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**20 WAYS**  
**YOUR CHURCH**  
**CAN GET INVOLVED**  
**IN PRO-LIFE MINISTRY**  
*Today*

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## COLLEGE STUDENT OUTREACH

Around 40% of abortions each year are performed on women between the ages of 18-24 who have completed some college credit. This means that there is a huge need for gospel-centered pro-life ministry on college campuses. This need will only increase, as some US states are beginning to mandate public colleges and universities providing the abortion pill at campus clinics.

### Ideas for Involvement

- ▶ Raise awareness of this crisis amongst the members of your church who are college students.
- ▶ Building intentional, gospel relationships in local colleges and universities.
- ▶ Partnering with parachurch ministries on college campuses to mentor abortion - minded individuals.
- ▶ Speaking out about abortion when given the opportunity, in a way that is gospel-centered, winsome, and compelled by love.

## PRAYER GROUPS



We've seen the Lord use the prayers of his people in our ministry to shut down an abortion clinic. Truly, one of the most important things we can do to stand for life as Christians is to be intentional about consistent prayer. Pray that the Lord will end abortion around the world, through the power of the gospel.

Pray that the abortion clinic staff throughout the world will be saved, and that clinics would close as a result. Pray for these medical professionals to find excellent jobs where they will save lives instead of end them. Pray for the women in your community who got a positive pregnancy test this week, and are now abortion-minded. Pray that the Lord would begin working even now to seek help and support instead of making an abortion appointment. Pray for the fathers in your community to rise up and stand for the lives of their children, not only before birth, but for every day of their child's life. Pray for God to bring these families into your local church, where they will hear the gospel and be surrounded by a community that will lead them to Christ and provide for tangible needs as well.

### Ideas for Involvement

- ▶ Start an early morning or lunch time prayer group that meets once a week, either at your church or in front of the abortion clinic in your community.
- ▶ Host a monthly prayer meeting and invite a pro-life ministry in your community to come and share about their work before or afterwards.
- ▶ Send out a prayer request list to your church members bi-weekly or monthly that is specific to pro-life-related needs in the community (including foster care, adoption, etc.).

## SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY

Get your church actively involved in Sanctity of Life Sunday (usually the third Sunday in January).

### Ideas for Involvement

- ▶ The morning service(s) can be pro-life-oriented, with a sermon geared towards the subject.
- ▶ Host a booth event either after the morning service(s) or in the evening, allowing pro-life ministries in your community to tell a little bit about what they offer.
- ▶ Host an evening service and allow pro-life ministries to each speak for 5-10 minutes and tell their stories.
- ▶ Have a special offering for the pro-life ministries that your church supports.

## PARTNER WITH A PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER FOR A FUNDRAISING EVENT

Find a likeminded pregnancy resource center in your community, and invite them to partner with you for a fundraiser.

### Ideas for Involvement

- ▶ Many resource centers have “baby bottle campaigns,” or something similar that your church could participate in for spare change donation.
- ▶ Sponsor a portion of an annual event, like a gala.
- ▶ Host your own fundraiser or special offering within the church, and donate those funds.

## ADOPTION FUND

Add a line item to your church’s budget each year that would allow you to help church families with the costly process of adoption.

## ADOPTION SUPPORT

If you have families in your church who have adopted, set up a support program within the church, allowing these families to educate and help others walk through the adoption process.

### Ideas for Involvement

- ▶ Hold events (possibly even on Sanctity of Life Sundays) where members of your church share about the adoption process and encourage others to adopt.
- ▶ Establish discipleship groups for those who are currently going through the adoption process.
- ▶ Establish discipleship groups for adoptive parents, offering gospel-centered support for those facing the challenges of parenthood in this capacity.
- ▶ Open up an event to the community, inviting them to come to your church and learn more about adoption.

## FOSTER CARE SUPPORT

Similar to adoption support, this would allow families within the church to encourage one another in the call to foster care.

### Ideas for Involvement

- ▶ Allow foster families to share their story to the church as a whole, encouraging others to get involved.
- ▶ Establish discipleship groups for foster parents, offering gospel-centered support for the immense challenges involved in this role.
- ▶ Host an event with like-minded churches, and invite foster care agencies to come and talk about how to get involved.

## BRING A MEAL TO A FOSTER CARE FAMILY

One of the most simple ways to serve a foster care family is to bring them a meal.

### Ideas for Involvement

- ▶ Set up a Meal Train to bring a new foster care family a meal every other day for 1-3 months.
- ▶ Organize a schedule to provide one meal a week for the family on a long term basis.

## HOUSE CLEANING

Another simple way to serve families involved in orphan care is to offer to clean their house, giving the parents a break, and also additional time to invest in their families.

### Ideas for Involvement

- ▶ This would be a great way to involve your youth group in serving.
- ▶ You could organize a schedule where 2-3 members commit to 2-3 hours of cleaning on a bi-weekly basis. (If you had enough people involved, each volunteer would only clean every few months.)

- ▶ If anyone in your church has a cleaning business, perhaps they would be willing to donate services or supplies.

## DISCIPLESHIP RELATIONSHIPS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

If you have families with older foster children, establish discipleship relationships between them and older Christians in the church.

### Ideas for Involvement

- ▶ This would be a wonderful ministry for college-age individuals and singles in your church.
- ▶ Older Christians could commit to a monthly or bi-weekly outing with a foster child, taking them to coffee, dinner and a movie, bowling, etc. Not only would this be a great way to lead the foster children to Jesus, but it also gives the parents a bit of a break as well.

## BABYSITTING FOR PARENTS TO HAVE DATE NIGHTS

It's important not to forget the simplistic, yet extremely beneficial service of offering free babysitting so that couples with children in your church can have a date night. It's extremely important for parents to have time alone together to reconnect and spur one another forward in their ministry, yet many in this season do not have the financial capability to have a monthly date night. Offering this to parents in the church for free is an incredible way to serve.

### Ideas for Involvement

- ▶ The easiest way to offer this is to have a monthly Parents' Night Out on a set date and time. Church nursery workers and Sunday school teachers can take turns hosting this event. This would even allow couples in the church to occasionally spend time with one another without their children, allowing them to build closer friendships.
- ▶ You could also simply create an online sign-up, through something like SignUpGenius, where you list the availability of the babysitters within your church who would be willing to offer free child care once or twice per month. Then, parents could go online and sign up for the time slot(s) offered by those individuals, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## MENTORSHIP FOR FATHERS

80% of women who have had abortions said they wouldn't have gone through with it if the father of the child had been supportive. There is a desperate need for the local church to provide gospel-centered mentorship and discipleship for fathers, both within the local church and the community as a whole.

### Ideas for Involvement

- ▶ Just like many churches offer premarital counseling for couples, prenatal counseling can be offered as well. The mother and the father are paired with a more mature couple, individually providing discipleship in a role-specific manner.
- ▶ A group of men from your church could volunteer to host a Bible study or mentorship program for the fathers at a local pregnancy center. Some centers already have this in place, but many do not, and it is much needed.
- ▶ For continual support, provide ongoing, small discipleship groups of 4-5 men with children of varying ages. Invite non-Christian fathers to join in with these groups as the opportunity arises.

## MENTORSHIP FOR MOTHERS

Many mothers, both in the community and in the church, really need gospel-centered encouragement. Providing mentorship and discipleship relationships, both in the church and the community, can be hugely helpful.

### Ideas for Involvement

- ▶ Establish prenatal counseling for mothers and fathers alike.
- ▶ Host a Bible study on biblical motherhood at a church members' home, and invite mothers from the community to join, along with fellow members of the church.
- ▶ Establish a formative discipleship program for mothers to encourage one another in gospel-centered motherhood.



## BABY SHOWERS

Throw baby showers for women in the community who may not have access to a large number of baby items.

### Ideas for Involvement

- ▶ Reach out to pregnancy resource centers and offer to host baby showers for the women involved in their ministry.
- ▶ Get connected with local homeless shelters, and offer the same to them.
- ▶ Host a quarterly, bi-annual, or annual shower for women in the community, and accept simple applications to become a part of it.
- ▶ Have a “free store” where members of your church can donate maternity and baby items, and open it for the community on certain dates throughout the year.

## VOLUNTEER BIRTH & POSTPARTUM DOULAS

If you have certified birth and/or postpartum doulas in your church, ask them if they would be interested in offering services “pro bono” for women who have chosen life despite difficult situations. This is a wonderful way to practically serve these women, and presents a huge opportunity to share the hope of the gospel through a close relationship.

## MEALS FOR NEW FAMILIES

Set up a “Meal Train” to cover one meal per day (or every other day) for the first 1-3 months of a family welcoming a new child. This could be for newly welcomed biological, adopted, or foster children. Send it out to the church and encourage active involvement.



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MATERNITY LEAVES

Sometimes, the reason for abortion is simply that a mother simply cannot afford not to work during the postpartum season. Churches can help with this by creating a budget line item to provide financial support for families in crisis pregnancy situations, including helping to fund a maternity leave for single mothers or those who totally depend on a dual income.

## HELP FIND OR CREATE JOBS FOR SINGLE MOTHERS

In addition to helping fund maternity leaves, your church can also be involved in helping to find or even create jobs for single mothers.

### Ideas for Involvement

- ▶▶ Invite qualified members of your church to help single mothers create resumes, apply for jobs, and prepare for interviews.
- ▶▶ Consider having an “odd job” or cleaning position consistently available at your church, for anyone who might be in a financial crisis (including single mothers).
- ▶▶ Talk to individuals in your church who own their own businesses, or are managers or otherwise high-up in a company. See if they would be willing to offer positions to single mothers or others in crisis situations.
- ▶▶ Recruit an entrepreneurial person in your congregation to start a business that would employ single mothers and other individuals in your church who are in crisis situations.

## SIDEWALK COUNSELING

Sidewalk Counseling is an incredible way for your church to actively become a voice for life in your community, as well as connect with abortion-minded individuals, bridging the gap between them and the formative discipleship and material resources offered through the local church. It also fulfills the Great Commission by going into your community and sharing the gospel in a way that is winsome and compelled by love.

Speak for the Unborn would love to train you, equip you, and connect you in a Network of like-minded churches who are all seeking to become gospel - centered voices for life in their communities.

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