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MOVEMENT IN PRO-LIFE DEBATE

YOU'VE SURELY HEARD ABOUT THE LEAKED DRAFT OPINION from the Supreme Court regarding the potential overturn of Roe v. Wade. At the time of this newsletter, we are still awaiting a final decision. Please keep praying for the Justices and the process. If this is indeed the final decision of the Court, the issue of abortion will revert back to the States' jurisdiction, and Iowa has work to do! The Protect Life Amendment passed last year's legislative session, and it needs to pass the next session, too. Then it will go for a vote before the citizens of Iowa. This amendment clarifies that there is no "right" to abortion in the Iowa Constitution, and there is no obligation for taxpayers to pay for abortion. From a recent podcast featuring the "Pro-Life Movement Debate"

4 THINGS THE CHURCH SHOULD DO:

- 1** Preach a biblical view of human value—human beings have intrinsic dignity, not attributed dignity.
- 2** Preach that abortion is a sin, it intentionally takes the life of an image bearer.
- 3** Equip people on how to make a case for the pro-life view in the public square. Teach them pro-life apologetics.
- 4** Minister to the men and women who have been wounded by abortion. Because they want to spare these people guilt, churches don't say anything. They're not sparing them guilt, they're sparing them healing. The Christian Gospel speaks to their situation.

Link to podcast: www.thegospelcoalition.org/video/good-faith-debate-pro-life/

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BABY BOTTLE UPDATE

BABY BOTTLES HAVE TOPPED \$33K!! I got a call from a Pastor whose church is participating in the baby bottle campaign for the first time this year. They collected their bottles on Mother's Day, and the total was over \$1,000! He was so excited he decided to call me personally to let me know!! (I definitely shared his excitement!) We have some other new participants this year and we're grateful for every donation. Your change helps change lives!

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Be encouraged! There has been much coverage of the outrage from pro-abortion groups over the very real possibility that Roe might be overturned this summer. Yet, I had to turn away some requests from public high school students to come help at Alpha — because there were too many to accommodate.

In the same week that other students were walking out of class in protest, these students were in my building, offering volunteer service. Only one group of students made the news. But when public high school students ask if they can come help at a pro-life pregnancy resource center — I'd call that **good news!**

Jeanie Thomas

Executive Director



ARE YOU A "FOLLOWER" OF AWC?

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OFFERING HELP FOR TODAY & HOPE FOR TOMORROW.

DONATIONS

Though all donations are welcome, the following items are particularly needed!

Please consider adding one or more of these items to your list for your next shopping or garage sale trip!

- DIAPERS SIZE 3-6**
- BOYS / ALL SEASONS
18 MOS.—2T**
- GIRLS / ALL SEASONS
18 MOS.—2T**
- GALLON ZIPLOCK BAGS**
- WIPES**

FULL-SIZE WOMEN'S PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS:

- BODY WASH**
- LOTION**
- DEODORANT**
- SHAMPOO**

Drop-offs accepted at either location.

A DONATION IN MEMORY OF A BELOVED MOTHER

"Mom loved the Lord with all her heart ... She saw many lives and families change through counseling and prayer."

This sweet note accompanied a donation made in memory of a beloved mother. A mother who loved the Lord, and loved babies--"they brought her such joy!" She invested her love and time in steadfast work at a crisis pregnancy center for 15 years--her life poured out in service to others, leaving precious memories and a testimony of faithfulness. We are honored to receive donations like this, and we strive to mirror that same passion and dedication to the Lord in how we help the women who come our way. Loving God, and loving others.



HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SERVICE DAY

ANKENY STUDENTS end their final school year with "Senior Service Day" – members of the senior class go out in groups to locations around the metro and complete service projects to give back to the community. Three groups requested the opportunity to serve at Alpha this year. One of the students said "I had no idea there was a need for this type of service in Ankeny!" There is. That's a benefit to having young folks in our building--they learn of the need, and they learn that we are here to help.

"FAITH IN ACTION"

I GOT A CALL from a Christian school in our community, asking if I could come to a student assembly the next week. The 8th grade class had a project called "Faith in Action" where students raised funds for the ministries of their choice, and Alpha was one of the choices. (Yay!) I went and received the donation designated for Alpha. I told the group that I am encouraged to see this going on. This is not what typical 8th graders are doing the last few weeks of school, and I think that speaks hope for the future. Well done!



There is no foot so small that it cannot leave an impression on this world.



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