

STEPHANIE CHOOSES LIFE

Stephanie and her fiancé came to A Woman's Choice several months ago with an unexpected pregnancy and were considering abortion. When they arrived, they felt really scared and could not imagine the idea of being a parents, nor did they believe they could financially care for a new baby. Stephanie was also afraid of how her parents would react to the news. Would they be supportive?

Everything changed when Stephanie **saw the life** growing inside her during the ultrasound. In her words, "when I had the ultrasound, and saw my baby growing inside me, I realized the baby was mine! **I immediately loved her!**"

Stephanie told her parents, and to her delight, they were excited! When we interviewed her after delivering a healthy, baby girl, Stephanie shared that the ladies at AWC helped her change her mind about the abortion. She said, "I'm really happy with my baby now, and I'm so glad I didn't go through with the abortion!"

Stephanie reports she is grateful for our LifeSteps parenting education program where she can earn "baby bucks" as currency to buy material items in our onsite boutique. **"I can get things for my daughter that I could not have provided on my own."** Although Stephanie says her life as a parent is stressful at times, she believes there are many precious, fun moments. She loves watching her daughter do and learn new things. Stephanie closed her interview by saying, **"I think A Woman's Choice is an amazing place! Everyone here is very genuine and helpful - very sweet and supportive."**

All of us at A Woman's Choice are grateful to God for saving Stephanie's and her fiancé's baby girl. We are excited to see them when they come in for their parenting sessions! We believe God's will is already at work in them as evidenced by their decision to **choose life!** We invite you to pray with us for Stephanie's family – that God's Kingdom would continue to be manifest in their lives, as it is in Heaven.



Revival

may it start with me.

THERE'S A REVIVAL TAKING PLACE AT A WOMAN'S CHOICE!

It's a beautiful thing to witness God's fingerprints on our circumstances and in our lives. How do we know it's Him? How does He show Himself? These are tough questions to answer unless nothing else can explain what you're experiencing...but God. If you've read our "Woven Together" article, you gained insight into this phenomena. God's fingerprints and His will are all over our banquet theme this year, and we are remaining faithful to see it through. Another, "Ahah!...but God!" moment occurred just as this article was being written, and it has to do with the 27 decisions for Christ we've witnessed already this year!

Every day at A Woman's Choice, we engage in spiritual discussions with our clients. We share the Gospel message with those who are open to listening. Every day we ask our clients if we can pray with them and many say, "Yes!" The difference we are seeing this year is that during these discussions and prayers, more and more people are making decisions for Christ! In fact, our volunteers and staff are commenting in wonder about the number.

At this time last year, we had eight recorded salvations/rededications. Eight! Our total for all of last year was 49, and now, at the end of March, we are already at 27! **27 decisions for Christ so far in 2018!!!** As we contemplate this number, the question that arises is, should we really be surprised? This is where "but God!" comes into play. What is our anchor verse for the year? *Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven* (Matthew 6:10). This Scripture is our focus during our devotions and staff meetings. We want our clients to notice a difference in the atmosphere when they walk in because they are walking into a different kingdom – God's Kingdom! There is only one conclusion we can make regarding why we're seeing an increase in the number of salvations. God is listening to our prayers, and He is making it happen. There's a revival taking place at A Woman's Choice and God's will is being done! Hallelujah!!



Rebecca's Heart

A note from AWC's
Executive Director

THY KINGDOM COME!

"Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10

In the sixth chapter of the book of Matthew, Jesus teaches His disciples to pray by giving them the "Lord's Prayer." I have always been grateful for this prayer in the Bible because if there is one Person from whom I would want to learn how to pray, it is Jesus!

Each part of the prayer He teaches plays a significant role in guiding the prayer's heart and thoughts. I love that it begins with worship of who God is. Before anything else is uttered, Jesus teaches us to come before God as our Father and to acknowledge His holiness with, "hallowed be Your Name." It positions us exactly where we need to be before God, before we seek or petition Him for anything else.

Our worship is followed by a part of the prayer that resonates deeply within me as a complete prayer in and of itself—"Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." This verse and portion of the Lord's Prayer has captured my heart particularly this year, and because of that, it has become the anchor verse for A Woman's Choice for 2018.

It is the prayer for every part of our ministry. In all things, and in all of us, we want the kingdom of Heaven to come, and we want God's will to be done. For our programs and services, may His kingdom be manifest and may His will be done. For our policies and procedures, may we align with His kingdom and follow His will. For the direction of our ministry—our plans and our goals—may we follow His kingdom and accomplish His will. For each and every person in the ministry, may we live out His kingdom and walk in His will. And most of all, in the hearts and lives of the men and women we serve, may the kingdom of God be revealed and may they submit to His will.

What an exciting journey it is to completely surrender your own life to His kingdom and will! As we pray this prayer every day over our ministry, we wait in eager expectation for all the Lord will accomplish both in us and through us! In this newsletter, you can read about some of the ways in which the Lord has already begun to lead us. We are grateful that together with YOU as our partners, we can confidently go forward in all that God has for us. We invite you to pray this prayer for A Woman's Choice along with us, and we encourage you to pray it also for yourself. May His kingdom come and His will be done in YOU! God bless you!

OUR VOLUNTEER TRAINING GETS A MAKEOVER



If you pray for God's kingdom to come and His will to be done, then you need to be prepared to step out in faith wherever He leads! The good news is that God will never lead you down a path that He does not prepare ahead of you and equip you to follow.

As we have sought the Lord for His will in our ministry, another area that He has made a significant change in is our **volunteer training**. For more than ten years, we used the same volunteer training program here at A Woman's Choice. Although we believe the materials are wonderful and we loved using them, we sensed it was time for a change.

Despite that, however, we weren't sure with what to replace it, so we prayed, and God answered! The Lord provided a vision for a whole new training program that we started using at the beginning of this year. Our new training utilizes excellent online resources that are available to pregnancy centers for education and training, as well as **important content developed here** in-house for A Woman's Choice. One of the greatest benefits and blessings of the new training is that it provides **flexibility** for our potential volunteers because they can do a significant portion of the **training from home and on their own schedule**.

Once again, our excitement comes from the expectation we have knowing that this change came from the Lord. It is His plan and His will, and through it, we trust that His kingdom will come. Please pray with us for the new program and the volunteers who will participate in it throughout the year. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about volunteering opportunities at A Woman's Choice, please contact our Client Services Director, Jamie Rogers, at jamier@supportawc.com.

Woven Together

As I write this today, our annual fundraising banquet is less than one month away! By the time you are reading this newsletter, it may have already taken place. Despite that, sharing with you about this year's banquet is important because it is a clear picture of how God has already begun to manifest our anchor verse—Matthew 6:10—in our ministry this year.

This year we are praying, “Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,” over all of our ministry. With this prayer, we are open to follow in whatever or wherever God chooses to lead, and for our banquet, He definitely took us down a new path! This year's banquet, **Woven Together**, is a vision that God gave our ministry to weave a tapestry of stories together of lives saved, lives changed, and lives lived in the abundance of God's goodness and grace, throughout the evening. It is a creative production that will include both video and live testimony, and the audience will get involved as well! At each table, guests will also share stories that will connect them to each other and to the ministry as a whole.

We are so excited to see all that God plans to do through this special evening! God birthed this vision many months back and then confirmed it in the hearts of the staff and board at A Woman's Choice many times over. So because of that, we are confident He has divine purpose in the plan. We asked Him for His kingdom to come and for His will to be done, and He gave us this! This year's banquet is not “business as usual” for us, so we believe it is not routine for Him, either! Please pray with us for the Lord to accomplish all He has purposed through our banquet.

You, too, are a part of the “tapestry” of our ministry. Your story and your support are an important part of who we are and what we do. Thank you for being “woven together” with us!



CALLING ALL PRAYER WARRIORS



On March 20th, our staff, along with several AWC supporters and volunteers, came together to pray for God to intervene in a United States Supreme Court decision regarding the California Reproductive Fact ACT. The law “requires pro-life pregnancy resource centers in the state to inform their female clients of the availability of, and contact information for, **low-cost and free abortion services**” (Hauschnet, Bruce. *Why You Should Care About NIFLA v. Becerra at the U.S. Supreme Court*). We feel this law severely violates our right to free speech and more importantly, it violates our Christian values.

This is why we need an army of prayer warriors to pray against this regulation. If this law holds fast in California, it's just a matter of time before other states jump onto this path of darkness. “At a time in our history when radical secularism within

government is aggressively taking stands on cultural issues that conflict with biblical positions, **Christians should pray and support efforts to defend our First Amendment freedoms and the right to speak truth in a culture that needs to hear it** (Hauschnet, Bruce. *Why You Should Care About NIFLA v. Becerra at the U.S. Supreme Court*).

Please join us in prayer for our nation, for our state, and for our community to stand firm in the LORD and take back our rights that the enemy is trying to steal. Pray that our government never requires us to post something in our lobby that goes against the very thing we stand for, LIFE! We welcome you to reference the following Scriptures as you pray:

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chron 7:14

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. Psalm 37:5-6

We expect the Supreme Court to rule on this case in June. We will keep you posted!

If you would like to receive our **monthly prayer requests and praise reports** via email, please contact Deena Kimmel at deenak@supportawc.com.

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CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

APRIL 19th Woven Together Fundraising Banquet

MAY 1st Walk In Her Shoes (Open House) 5:30-7:30 p.m.

MAY 3rd Volunteer Information Meeting
10:00-11:00 a.m. OR 6:00-7:00 p.m.

MAY 4th First Friday

**WALK IN
HER SHOES**

Learn her story...walk her journey...discover the outcome
Open House Ministry Tour
Tuesday, May 1st • 5:30-7:30 PM
Allow approx 30 minutes. **BRING A FRIEND!**

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