obtain. Women can go online to get a prescription from telehealth centers outside of the United States. Planned Parenthood and other abortion agencies do not warn women of the many risks involved."

As a result, according to Hughes, "More women are wanting to come in early in their pregnancy to see how far along they are and what abortion services they qualify for. We're increasing our services to provide counseling and support for life. We've doubled the size of our building. God knew this was coming. We must reach them and show that we can help them. It's an economic situation for most women."

Adoption counseling is available for women willing to consider this very positive alternative to abortion. CPS will refer clients to reputable adoption agencies and stay with them every step of the way.



Post-abortion counseling is also available for women who need to know that there is forgiveness in Christ.

CPS is launching a new program this year to reach youth in our communities. The earlier we can reach young people with the message of life, the less likely that they will be confronted with difficult decisions like an unplanned pregnancy. It's called "Love Lessons" and we will begin the 4-week program in area churches. Pizza, instruction, and discussion will take place in a casual atmosphere to give students the tools they need to make good decisions.

Did you know that for every abortion clinic across America, there are five pro-life pregnancy centers? In Georgia, there are 14 abortion clinics and 68 pregnancy centers! These places of refuge offer women truth, confidentiality, and the real help they need when they are in crisis. All services are free of charge, thanks to area churches and Christians who stand for the sanctity of life. Planned Parenthood and abortion clinics are deceptive and are focused on financial gain. We are blessed to have Coweta Pregnancy Services standing for women and for the lives of the unborn.

There is still much to be done to change the hearts of Americans who are caught up in our culture of death. We must pray, contribute financially, vote, and get involved! Every believer must make their voice heard in this cultural and spiritual battle. Please pray regularly and call for prayer in your church so that victories may be seen!



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Prayer is the mightiest of weapons in our fight for the souls of our children and nation.

Add to prayer financial gifts to local or national pro-life agencies. The gifts will support staff, programs and needed resources, including ultrasound machines. Consider donating new or gently used baby clothes, strollers, and maternity clothes. Diapers in all sizes are always needed. If we are calling for women to keep their babies, we must provide all they will need to do so. This is a game changer for young women who fear they cannot afford to raise a child.

Voting for pro-life candidates is vital. We need a voice in state and national governments to influence our country. Pro-abortion advocates have powerful forces behind them. We must stand together and be vocal by contacting our representatives and those running for office and boldly advocating for life. God will use our prayers and efforts to defeat the ungodly forces behind the abortion industry.

Lastly, consider volunteering your time to support a local pregnancy center. Every person has gifts that can be used to strengthen the ministry. At Coweta Pregnancy Services, we have office workers, mentors, clothes closet organizers, encouragers, prayer warriors, and those who come to help with landscaping and beautifying our center. One precious young lady packages diapers for us. Church groups come to clean and do specific tasks.

Every role is important and needed. Just as in the church, using your spiritual gifts fills needs, brings blessing, and honors our God! Contact a local pregnancy center today and see what you can do to help. Your part might be weekly, monthly, or as needed. It will take all of us, working together, to stand for life and accomplish God's purposes!

Proverbs 24:11 instructs us to *“Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter.”* If we are to obey this command, we must be intentional and self-sacrificial. God is calling all of us to stand in the gap for the unborn, newborn, and families. **WWP**



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Start Your New Life With Christ

You can have a real, lasting peace today through a relationship with Jesus Christ.
Start your four-step journey now!

Step 1: God loves you and has a plan for you!

The Bible says, "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, [Jesus Christ], that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly"—a complete life full of purpose. (John 10:10)

But here's the problem:

Step 2: Man is sinful and separated from God.

We have all done, thought or said bad things, which the Bible calls "sin." The Bible says, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

The result of sin is death, spiritual separation from God. (Romans 6:23)

The good news?



Step 3: God sent His Son to die for your sins!

Jesus died in our place so we could have a relationship with God and be with Him forever.

“God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”(Romans 5:8)

But it didn’t end with His death on the cross. He rose again and still lives!

“Christ died for our sins. ... He was buried. ... He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures.”(1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

Jesus is the only way to God. Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.”(John 14:6)

Step 4: Would you like to receive God’s forgiveness?

We can’t earn salvation; we are saved by God’s grace when we have faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. All you have to do is believe you are a sinner, that Christ died for your sins, and ask His forgiveness. Then turn from your sins--that’s called repentance. Jesus Christ knows you and loves you. What matters to Him is the attitude of your heart, your honesty. We suggest praying the following prayer to accept Christ as your Savior:

Dear God,

“I know I’m a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that He died for my sin and that you raised Him to life. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord, from this day forward. Guide my life and help me to do your will.
I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.”

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