

JANUARY NEWS

"The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life. Job 33:4



God's Gift of Life

"Reverence for human life and recognition of the sanctity of individual life are among the defining characteristics of a just civil order," states the opening line of President Ronald Reagan's proclamation on January 13, 1984. (<https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/010989a>) This proclamation deems January 22nd as National Sanctity of Human Life Day. (January 22, 1973, was the day the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states.) Churches all over America recognize the third Sunday as Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and use the day to celebrate God's gift of life, show respect for the children lost to abortion, and pledge to protect human life from conception until natural death.

Since the Roe v. Wade ruling our country has failed to recognize the dignity and equality of unborn human beings even though the first right proclaimed by our Founders in the Declaration of Independence was life. Our nation continues to debate abortion issues and how it relates to religious and moral views.

Life Choices Pregnancy Center recognizes that God is the giver of life and we have no right to take it away. As followers of Jesus Christ, we have a duty to stand for the right to life and come alongside men and women facing unplanned pregnancy, encouraging and equipping them to choose life for their unborn children. That doesn't mean that once they decide to offer life to the child that we wish them luck and wash our hands of them. The Bible is very clear about how we are to care for others. Philippians 2:4 says, "do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others." 1 John 3:17-18 declares, "But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth." We are all called to walk alongside others who have need and offer all that we have to help them.

According to Guttmacher Institute, 75% of women who choose abortion cited three reasons for their decision: "concern for or responsibility to other individuals; the inability to afford raising a child; and the belief that having a baby would interfere with work, school or the ability to care for dependents." We as a community, can help with at least two of the three concerns if we are willing. Financial help and assistance with child care would go a long way to encourage and equip these women to choose life.

This new year I encourage you to prayerfully consider what you have to offer a woman facing this decision of life for her child and commit to give it. If time and encouragement are something you can offer, we can train you to walk beside others who are in need of your gifts.

May you this new year be filled with the joy, love and peace of Jesus Christ.

JOIN US JANUARY 20TH

2:00 to 3:00pm on 1st Ave.@ the court house parking lot

We will participate in a prayer chain commemorating Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. We will thank God for the gift of Jesus, pray for the Lord to end abortion, and heal those affected by it.



Refreshments to follow at Life Choices Pregnancy Center

502 N. 2nd Avenue in Sandpoint

January 27th Life Choices will begin offering a confidential AbAnon group for women who have had abortions in the past and are seeking to heal from the aftermath. Space is limited, please contact LCPC to register for the group. (208) 263-7621



MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND ALWAYS KEEP YOU.
MAY HEAVEN'S LIGHT SHINE ON ALL THAT YOU DO.
MAY HEALTH AND HAPPINESS COME YOUR WAY AND LOVE FILL YOUR
HEART THROUGHOUT EACH DAY.

