

#### Calendar of Events...

- May 14: Mother's Day
- June 18: Father's Day
- July 22: Kingdom Girls & Guys—a collaborative event!
- September 28: 5th Annual Coffee & Dessert

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# LIFE at the Crossroads

#### SPRING 2023

#### From the Executive Director

Created with a purpose...At Crossroads, we believe each and every person is created with a purpose. Genesis starts with the account of the creation - we are formed in His image. Isaiah 43 tells us why: We are created for God's glory! We are created to know Him, to please Him, and to praise Him.

"Created With a Purpose" is the theme for 2023. It defines our ministry's work and informs our decisions each and every day.

It's so easy to get caught up in the daily grind. We go to school or work, come home, eat dinner, sleep, rinse, repeat...

But, when we live our lives from

a place of knowing and being known by our Creator, our lives take on greater meaning. Suddenly, we find purpose—God given purpose.

2022 was a banner year for Crossroads as you'll see from the enclosed Impact Report. We had a 60% increase in the number of clients served for a grand total of 233 client visits. Wow! God certainly has a purpose for Crossroads Pregnancy Clinic.

What's more is how 2023 is shaping up to be even more amazing with the number of people we have already led to the Lord and the number of babies saved through counseling and through Abortion Pill Rescue (see pg 3). I cannot wait to share all the good news of 2023 with you on September 28 at our Fifth Annual Coffee & Dessert fundraiser, also themed "Created With a Purpose". Be sure and Save the Date!!

Right now, you can support our ministry by purchasing a "Created With a Purpose" tee shirt. Help us share the good news of being created for a purpose with our community so that even more moms and dads can be encouraged to make a life decision for their babies. Shirts will be available at Wilde Soul Boutique on the square starting May 13 (just in time for Mother's Day!), or online at <u>https://bit.ly/crossroads-shirts</u>.

One last thing...we have a few more months available in 2023 for your church or small group to come for a tour of Crossroads and to cover the <u>"Cover the Clinic"</u> in prayer.

Thank you for all you do for life each and every day. May we reflect God in all we do!

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### Took the **abortion pill**? It's not too late.



#### Get help now: AbortionPillReversal.com

Crossroads Pregnancy Clinic is proud to be 1 of **1,000+** medical professionals actively participating in the Abortion Pill Rescue Network.

What is the abortion pill? The abortion pill, also known as chemical abortion, is a two step process. On day one, Mifepristone is taken. This blocks progesterone and destabilizes the pregnancy. Then 24-48 hours the second set of pills, Misoprostol or Cytotec, is taken at home causing the uterus to contract and expel the fetus within 2-24 hours.

How many abortions occur via the abortion pill? Currently over 54% of all abortions occur through chemical abortion. This number is expected to increase due to the Dobbs decision and as access to chemical abortion is expanded.

### Abortion Pill Reversal gives an unborn child a second chance at life.

**How does Abortion Pill Reversal work?** When a woman has regrets after taking the first abortion pill, Mifepristone, she can call the APR Network hotline. A trained professional nurse stands ready for calls 24/7 and works to connect her with an APR provider. The provider performs an ultrasound to confirm heart rate, placement, and dating; and starts her on a regimen of life-saving progesterone. The progesterone is bioidentical to the hormone naturally found in a pregnant woman's body.

**Does this cause birth defects?** No—neither the standard abortion pill nor progesterone is associated with birth defects.

What is the success rate of Abortion Pill Reversal Network? Studies of APR show 64-68% success rate!

How effective has Crossroads been with Abortion Pill Reversal? 100% - Two babies out of two babies have been saved to date! Learn more by reaching out to us or by going online to <u>www.abortionpillreversal.com</u> and more importantly, PRAY!

Prayer Texts

#### PRAYER PARTNER



#### Prayer Texts lets you know when to...

- Pray for our APR team and the woman who is in the middle of an abortion.
- Pray for abortion-vulnerable clients who is in her moment of decision as she meets with our client advocate.

Scan this QR code or go to <u>www.PrayForBabies.com/CC</u> to start receiving prayer texts from Crossroads Pregnancy Clinic.

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#### **SECOND CHANCES—ANOTHER LIFE SAVED!**

By Michelle Holman, RDMS, RVT, SRAS Ultrasound Director

We as humans tend to make a lot of messes out of our circumstances. This can be especially true when it comes to unplanned pregnancies. The world tells women abortion is the easy answer...just swallow some pills and your problem goes away. But what happens when we finally realize what a mess we've made? When we slow down long enough to listen to that still small voice?

God is in the business of bringing beauty from ashes and this is just what we saw last week at Crossroads through the second baby we saved using the Abortion Pill Reversal. The mom we helped, Jane\*, has a story many of us can relate to—she is a Christian, but she found herself going down a road of bad choices, thinking there was no way out, choosing to ignore the prompts God placed on her heart. God was warning Jane about the mistake she was making that day at the North Carolina abortion clinic. But, she did not listen.

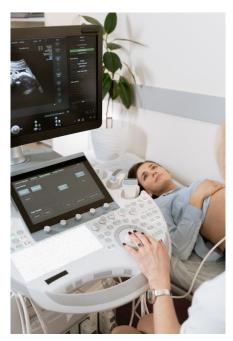
The Bible is full of human error...Jonah the prophet knew exactly what God wanted him to do, yet he ran the opposite direction and found himself in the belly of a whale.

King David was loved by so many, and already had many wives, yet he coveted for his neighbor's wife, Bathsheba, and his sins ultimately led to murder. What a disaster!

And Peter. Oh, Peter. Even after being Jesus' follower for so long, he still ended up, out of fear, denying even knowing Jesus. When the rooster crowed, Peter realized his failure and fell into deep shame.

Here's the thing...being His follower doesn't mean we won't fail. But belonging to Him DOES mean that God will never fail us. Not only that, but He promises to never leave us, nor forsake us.

Scripture tells us how each of these men—Jonah, King David, and Peter were all pursued and redeemed by our Heavenly Father.



And so Jane too was pursued by God, all through her abortion experience. There were folks standing outside the abortion clinic playing worship music, begging her not to go through with the abortion. Inside, there were longer than expected wait times leaving her time to reconsider her decision. Then came memories of her born daughter. And yet, she ignored God's voice.

Grouped inside with other women, everyone being instructed to swallow a little pill to "make all their problems go away", she was convicted recalling the thought that there shouldn't be so many women trying to get an abortion. Even so, in true group-think form, Jane too took that first pill. See, she believed the lie, that if she chose abortion, she could fix her mess, make the people most important to her happy, and then her life would be "right" again. She ignored God the entire time, blocking Him out, choosing to believe the author of lies instead of the Author of life.

#### But God...

As Jane traveled home, with the abortion pill already working in her system, she slowed down to listen. She had regrets and called a trusted friend. In that conversation she was guided, I believe providentially, to call the Abortion Pill Rescue hotline.

Jane called the hotline, spoke with a trained registered nurse who then connected her with Crossroads. On a beautiful Sunday morning, we met her, found her baby's heartbeat, and started her on the pregnancysustaining hormone Progesterone. The reversal regimen works very smoothly for women who have initiated the medication abortion and then experience regret.

God led her to Crossroads! She found help—the abortion was reversed, the pregnancy was restored, and the baby's life was saved.

He remembers that we are but dust, and He shows up for us, rescues us, restores us, and redeems us, time after time. He brings beauty from ashes, and works out all things for good and for His glory. Problems become promises when we trust in the Lord and submit to His will just as this sweet baby has become a promise of our Father's persistent, unending love for Jane. The same love He shows all of His children.

\*Client's named changed to protect her identity

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#### THE POWER OF PRAYER

#### By Laura Mayer Client Development Director

We say we believe in the power of prayer but often treat prayer as a last resort; the thing we fall back on when everything else fails. We say things like, "Well, let's pray because that's all we can do," in a resigned, hopeless way as if prayer is a weak weapon.

But at Crossroads we face life and death decisions on a daily basis and have found that running to prayer as a first resort has worked out much better than treating it as a last option. In life, we don't always have the time to play defense against the tactics of the enemy; scrambling to decide what to do after he has already made his move. Rather, when we prioritize prayer we can do life on the offense, making the first move, and placing our hearts in a position to receive realtime downloads from Heaven in our own lives and in the counseling rooms when so much is at stake.

James 5:16 KJV tells us, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Following this thinking, we launched a new way for churches to get involved with the ministry here at Crossroads. Each month, we host a different church for what we call, "Cover the Clinic" prayer walks. These walks occur on a Thursday morning, an hour before we open, and have made such a difference at our clinic. Church members arrive, are given a quick tour of the facility, and the rest of the time is devoted to praying throughout the building. Prayer and scripture



prompts are provided, but people are encouraged to be led by the Lord and pray what comes up in their hearts for Crossroads.

It's been said that prayer is the track ministry runs on. We've seen that play out as true over the past few months since starting these prayer walks at Crossroads. Praying on the front-end keeps our hearts aligned with His heart, connected to His mission, focused on Him and on what He wants. Praying on the front end also "makes tremendous power available" according to James 5:16 where we have the wisdom, direction, and words available to access in real-time.

since prioritizing prayer in 2023. We've seen five clients receive salvation and two clients come to us for abortion pill reversal; their babies have strong heartbeats today. We've seen an uptick in abortion-minded women choosing life after meeting with our advocates. We've seen fathers' turning their hearts to their children, women getting clean off drugs, graduating probation, and doing the hard work to better themselves for their children.

And we give all glory to God. He is the Way Maker, Miracle Worker, and Promise Keeper and we will continue to seek Him first through prayer.

There has been tremendous fruit

If you're interested, email me at <u>laura@cpregclinic.org</u>.

#### Our Mission

To empower individuals within our community to make healthy life choices consistent with the sanctity of human life; provide pregnancy confirmation and support; offer parenting education; and guide those with pregnancy loss to a place of healing.

#### SPRING 2023

#### **MY MOTIVIATION**

**By Amy Leimer** 

#### **Client Services Director**

What motivates you? I have two ultrasound pictures from babies that I know were aborted hanging above my desk. They are a constant reminder to me that no matter how many laws are passed there are still babies that need our help. But we must not forget the mama's of those babies who felt like they had no choice. Their lives matter too.

Those pictures motivate me to work long hours, off-hours, and middle of the night hours. Those pictures push me to get more training on how to encourage women to make better life choices and how to deal with choices and situations from their past. They help me define my beliefs so that I can be strong and stand my ground when necessary. They push me to keep moving forward and developing services for our clients.

The staff and volunteers at Crossroads have tough jobs. We deal with women (and men) who have trauma in their lives, are in abusive situations, have anxiety and depression issues, feel inadequate to raise a child, suffer from past abortions, and often find themselves in situations where they need someone to be their voice. We are all motivated because we want to help others and introduce them to Jesus, the one thing they need in their lives, to fill all those empty spaces they have.

We know we can't do it alone and we know we can't do it without support from you. However you support us, we are grateful. We need your prayers everyday as we come into contact with those who need services we provide. We need you financially to support our training and costs associated with reaching out to our community. So what motivates you? A desire to support us as we help others? A desire to reach as many people for lesus as possible? Whatever your motivation is, we are thankful for you.

#### **SEXTORTION—WHY WORRY?**

#### By Amy Beard

#### EQUIP Educator, Starting Point: Middle Schools

Sextortion is a term I had never heard of until last year when I was doing research on internet safety for my 7th/8th grade EQUIP classes. It's a relatively new term and unfortunately one that MUST be discussed given that sextortion cases have risen significantly as of late and many have led to suicide.

Sextortion is a scam targeting mostly teens and according to FBI, it "describes a crime that happens online when an adult convinces a person, younger than 18, to share sexual acts on a webcam". It's also defined as "the practice of extorting money or sexual favors from someone by threatening to reveal evidence of their sexual activity".

How does it work? Adult predators hang out online on sites where people can meet and communicate. These sites include, but are not limited to Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook and online gaming sites. Predators hide their identity, posing as someone of the opposite sex and send fake pictures and videos to their victims. Believing they are communicating with someone their own age, they convince their victim that they are interested in a relationship or that they have something of value. Once the predator has established trust, they will ask the victim to send a graphic video or picture to them. Then the predator will threaten to share the graphic content with all of the victim's contacts unless they receive either money or even more graphic content from the victim. These contacts usually include everyone in the victim's phone...parents, church members, friends, family, etc. These criminals are experts and have studied how to manipulate and target teens!

Thinking "my child will never do that"? That's exactly what Brian Montgomery, a father in Mississippi who lost his 16 year old son to suicide because of sextortion, probably would've said too. Montgomery's son, Walker, was a victim of sextortion on Instagram and within a few hours of the **first initial contact** with his predator saw no way out and committed suicide. Montgomery described his son as "just any other kid who loved his family, being outdoors, and football" and raised his family in church. Walker was a smart, athletic, handsome Christian kid who had everything going for him...

Walker is just one of many victims that was not only a victim of sextortion but also a victim of suicide. It is so important to TALK to your kids, your youth groups, your students about sextortion and online safety. If you're uncomfortable, you're in luck. EQUIP Educators can equip you just reach out. Also, rest assured we discuss this risk with the students in the classroom as we present EQUIP.





January 2022-December 2022

Total Client Visits\* 233 Ultrasounds 188

> Gospel Shared 171

Professions of Faith 5 \*Client Visits increased by 60% in 2022

# **Community** Impact Report



Over 559 women & men have received free services at Crossroads since 2019

#### **OUR MISSION**

To empower individuals within our community to make healthy life choices consistent with the sanctity of human life; provide pregnancy confirmation and support; offer parenting education, and guide those with pregnancy loss to a place of healing.

## **COST FREE SERVICES**

- Medical Grade Pregnancy Testing
- Limited Obstetric Ultrasounds
- Pregnancy Decision Coaching
- Crisis Intervention
- Client Development
- Men-to-Men Mentoring
- Parenting Classes
- Childbirth/Breastfeeding Classes
- Material Assistance
- Community Referrals
- Adoption Information/Referrals
- After-Abortion Recovery Support
- Abortion Pill Reversal

#### Location | 1237 Huntsville Highway, Fayetteville, TN 37334 | 931-297-2424

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- 75% of clients present as at-risk for abortion
- 99% of all at-risk clients chose life for their baby after Ultrasound and Crisis Intervention support
- 1,869 Volunteer Hours invested in Baby Boutique, Parenting Classes, Men-to-Men Mentoring, and more
- Over \$120,000 in FREE services provided in 2022





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#### HOW TO PARTNER WITH US

We hope you have been encouraged and inspired by this edition of *Life at the Crossroads*. Please consider partnering with us if you have not yet done so. We operate strictly on private funds from individuals, churches and small businesses—no government aid or grants.

The easiest way to partner is online at friendsofcrossroads.com.

Checks are always welcome and can be mailed to us at the address below. Occasionally we will have office needs or Baby Boutique items that need to be restocked which we post on our Amazon Baby Registry. Just look up Crossroads Pregnancy Clinic on the Amazon Baby Registry or find it by going to <u>friendsofcrossroads.com</u>.

From our family to yours, thank you for your support and prayers. That's the greatest resource we could ever have.



#### BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

We need Churches to participate in our Baby Bottle Campaign this Mother's Day

Find out more information at <u>https://www.friendsofcrossroads.com/baby-bottle-boomerang</u>

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