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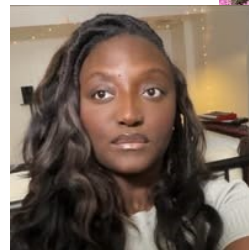
Last month Crossroads celebrated Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. The congregation recognizes that life is precious from the moment of conception until death. This posture provides a solid



foundation for sharing the good news about salvation.

The image of God in human beings means that people have eternal value; their life is worth saving now and forever. Crossroads welcomes the opportunity to partner with Magnolia Women's Center. They serve to provide non-judgmental, confidential support for women with unplanned pregnancies. They provide emotional support, medical services, education, individual advocacy, resources and post-abortive healing, all free of charge.

Crossroads' Women gathered last month for a potluck dinner. Food, fun and friendship have drawn together a group of ladies who are caring for each other and women throughout the church family. Please pray for continued growth for this group.



Crossroads' Men plan to gather in February. Please pray for effective connections across generations to help men grow in their walk with the Lord. Ask the Lord to build

relationships among growing disciples that would help leaders rise from the harvest.

It might seem strange to think about summer camp in the middle of winter, but Crossroads plans to begin registering students for Camp Conquest this month. Campers shared exciting stories about their stay last year. Many hope to return. And, some teens hope to serve at camp this summer. Please pray for spiritual growth and impact that lasts long after camp is over. And, please ask the Lord to provide all of the funding that is needed.



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When I've been asked how it's been with our kids in their teen



years, I've normally responded that it's been my most fun years with them yet. They both have shown a resilient faith amidst pressures and hardships and they both shine forth the light of the Gospel of Christ in the various situations that they find themselves in. Jenna is now 17 and Owen is now 15, and almost all of their growing-up years have been spent in the context of urban ministry in Allentown, PA. Owen has faced health struggles and is currently in a charter high school where his faith is constantly challenged, yet he continues to cling to Jesus and talk through his struggles. Jenna has entered into the acting arts and recently was cast in an indie film, and her faith shone brightly in the midst of a group of people who largely want nothing to do with Jesus. Kristin and I continue to realize that we still have much to learn in marriage and parenting, yet I have yet to encounter a couple that says that they don't. I guess these are the realities God uses to grow us as we stay faithful to the course he has set for our lives.

Please dedicate this month to pray for my family. We realize that life will continue to grow and shape us; please pray that we maintain a fierce love for Jesus and each other.

We've entered the cold months, so my time fills up caring for the rough sleepers, responding to need within the community, and raising up leaders to take my place in some of those settings. We see the light at the end of the tunnel as many have been stepping up to provide care without needing my involvement, so please pray that continues. As always, thank you for bringing us before God--your prayer ministry on our behalf is effective.



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Developing urban churches is critically important. It enables disciples to build trusting relationships with neighbors.

Those friendships make it possible to share the love of Christ. As people learn God's mercy, grace and truth the Lord rescues some from hell, granting them the promise of eternity. New life in Christ empowers believers to live with hope.

Recently, Word of Grace Church was reminded of that importance through a very painful experience. Pablo, a twenty-two year old man, was shot and killed when he went to the gas station.



Pete and Danielle met Pablo when he was just a little boy. He was always with his younger sister Ashley. They were inseparable. They came to know Jesus, were baptized, attended Camp Conquest and served faithfully in the congregation. They eagerly invited their friends and family to come to church. Eventually, their parents and older siblings

began attending at Word of Grace.

Last month Pastor Pete was able to care for Pablo's family and officiate his funeral. There is great peace in knowing that Pablo is with Jesus. Please pray for everyone who has been affected.



Praise God for Word of Grace Church!
Thank you for helping us develop urban churches!