

JULY

NEWSLETTER



89
BABIES
SAVED
YTD!

Save the Dates:

- 2/09/23 - Breakfast with Life Champions, Speaker - Pam Tebow
- 4/01/23 - Walk 4 Life & FunFest at North Collier Regional Park

From our Executive Director,

Nicole Shanks



**“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
His love endures forever.”**

1 Chronicles 16:34

The theme the Lord is impressing upon my heart lately is one of thankfulness. The sermon on Sunday focused on being thankful and the phrase catching my attention was “Rest in the thankfulness”. We have been so busy preparing and planning for the impact a Supreme Court ruling in the Dobbs v. Jackson would have for Pregnancy Resource Center. All of this preparation is necessary and vital to support the women and men walking through our doors. The Lord is also saying, take a moment and rest and just be thankful for this victory. Let’s pause to savor what the Lord has done.

“The LORD has done great things for us and we are filled with joy.” Psalm 126:3

The PRC team is filled with a renewed energy, an appreciation for what we “get to do” and hearts are full of joy. Our Education Manager, **Kim Buchanan**, expressed her heart hours after the decision:

As we are rejoicing today on the Roe v. Wade decision, I was so overcome with what “we get to do” here at PRC. I held a baby for an hour while mom, grandma, and I watched a lesson on parenting. That sweet boy knows me, he hugs me, he spits up on me (who cares right, I love it). We snuggle, he laughs, and he’s here because his momma was told the truth and she chose life. He blesses me every week.

My next patient brought flowers and fruit in today to bless me because we have loved her so well. She is here because she was encouraged and educated at our clinic that she could do it, even though she had hurdles. She is already so in love with this baby and she and her amazing father of the baby are getting married later this month!

Then we had the icing on the cake: a young couple who chose life and were faithful in Earn While You Learn classes used their baby bucks to purchase many things they needed in our Baby Boutique. Daddy is so in love with his baby girl and is planning on marrying her momma soon! We are so blessed that God has entrusted us to this work for “such a time as this”.

**“Praise the LORD O my soul; all my inmost being,
praise His holy name.” Psalm 103:1**

ROE V. WADE DECISION



On Sunday, June 26th, Summit Church of Naples did a fantastic job of celebrating the historic and monumental Roe v. Wade decision and promoting support for PRC. Nicole Shanks had the opportunity to speak about the services that PRC provides to women and their families.



Friday, June 24th, 2022 was a historic day for our country. Roe was OVERTURNED. Innocent lives are being saved every day because of this decision from the Supreme Court. We praise God and celebrate this momentous day and massive victory for the unborn! The Supreme Court states in their ruling that “The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; Roe and Casey are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives.”¹

This case was brought to the Supreme Court by the state of Mississippi in which they were challenged for their “Gestational Age Act” that prohibited all abortions (with few exceptions) after 15 weeks gestation. Mississippi was challenged in federal court by the Jackson Women’s Health Organization who then barred the state from enforcing the law. The U.S. Court of Appeals supported that decision which then brought the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The main reasons for overturning Roe v. Wade:

- The U.S. Supreme Court considered whether all pre-viability prohibitions on elective abortions are unconstitutional.
- Whether the Fourteenth Amendment which was originally used referring to “liberty” and that it protects a certain right. The Supreme Court found that the Constitution makes no reference to a right for an abortion.
- Whether a right to obtain an abortion is “rooted in the nation’s history and tradition” and found that it is not.
- Whether the right to an abortion is supported by other precedents and it was found that an abortion cannot be justified as a component of such a right.
- The Court found that following the rules of its prior decisions does not counsel continued acceptance of Roe and Casey.

“This is one of the most significant acts of justice in modern history. While the ruling brings only a change of direction, not an end, to the fight over abortion, it is an essential victory for the pro-life cause and that should be celebrated by all Christians.”²

Please continue to pray along with us for the safety of pregnancy resource centers across the nation and that hearts will be softened to accept help during difficult times. PRC thanks you for your prayers and support as we navigate a promising future for the unborn. We couldn’t do this without the generosity of you all!

¹ “Supreme Court of the United States.” Accessed June 28, 2022. https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/19-1392_6j37.pdf.

² Carter, Joe, Joe Carter is a senior writer for The Gospel Coalition, Patrick Miller, Solomon Rexius, Brett McCracken, Garrett Kell, Jennie Allen • Collin Hansen, et al. “The Faqs: Supreme Court Overturns Roe, Sends Abortion Back to States.” The Gospel Coalition, June 24, 2022. [https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/faqs-2022-abortion-roe/](https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/faqs-2022-abortion-ro/).

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Say hello to this sweet baby boy who was born in May to one of our Education moms! He's as precious as can be. God is so good!



Please welcome this precious little girl born in May to one of our Earn While You Learn couples!! Mom, baby, and dad are all doing well...Praise the Lord!

An adorable baby boy was born in June to one of the Earn While You Learn Moms! He is a gift from God and we are thankful that his mom chose LIFE!



Welcome little ones!



Spotlight:

Rachel Geoffrion, Management Consultant

What a blessing it is to join this wonderful ministry during such a historic time!

I am a daughter of missionaries to Quebec, Canada. My parents planted multiple churches throughout the French-speaking province. I am thankful to have grown up in a godly home and accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior at the age of six. God gave me a passion for sharing the Gospel and taking care of children. Helping my mom in church nurseries and teaching Sunday school classes was a great pleasure.

I graduated from Pensacola Christian College and served in a Christian school as an elementary teacher in Miami, Florida. During the summer months, I ran a preschool camp and enrolled in a graduate program. After obtaining a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University, I served as a school principal.

The Lord led me to Knoxville, Tennessee, to train future teachers as well as oversee the education programs as the Dean of the School of Education in a Christian college. A desire for business began to grow in me, which motivated me to enroll in an entrepreneurship class. I thoroughly enjoyed learning how to start a business while running my own online Amazon and eBay stores.

Afterwards, I started my own business with a financial partner. It began with one franchise retail shop that quickly grew to five locations within three years. Overseeing my own business for six years helped me gain experience in all aspects of an organization, from hiring and team building to profit & loss statements. It is exciting to look at numbers and track growth! If there is no growth, I enjoy the challenge of analyzing processes to see where disconnects are so appropriate modifications may be made to turn things around.

At PRC, I am blessed to become the new Management Consultant where I can merge my ministry, education, and business background to help lead the design of clinic processes and practices to produce the highest possible number of life decisions by birthparents entering our clinics. I will enjoy helping build robust participation in the education programs that bridge these families to local churches. I will help create plans for optimal development of staff and volunteers to achieve operating efficiency across the ministry. I will design metrics and reporting processes that track the success of our ministry goals.

As part of the leadership team, I look forward to contributing to short and long-term organizational planning and strategies. Utilizing my educational experience, I will provide coaching, training and development to clinic and education staff and volunteers as needed toward success of team goals and with continued emphasis on spiritual development.

There is no greater purpose in life than to obey and serve God, and I am thrilled to serve Him at PRC!

CHURCHES WE VISITED RECENTLY

Faith Lutheran Church



One of two amazing church partners honored the Pregnancy Resource Center as their May Missions of the Month. We also dropped off baby bottles for their May Baby Bottle Campaign and decorated their Missions' Partners bulletin board. Nicole Shanks visited Faith Lutheran on May 8 and shared what God is doing in and through our ministry at all four services. A huge thank you to the youth of Faith Lutheran for their generous donations as well as their love and support!

Thank you

Oak River Church



Oak River Church also designated the Pregnancy Resource Center as their May Missions of the Month. Laura Ross visited Oak River Church on May 8 and shared what God is doing in our ministry for our patients that are facing an unexpected pregnancy. Thank you allowing us to worship with you and together we are making a difference! We love our church partners, we couldn't do what we do without you!

Riverside Church



THANK YOU to Riverside Church in Fort Myers who just completed a "Stock the Boutique" Drive for the Pregnancy Resource Center! This church family collected many essential items for our soon-to-open Baby Boutique in Fort Myers. They invited Nicole Shanks and Laura Ross to their church to "shower" us with these baby items for our moms who choose LIFE for their babies. Thank you, Riverside Church, for your love, prayers, and support.

THANK YOU to our church partners and supporters ...
it's because of **YOU** that we are able to serve
these expectant parents so well.

Thank you

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

The Pregnancy Resource Center of SWFL depends solely on donations to meet its vision and mission of preserving life and sharing eternal truth with moms-to-be. This cannot be done without the extraordinary and generous contributions from our cherished partners. Day after day PRC supporters inspire and amaze us with their kindness!

Riverside Church



Grow Church



Dr. Karysse Trandem

PRC's Ob/Gyn Physician & Medical Director



WILL “BACK-ALLEY ABORTIONS” RISE IF ABORTION IS ILLEGAL?

Dr. Karysse Trandem, PRC Ob/Gyn Physician & Medical Director with Dr. Ingrid Skop, MD

Recent Statements

Many media sources have recently lamented the possibility that women may die or suffer severe harm if they are denied “medically indicated” abortions in states that have implemented elective abortion restrictions. NPR recently highlighted an unsubstantiated example from Poland, and a death in Ireland is resurfacing, as examples of women who died of sepsis because infected pregnancies were not terminated. Additional handwringing is occurring over whether doctors in Texas can treat an ectopic pregnancy, manage a miscarriage, or perform other medically indicated procedures.

The Reality

Although it is frequently stated that 5,000-10,000 women were killed yearly from “back alley” abortions before legalized abortion, early abortionist and co-founder of NARAL Dr. Bernard Nathanson admitted that these numbers “were totally false.” He acknowledged, “[...]it was a useful figure, widely accepted, so why go out of our way to correct it with honest statistics?” In fact, numerous sources document that the number of deaths from illegal abortions was far lower, in the range of less than one hundred a year.

In our modern era, life-threatening situations are rare; however, when women are affected by them, induced abortion that aims to kill the unborn child is not the answer. Instead, there are humane medical interventions that aim for both mother and her unborn child to live when possible and do not inflict direct violence on the unborn child. In addition, laws that protect life already distinguish in their definitions between the acts of induced abortion which are restricted, and life-saving medical care of women, which is not. Maternal fetal medical specialists provide excellent care which usually allows high-risk mothers and their babies to make it safely through pregnancy and delivery.

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If you missed Nicole's response to the overturning of Roe v. Wade, we've included it here:



**"This is the day the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it!"**

Psalm 118:24

What a day to remember, rejoice and celebrate! The Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe V. Wade with a 6-3 decision in the Mississippi case will return the issue of abortion to the states. Countless innocent lives will be saved by this decision.

"For too long, Roe v. Wade has poisoned our court, our culture, and our laws. Today's decision corrects the grave constitutional error of Roe v. Wade and finally gives the American people, through their elected representatives, the power to fix America's extreme abortion laws and enshrine protections for the unborn into law." Heritage Foundation, President Kevin Roberts

At PRC, we have been preparing for months for the potential impact this decision will have. We are improving our processes to give women greater care, more quickly after their first call to us, all in response to what we see as the shortcut to abortion methods being taken by Planned Parenthood. The volume of patients at our Fort Myers clinic already tests capacity, and we are seeking a larger facility that can expand our capabilities, including incorporating our full life education and baby boutique offerings in that neighborhood.

Though we celebrate the official recent decision, for at least the near term we have been preparing for the security risks suggested by the threats seen in the news by such groups as "Jane's Revenge" and "Ruth Sent Us." Our own security enhancements at all PRC clinics and offices have been met with tremendous cooperation from the Collier and Lee County Sheriff Departments, who will be making extra patrols around our locations and have volunteered to walk staff to and from their cars at shift changes. They are also assisting with our steps to hire off duty deputies, at least in the near term.

What can you do? First, be in prayer for unity across our country over this highly controversial topic, where emotions run high on both sides. Prayers of thanksgiving, to be sure, as more lives will be saved, but also prayers of protection for our Supreme Court judges and their families, for our patients, and for pro-life workers everywhere. Please also consider donating to help offset the added costs for safety and security as well as equipping our staff to meet the needs of women with unplanned pregnancies. Together, we are making a difference!

Nicole Shanks

Executive Director

Pregnancy Resource Center of Southwest Florida