

FEBRUARY NEWS

Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble.
Then your light will shine out from the darkness,
and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

~Isaiah 58:10



Let your light shine

Last year in the United States more human beings died from abortion than any other cause of death. Heart disease was #2 with an astounding 610,000 lives lost. As if the abortion laws are not lenient enough, the New York state senate passed the Reproductive Health Act on January 22nd. This law protects the "reproductive rights" of New Yorkers in case Roe v. Wade is overturned by the Supreme Court. The act offers no criminal penalties for self-abortion, including the murder of one's own unborn child, and allows abortion up until the expected date of birth when necessary to protect a patient's life or health. The term "health" is vague enough to cover physical, mental and emotion health along with almost any other reason a woman gives to justify abortion.

Idaho law on the other hand is very different. Idaho Code Title 18: Crimes and Punishments, Chapter 6: Abortion and Contraceptives, states: An abortion is legal in the first and second trimesters if, after a consultation between a licensed medical doctor and woman seeking abortion, the doctor determines that abortion is appropriate considering the various mental, physical, and family factors including circumstances of pregnancy (such as [rape](#) or incest). (<https://statelaws.findlaw.com/idaho-law/idaho-abortion-laws.html>) Additionally, there is a new bill, The Idaho Abortion Human Rights Act, that was released on January 22nd. This bill removes the exemption for women and doctors to abort babies. Additionally, it supports the attorney general in executing the law. This bill, if passed, does not have language for ectopic pregnancy which is a condition that can be deadly for both the mother and the child and occurs in approximately 1 out of 50 pregnancies. I wonder what will happen in those cases? Well, perhaps they will simply go across state lines to get the abortion? That is what our locals have to do now anyway because we do not have an abortion provider in Boundary, Bonner or Kootenai Counties.

Although much is happening in state legislation across the country, both for and against abortion, changing laws will not end abortion. What needs to happen is a change in our culture. A change of perception where abortion is unthinkable. We need to see the unborn as the innocent and precious lives they are. We need a change of heart. We as Christ-followers, must do our part to help women choose life. That means, being willing to open our homes, pocketbooks and lives to assist them in raising the child. Yes, this means that we will need to give of our time and give up some of the luxuries in life we are used to. We need to model and tell of Jesus so that they may come to know Him and be transformed by Him. We are commanded to love others as ourselves and let the light of Jesus shine through us. What does that mean? We are to unconditionally and sacrificially seek the highest good of the other. That is the love we are called to in Christ.

So, what are you willing to unconditionally and sacrificially do to seek the highest good of the unborn? How will you let your light shine?

COMING TO A THEATER NEAR YOU IN MARCH!

The true story of a former Planned Parenthood Director who saw the truth and became a pro-life advocate.

Abby says, "What I have told people for years, what I've believed and taught and defended, is a lie. What if I'd known the truth, and what if I'd told all those women?"

Watch our Facebook page for more details @ Sandpoint Life Choices Pregnancy Center.

This film does not yet have a rating but because it will portray the nature of an abortion clinic, viewer discretion is advised.



FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE AND FREEDOM.

WHAT LOVING THING CAN YOU DO FOR ANOTHER?

HOW MIGHT YOU CELEBRATE THE FREEDOM WE HAVE IN CHRIST?

THIS MONTH LET'S INTENTIONALLY SHOW LOVE TOWARD

OTHERS NO MATTER WHAT.

Love
never
gives
up

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