For Life Ministries

Spring 2024 Newsletter

Rebirth

I love lilies! I love the variety of kinds and colors and shapes. Flowers are quite often ascribed meaning. The Easter lily, for good reason, symbolizes rebirth, life, hope, joy. Those words in that order flow well. Rebirth is new life filled with hope and joy that lead to confidence. Ephesians 2:10 says "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago." Even more than flowers, our lives mean something. As we submit to God through our surrender to His purposes, our existence and influence are filled with hope and joy that give us the confidence to become His beauty, with all our variety of gifts, passions, and experiences, to the world He loves so much.



Celebration



Katherine chose to surrender her life to Christ and is participating in new communities of encouragement and support. She pursues new ways of thinking about herself and who God made her to be. Her desires and habits are taking on new dimensions as she regularly allows God to work in her. The courage it takes to make changes to long-term patterns that don't serve her anymore is inspiring. As she participates in regular life coaching, she is living her life on purpose, with healthy intention and confidence.

Tommy also prayed to receive Christ in October. He was recently baptized, and he and his wife joined Grace Community Church, the first church they have been members of together. This family is experiencing the Lord in new ways and we are so grateful to see them embrace it. Please pray for God to continue drawing many others to Himself.



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Fellowships



We had such a fun time at our Christmas parties in December! The kids decorated graham cracker houses, made a craft about the birth of Jesus, and watched a video of the Christmas story. A big "THANK YOU" Willowbrook Baptist Church and their Local Missions Serve Team for partnering with us to make this happen.









In 2023, we had 45 different volunteers bring food to the fellowships and 26 different volunteers helped in various ways each month at these at fellowship times with the children or the adults. For Life Ministries cannot fully express enough gratitude for these wonderful people and their hearts to serve with us. To connect with opportunities to serve, visit <u>forlifeministries.org/support</u>

Community



Serving the communities in which we live is a core value at FLM and we love partnering with our families in that purpose. Some families from our Owens Cross Roads fellowship served at The Rock Family Worship Center handing out Thanksgiving food and praying with other families. One of the families who attends the fellowship time in Owens Cross Roads helped paint a mural in Fayetteville, using their time and talents to enrich others.

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Generosity



For Life Ministries was the most recent recipient of the 100 Women Who Care Grant that is awarded each quarter. For Life received a total of \$8,310 to be used for our program expenses including emergency living expenses, educational scholarships, and personal growth classes. Jenifer Morgan, FLM Operations Director, is a member of the group and was one of three individuals chosen to present to the group during their last quarterly meeting. After the three selected individuals presented their chosen non-profit, a vote was cast, and For Life Ministries was chosen as the recipient. We are very excited and grateful to have had the opportunity to be a part of this process and of course to have been selected as the recipient of the grant. We look forward to seeing how we are able to put these funds to use for the benefit of our families.

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Servant Leadership

Miss Jan Thomas (wearing the hat) exemplifies the love of Christ to, and with, her community. As a For Life Ministries Board member and Site Coordinator in Gurley, she consistently invests her heart and time in the people around her. The Lord pours out his blessing through Miss Jan to our sweet families, our staff, and our Board. She is a prayer warrior and dearly loved!



Our Board of Directors welcomes Amy Hollis as our new Board Chairperson, Angela Thomas as Secretary, and Eric Shull as our newest member. We also love having Lisandra Vazquez as our Site Coordinator for our Spanish-speaking families. God is working and we are so glad to be part of it!