

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

*Train up a child in the way he should go,
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

—Proverbs 22:6 NASV

The soil in our yard is very similar to the cement sidewalks you'll find around Coeur d'Alene. To get anything to grow in it requires a lot of digging, mulching, and fertilizer. Just over a year ago my husband, Greg, braved the elements to poke enough holes in the ground to plant a large bag of daffodil bulbs that were about to die. He spent a significant amount of time getting them all planted, and then offered up some prayers that a few would survive. Sure enough—spring came and bursts of yellow and orange appeared all around our home!

January 2005 marked the 32nd anniversary of legalized abortion in our country. As the numbers continue to climb at the rate of over 3,500 abortions per day, the soil of hope for change appears to be impenetrable and able to produce only death. But, take heart, dear friends, I'm seeing bursts of sunlight in the darkness! Within the generation who has never known a time when abortion was illegal, there are bright colors of light and life beginning to appear. Recently it has been my privilege to meet a number of young people who are firmly Pro-life and willing to stand for the truth that life is created and treasured by God. Considering that one third of the population under the age of 32 has been lost to abortion, it becomes painfully clear that those who remain are survivors. They recognize their lives are very precious, and had circumstances been different for their parents, they too, might not be here today. The young men and women with whom I've been speaking are breaking up the soil

of complacency and taking a stand for life!

In April, our fundraising Dessert will feature a young man whose special gift is teaching Christians to graciously and clearly defend the value of humanity. Steve Wagner has been sharing his skills through teaching and debates for several years, and is particularly making an impact on college campuses throughout our country. I hope you'll make every effort to attend either the Dessert on Friday, April 15, or Steve's workshop on Saturday, April 16, or both, and plan to bring young people with you! As we continue to speak for those without a voice, and prepare to pass the baton to the next generation, Steve's message will give us a fertile ground in which to place the seed of hope.

The soil is indeed being cultivated among our young people today. With the mulch of encouragement tucked in around their roots by parents and spiritual leaders, and the fertilizer of accurate, clear information poured on regularly, bright flowers will spring up in the most desolate places! May we all press on to become a culture of life!

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants..."

—Jeremiah 30:19 NASV

In His Grace!

Nancy Tefft



For encouragement see: www.bound4life.com, www.generationlife.org, and www.beAvoice.net

Call Now
to Register!

PRO-LIFE 101 WORKSHOP

with Steve Wagner from Stand to Reason. www.str.org

Saturday, April 16, 2005 at Coeur d'Alene Bible Church, 5350 N. 4th St. Coeur d'Alene

Schedule: 9:30 am Continental Breakfast • 10am-12pm Pro-Life 101 workshop • 12pm-12:30 pm Questions & Discussion

REGISTRATION FEE: \$5.00 To register, please call SUSAN (a different one:) @ 667-5433 or 691-6493.



Thanks to These Churches for Celebrating Life with Bulletin Inserts for Open Arms PCC!

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Faith Tabernacle
Falls Christian
Grace Bible
Prairie Avenue Christian
Calvary Chapel Rathdrum
Light & Life Christian Fellowship
New Life Community Church
Rathdrum Bible
Church of Christ, Dalton Grdn
Faith Presbyterian
St. Marks Lutheran
River City Fellowship
Hayden Bible church
Living Word Presbyterian
St. George's Catholic
Sunridge Community
Wellspring
Lincoln Way Church of God
His Place
River of Life Friends
Hayden Lake Friends

Praise the Lord!...

- For the babies whose pictures appear in this issue,
- For those churches who celebrated LIFE during Sanctity of Human Life Month
- For newly trained volunteers
- For some new friends who answered our prayers for a new computer
- For a wonderful night of music & information, underwritten by a friend of Open Arms
- For anonymous donors who provided:
 - Brand new items for the Boutique
 - Support for a young family who needed encouragement
 - Carpet Cleaning and bathroom repairs
 - Our beautiful new exterior signs
 - Prayer support and encouragement for the Director J
 - Mini blinds for the center windows
- Our new and improved website thank you Linda!

Pray for...

- Steve Wagner as he speaks for LIFE
- Abortion minded clients to seek us out
- A Physician to serve as Medical Advisor
- Continued recognition in our community as a safe place of compassion & Truth

Special Thanks to Our Youthful Friends!

- To a young woman who celebrated her birthday by hosting a baby shower with her friends and donating the gifts to the Center! Thank you, Amanda!
- To Coeur d'Alene High School senior art student, Laura James, for creating the design for Center t-shirts, and submitting art work to a National Organization on our behalf. We're praying her brochure design wins!
- To Laura, the young woman, who faithfully served as our Center "cleaning angel" until recently when her schedule required her to be elsewhere.
- To Vanessa, a CHS student who is doing her senior project as a volunteer in the Center. She's a delightful "shadow" to have around here!
- To Gina, a middle school student who took a stand in her school by doing a report on the harmful effects of abortion.

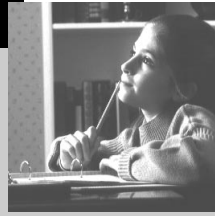
WAY TO GO YOUNG PEOPLE!!!!

There's Still Room!

A new women's PACE group is starting March 31st and there is still room. PACE is a small group Bible study that lasts 10-12 weeks. It is appropriate for anyone seeking restoration and healing from the pain and trauma of a past abortion experience.

Visit us on the web: www.OpenArms.info

KID'S CORNER



A CHILD'S PRAYER

God loves me! He calls me His Beloved!
He says I am the Apple of His eye!
He loves me with an everlasting love.
His love will never fail me.
I am His little child.
He is my loving Father.
God's love will surround me forever!

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 30:19

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KID TALK

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "Honor thy Father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shalt not kill?" (If only people and organizations like Planned Parenthood would understand this command, Thou Shalt Not Kill!).

Children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Christian school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The teacher had made a note, and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

TO THE ABORTED CHILD: Enjoy Breakfast With Jesus

Every evening, a mother and her young son, knelt down beside his bed so he could say his prayers. One night, obviously bored with the same old prayer, the little boy said this: "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep, if I should die before I wake.....can I have breakfast with you in the morning?"



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COMING UP

MARCH

3/31 - Women's
PACE Group starts
(call the Center
for details)

APRIL

4/15 - Evening of
Dessert with
Steve Wagner @
New Life Community
Church

4/16 Pro-Life 101
Workshop @
Coeur d'Alene
Bible Church

4/27-5/1
Heartbeat National
Conference in
Chicago
(Nancy is going,
please pray for her
time to be attentive
and productive).

MAY

5/8 - Mother's Day -
BABY BOTTLE
BOOMERANG
BEGINS

Open Arms Spring Dessert to Feature Bio-Ethics Speaker

Mark your calendars for Open Arms PPC special evening dessert coming April 15, 2005. Steve Wagner, expert on bio-ethics from Stand To Reason will be the featured speaker. Steve trains

Christian ambassadors to think clearly about human value and to be wise, gracious advocates for the unborn. His seminars repeatedly receive praise from participants who enjoy his focus on imparting skills through interactive activities.

Steve has spoken to audiences in Canada and across the United States, including an audience of 25,000 at The Call, an assembly of Christians meeting for prayer and repentance at the Cottonbowl in Dallas, Texas. He has presented the pro-life position in both college classes and debates. Training college students to engage their campuses in large-scale discussion on abortion is his specialty. Steve has taught at the Focus on the Family Institute in Colorado Springs, CO.



Steve Wagner

First Annual Evening Dessert

Featuring Steve Wagner of Stand to Reason

Friday, April 15, 2005 7:00 PM

New Life Community Church, 6068 West Hayden Ave.



I would like _____ tickets @ \$20.00 each for a total of \$ _____.

I would like to sponsor a table of eight and fill it with my guests. Enclosed is \$150.00.*

I would like to sponsor a table of eight to be filled by Open Arms. Enclosed is \$150.00.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

*If you have cancellations or a partially filled table, please call if you'd like us to place additional guests with you.

To make reservations, or if you have questions, please mail this form to Open Arms, or call Sue @ 667-8962. Thank you!!



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