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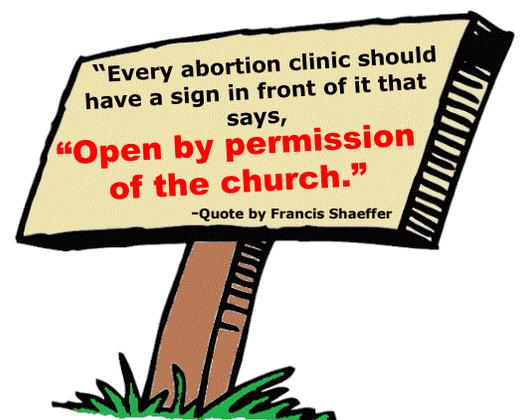
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Preaching Christ Publicly with Courage, Compassion & Clarity!

The picture above is a miracle. Christ centered, Bible believing Christians from different churches, brands & cities are gathered together, not to hear a great speaker or music band, but to PRAY. To pray on a Saturday morning for repentance, revival & awakening in our churches & our country. They are standing just a few feet away from where babies are being killed inside of an abortion center. They're praying that God, in His great mercy, would bring an end to abortion in our land, saving babies & saving souls for His Kingdom & glory! Friends, God is up to something. This event isn't unique to our city but is a miracle that is happening all across our country! It's miraculous! Sure, no one is being raised from the dead, but the church is waking up. No withered limbs are

growing back, but weak & weary parts of the body of Christ are rising up & reaching out, no longer paralyzed by fear. Water is not turning to wine, but whining Christians have quit complaining about the darkness & are letting their light shine. Bread & fish are not multiplying, but the numbers of babies being saved from abortion is. And no one is walking on water, but the church is trampling on demons through faith-filled prayers. I praise God that He has used our current cultural situations not to cast demons out of people, but to cast Christians out of buildings, routines & ruts in order to create new wineskins for the new wine. I don't put it past God to give birth to revival outside a place where the devil kills babies. God took the evil murder of His own innocent Son & started a

revival 2000 years ago. If anyone can turn what the enemy means for evil into good, it's God. I'm excited & very optimistic about the future regardless of politics & pandemics. Let's keep praying, obeying & displaying the love of God even in the face of such intense opposition. Rather than cursing the darkness, let's turn on the light. Let's be willing to sacrifice our reputations rather than the opportunity to be used by God to bring revival across our land, preaching the Gospel & making disciples of ALL our nation.



The 5-E's of Pro-Life Sidewalk Ministry

- a day in the life of a sidewalk missionary -

1- ENCOURAGE

We *Encourage* moms & dads to choose life! As moms pull into the abortion center we have a matter of seconds to gain trust, make a connection, replace fear with faith & encourage them that their baby is not an accident, a mistake or unwanted. We briefly share with them what God says about them & their baby, what the science reveals about fetal development & the humanity of their unborn child, and we share about all the resources we have to help them not just survive, but thrive as a parent. With the help of the Holy Spirit a few second conversation can turn into minutes as a mother's heart changes & a child's life is spared. Scripture tells us to, **"Deliver those who are drawn towards death & hold back those stumbling to the slaughter."** -Proverbs 24:11 God's people are courageously fulfilling this Scripture outside the local abortion centers.

2- EVANGELIZE

We *Evangelize* lost souls with the Gospel! Abortion is a sin issue & God has only one solution for sin, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We're not activists or protestors, we are Gospel-Centered missionaries with a laser focus to see babies saved from death, souls saved from destruction & families disciplined into the Kingdom of God. Only Christ can break the curse & cycle of corruption that comes from abortion. Daily we share Jesus with the moms & also with the boyfriends, husbands, parents, friends & drivers that often sit in the parking lot waiting. Our message is the life, death & resurrection of Jesus, and how we can turn from sin & trust in Him for forgiveness, eternal life & a new way of living. We remind moms leaving after their abortion that abortion is not the "un-forgivable sin." Some of our sidewalk counselors are post-abortive & through redemption God has turned their past misery into a powerful ministry. Their abortion tragedy is now a triumphant testimony of the grace & mercy of God. And so we tell these moms that they can still seek God, even after abortion. But we exhort them that God does not forgive excuses, He forgives sin, so they must confess it to Him & turn to Christ for healing. Praise God, that through the Gospel of Jesus there isn't just forgiveness for sin but freedom from the guilt, shame & condemnation that naturally follows abortion. We are **"...not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes..."** -Romans 1:16



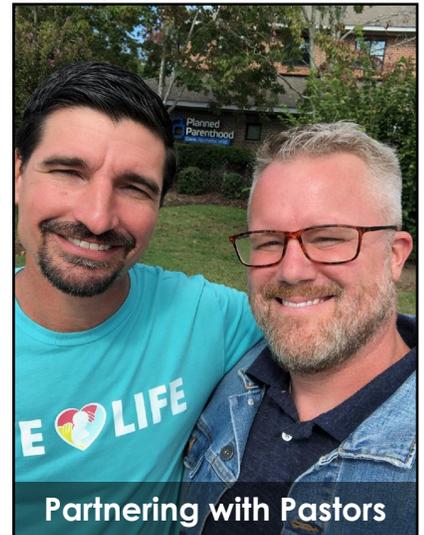
Praying Together



Reaching the Lost



Training Believers



Partnering with Pastors

3- EDUCATE

We *Educate* the culture about the tragic truth of abortion. It's not uncommon for people to see us outside the abortion center & want to pull over to ask questions, argue or accuse us of harassing, or judging or whatever. This is a great opportunity for us to engage the culture & educate people about what abortion really is. Abortion is the #1 killer of people made in God's image. More than disease, drugs, accidents, cops, wars or pandemics, abortion kills more than anything else. In the USA 800K to 1 million babies are aborted every year. Nearly 2 babies are aborted every minute of every day. These unborn children are alive, growing, human, innocent & they're not part of the mother's body. They're a separate body that deserves the human right to life & a birthday! We also care about equality, diversity & our communities & far too many black babies are killed at these abortion centers. One is too many. We believe that black lives matter when black lives begin, at conception, from the womb to the tomb every black life matters because they're made in the image of God. There's only one race, the human race, but abortion targets our black communities. Abortion is also a hate crime, child abuse & leaves unborn children orphans scheduled to die. These orphans in the womb deserve social justice. **James 1:27 tells us that "pure religion in the eyes of God is to visit orphans & widows in their time of trouble..."** Inside these abortion centers you have 10 to 20 abandoned orphans in the womb scheduled to be executed! Abortion not only takes the life of a child but sells the mother a lie that leaves her with guilt, shame, regret & sorrow. This is clearly not women's health care & so we stand on the frontlines to offer our lives & all kinds of free resources & opportunities to actively care for these families. We talk about these things & more as people stop to engage us on the abortion issue. Some have humbly changed their perspective, others drive off angry, but everyone is educated in the truth.

4- EQUIP

We *Equip* each other to better serve the Lord. Jesus sent His disciples out two by two knowing that the friendships forged in the fires of the ministry battlefield can be some of the most fruitful relationships we'll ever have. As sidewalk ministers we constantly share with each other & learn from each other. We pray together, rejoice together, weep together, support each other & **"equip God's people for the work of ministry for the building up of the Body of Christ."** -**Ephesians 4:12** Together we become better at speaking with mothers, answering hard questions, sharing the Gospel, staying humble, persevering & becoming more like Christ. Each day brings its own unique blessings & challenges. These sidewalk soldiers endure intense opposition in order to reach out to moms & dads with truth & love. It has been amazing to watch God grow & mature so many brothers & sisters in their ability to face rejection with joy & connect with strangers in love. We all ultimately trust God to use our efforts to move a mother's heart to keep her baby or turn to the Lord. Its hard & messy work. I sometimes say that "abortion ministry is like plunging a toilet, no one wants to do it, but everyone is so thankful for the person who does it." I am so thankful & better equipped myself because of those who have answered the call to stand in the gap & serve God outside the darkest place in our city.



5- ENLIST

Finally, we *Enlist* others to join the battle to end abortion. The mission cannot succeed or be sustained if left to just a few workers. The evil of abortion in our land is so pervasive that it requires all hands on deck, it requires the full force of God's church to rise up, reach out & resist the darkness. Through relational connections, prayer walks, social media & just word of mouth we have seen God enlist more & more soldiers to the battlefield. This is an opportunity for every gift, passion & talent in the Body of Christ to be employed either on the sidewalks, behind the scenes, through prayer, mentoring, post-abortive healing, or financially, etc. This is not about a few people moving a few buckets each day, this is about building a giant pipeline directly from the local churches to the abortion centers & drying up the demand for abortion as families run to the church & not from the church to get real care. We're not looking to enlist just a few more workers, we're looking to enlist entire churches & ministries so that the fullness of God's grace through His multi-gifted people can come to bear upon these places of darkness & death until the demand for abortion is completely dried up & God's heart for family is restored in our land. Friends, there's a war over wombs & a battle over babies! So we Enlist!

These "5-E's of Pro-Life Sidewalk Ministry" have really proven to be an effective way to help change the culture, activate believers & bring an end to abortion here locally. We are so thankful for our ministry partners & prayer warriors that have generously enabled us to serve the Lord in these areas!



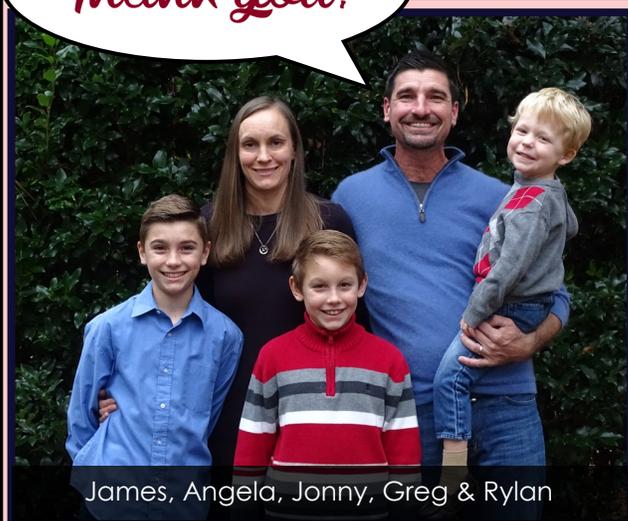
Praise Report !

- More churches are joining to end abortion
- Nearly 30 sidewalk ministers raised up
- 143 families chose life so far this year!
- The Gospel is going forth boldly
- We got Covid & bounced back

Prayer Requests :

- Strong home & family bond
- Stability & wisdom to navigate the crazy times
- Fruitful preaching, discipleship & equipping
- That our boys would grow in Christ
- Physical health to serve God faithfully

Thank you!



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