



*I have singled him out so that he will direct his sons and their families to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just. **Gen 18:19***

## JUNE NEWS

# Happy Father's Day

### Does the Father have a say?

Just as the woman becomes a mother when she becomes pregnant, the man becomes a father when he partners with her to conceive. We must expect that with every woman who walks in our doors confused and scared, there is a man who is possibly feeling the same.

We work hard to welcome the father of the baby with every aspect of our ministry. Our staff is carefully trained in scheduling appointments to offer the young woman the opportunity to invite her partner to come with her. We ask her, "Would you like to bring the baby's father? We have a male coach that can meet with him while our female coach meets with you."

Why do we make a point to welcome the father of the baby? After-all, it is the woman's decision whether she will parent, place in a loving adoptive home or abort the child. Well, even though the father doesn't have the say in the eyes of the law, especially if unmarried, the father of the baby does have influence. In fact, statistics show that 38% of women who had an abortion said the father of the baby was the most influential in their decision. What's more, if the mother does choose to parent the child, studies show that if the father is engaged in the child's life, no matter if married to the mother or not, the child's development will be positively affected.

Dr. Gail Gross Ph.D in Human Behavior asserts that the early patterns of interaction with the father are the very patterns that will project forward into all relationships. She says that girls will look for men who hold patterns of dad. If dad is kind and loving, they will seek those characteristics in men.

Dr. Gail also affirms that boys will model themselves after their fathers. They will look for their father's approval in everything and copy those behaviors that they recognize as successful and familiar. Thus, if dad is abusive and controlling, the son will imitate and emulate those patterns. If father is loving and kind, boys will want to be that.

In conclusion we realize that dad really does have a say in the child's life, just not in the same way as the mom. Because of his influence, it is vital for the dad to learn how to be the best dad he can be. We offer mentoring and parenting classes for both mom and dad, equipping them to become the best parents they can be, regardless of whether they had healthy role models growing up.

As you can see, having a system in place for the father of the baby to comfortably connect with another man about how the pregnancy is affecting him and his relationship can help in so many ways. Ultimately, we want to empower our clients to transform their circumstances and foster healthy family and relational environments. The father is a key part of that process.

Thanks dads for taking the steps necessary to offer your children emotional well-being.

## HEALING FOR PAST ABORTION

We offer opportunities for men and women to find healing from the pain of past abortion.

**CALL TODAY**

**for your confidential appointment.**

**(208) 263-7621**

## Baby Bottle Boomerang

Our supporting churches are passing out baby bottles for you to take home and fill with your coins, cash and checks so that we can continue to offer our services at no charge to our clients.

While you are filling your bottle we ask that you pray for the ministry.

Pray for protection and guidance for our staff, volunteers and board members.

Pray for the clients who visit our clinic to experience the love and healing power of Jesus Christ.

***Thank you for your  
faithfulness!***



## FATHERS DAY POEM

Fathers by birth, fathers by deed

Fathers of kindness, fathers of creed

Fathers who stayed, fathers who strayed

Fathers who have loved, fathers who have not

Fathers who gave of their entire lot

Fathers young, fathers old

We remember you all as life unfolds

The love of our Almighty Father

Brings wealth to living

Remembering this we go forth in giving



## Come wish our nurses well on June 14th 4:30 - 7:00 P.M.

Life Choices Pregnancy Center is grieved to announce that our nurses are taking on new endeavors. Tami has been with us for 5 years and has been a nurse in Sandpoint for 27 years. This year she has determined it is time to retire and spend more time with her grandchildren.



Valencia has been a nurse in the Sandpoint and Bonners Ferry areas for 22 years and has been with us for the past two. Valencia is moving to Twin Falls to be near her aging parents.

We invite you to join us in celebrating them both at our **Open House** on **June 14th from 4:30 - 7:00 P.M.** We invite you to wish them both well in their new venture and thank them for their faithful service.

**(Snacks and drinks provided)**