

## **Director's Corner**

BY DEBORAH RODENHIZER: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It has been a difficult year (and few months) for many. We have been impacted by a virus on so many fronts...from fear of contracting it to having our normal lives affected, restricted and limited. We have missed out on being together, some have been financially impacted, kids are behind in school and the list goes on....

So…is there any good news or instructions for this time we are in? Yes! Jesus is Lord and we still serve Him and others. We in the pro-life Christian arena have continued our work and things are being accomplished!

Since the U.S. Supreme Court issued its landmark ruling on Roe v. Wade in 1973, the court has heard 43 cases on abortion access, according to a recent study published in the JAMA Internal Medicine, with most being attempts to restrict access. But along with establishing a constitutional right to abortion, Roe v. Wade also established state regulatory power on the topic.

The current administration wants to codify Roe, thus taking that right away from the states so, at this time, the states have stepped up while that is still possible.



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## "Director's Update" Cont.

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In the past few years, state legislatures have enacted more than 250 abortion-related laws in 45 states, according to the study from authors at the University of Utah.

Of the laws enacted between January 2017 and November 2020, 88.7% restricted access to abortion services. Seven states accounted for more than half of those restrictive laws: Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Ohio, and Utah.

Most recently, South Carolina passed a bill that would make abortion illegal after the six-week mark in pregnancy. It will likely pass in the House this week and could land on the governor's desk as early as next week.

In Arkansas, they passed a bill restricting all abortions with the exception of saving the life of the mother. The Governor has since signed this bill.

Meanwhile, we have continued to offer pregnancy tests, options counsel, ultrasounds, material assistance, share the Gospel, encourage and counsel....and PRAY!

We have an assignment from the Lord, as does the Church. We must continue onward in our work and ministry, pray, and let the Lord handle the bigger things. He acts in His own time but He has implored and instructed us to not give up, have faith and PRAY!

Pray for those in authority, pray for our country, pray for those who need us. Ask Him what He would have you do and then go forward in full faith that He will provide and empower you to do what He has called you to do!





## 2021 Walk for Life: Life in this City!

BY MELISSA MCBRYANT: DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



What a powerful call to action from our Director! So, how can you, as the hands and feet of Jesus, campion life in our community?

One impactful way is to participate in our Annual Walk for Life! This year our theme for our walk for life is "Life in this City". Together we will do what we can to save the lives of the unborn but also bring "new life" to those who are hurting, in need of healing, and the Gospel. Are you ready to bring new "Life in this City"? Here is what you do!

- 1) Register on our website: www.newlifehighpoint.org. You can create your own personal walker or team page and set your personal and team's fundraising goal. Be bold and courageous!
- 2) Contact your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors using your personal walker page link. Ask them to support you in raising funds for New Life Family Outreach. They can click on your walker page link and be able to sponsor you securely online.
- 3) If you collect checks, you can mail them to our secure mailbox at 416 Gatewood Ave. High Point, NC 27262 Don't forget to let us know about those checks so we can add them to your total! (And/or have your sponsors mark who they are sponsoring on their check).
- 4) We will be having a kick-off event at our center on April 17th from 11-2pm where you can pick up your event t-shirt. Take a selfie wearing your T-shirt while you're doing your virtual walking. (See #5 below) Send your selfie to mel.mcbryant@newlifehighpoint.org or post it on your Facebook page and tag us or use #NLFOWalkforLife.
- 5) Be creative in HOW you will raise funds and let your supporters know what you'll be doing. Email or Facebook are great ways to communicate. Walk around your home and track your steps, walk your dog, walk on your treadmill, ride your stationary bike, walk on your elliptical machine, dig up your garden, plant some flowers, etc.
- 6) Prizes will be awarded for Most individual Funds Raised, Most Team Funds Raised, & Most Creative! You will also earn raffles toward our giveaways for every \$50 you raise as an individual walker! We'll announce winners immediately after our live streaming event on May 8th at 11 am.

TOGETHER WE CAN RAISE NEEDED FUNDS TO KEEP NEW LIFE FAMILY OUTREACH OPEN AND ABLE TO SERVE WOMEN AND FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY! EFFECTIVELY CHAMPIONING LIFE IN THIS CITY.





## "Walk Courageously, God is with you!"

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"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?"

Romans 8:31-32

Embarking forward into new year always seems to carry a sense of adventure and expectation, although that attitude is not normally mixed with the level of trepidation some of us might be feeling just now.

Moses' successor Joshua, one of two faithful spies, seems to have embodied this sense of courageous expectation much of his life, but even he needed an extra dose of Divine encouragement as the Lord commanded him to cross the Jordan and take possession of the promised Land. Three times YHVH exhorted Joshua, a man with a great deal of natural bravery, to be "strong and (very) courageous".

God knew what Joshua would be facing, even a lot better than the general himself, and so in a pivotal and personal message, He spoke to him: "Do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." [Joshua 1:8]

It is impossible to overestimate the value of this simple truth, this amazing promise, this unmitigated provision! God is (and will be) with us.

Anyone who has truly experienced this reality knows its inestimable value. We glibly quote this passage from Romans 8 when the dangers are minimal or the challenges are not really too challenging.

But what a difference now as we face a New Year which may well threaten our freedom, our well-being, or our very lives. But God is with us by His Spirit; and His Spirit is NOT "a spirit of fear, but of love, of power and of a sound mind." [ 2 Timothy 1:7 ]

Therefore, nothing that happens this coming year can threaten your union with Messiah Yeshua, the Lord Jesus Christ, if indeed, He dwells with you. He is the embodiment of Love, and "there is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear;" [1 John 4:18]. Daniel prophesied of the end days that "those who know their God will display strength and take action;" [Daniel 11:32].

So, whatever the coming days call for, consider yourself equipped! Go out with joy, be led forth with peace.

Worthy Devotions. (2020, December, 31). Your Commander has Enlisted you Worthy Devotions. https://www.worthydevotions.com/christian-devotional/walk-corageously-god-is-with-you





### 2021 Walk for Life





#### **Continued Needs:**

Larger sized diapers and wipes are always welcome and needed:

Sizes 4, 5, & 6 specifically

Spanish Speaking Client Advocate

Those willing to do:

Diaper Drives & Baby Bottle Campaigns

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