New Beginnings Counseling & Support Center

Fall 2026

Offering practical help and hope
BEFORE * DURING * AFTER

Stats of January to September:

Clients served:	42
New in person clients:	6
Bible classes/Biblical counseling sessions:	80
Parenting classes:	43
Domestic Abuse Recovery and Support:	122
Trauma Recovery:	55
Abortion recovery:	0
Life skill classes:	16
Other:	45

Note: These numbers reflect each individual occurrence of participation whether private or in group, not the number of.

Offering SERVICES IN:

- Biblical counseling and instruction
- Options counsel for unplanned pregnancies
- Abortion recovery
- Parenting classes
- Material support for infants to 18 mo.
- Life Skill classes
- Domestic abuse recovery and support
- Childhood trauma and abuse recovery and support

"The goal of our instruction is love, out of a clear conscience, and a sincere faith." 1Timothy 1:5

A Word From Kristin

The Lord called my dad home around 3:00 a.m. on a July morning, 2025. My only comfort in his passing from this earth is the blessed assurance – that blessed assurance – that he died to this world in the Lord.

No, Dad was not saved by going to church, or keeping with the covid trend of watching the TV preacher, or being a good man. Dad believed Jesus was the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Dad believed in the Bible. He believed it was God's Word and what it said is true. Yet, the fact is, he didn't read it much. I mean no dishonor to his memory saying there were reasons, but not excuses. His lack of Biblical mooring explains why when it came to his personal involvement and his vote, he said, "It's not my issue".

I fear, for much of the same reason, much of the church shares my dad's now corrected sentiment. There are as many worthy causes as there are legitimate needs, and that's a lot! Whether it be feeding the homeless, disaster relief, saving the sea turtles, human trafficking intervention…; but none of them matter if we're dead! To state the obvious, this issue – the sanctity of human life – as we live and breathe, is everyone's issue. If God holds animals morally responsible for taking human life (Genesis 9:5), how much more accountable are we?

My dad, like so many in the pew, thought the sanctity of life was about babies. And how right he was about that, but it's so much more. From Revelation, all human life is sacred from conception to natural death. Why? Because we – humans – distinct from plant and animal life – are uniquely made in his image, His likeness.

When we understand this, it explodes our paradigm. The elderly man sitting in a wheel chair in a nursing home hallway, staring at the floor, is a fellow image bearer. The two-celled being in the fallopian tube of a cruelly raped twelve-year old girl is an image bearer.

There was a time in the US when fetal development was the ruler. Somehow, we had a national conscience that killing babies was wrong, so we got clever about redefining when we became human. Then viability outside the womb became the argument, or any other weapon of opportunity they could grasp. We're passed that now; so, passed that now. The science is so clear, even secular universities declare in awe and wonder that life begins at the moment of conception. Click the link for this quick video. https://pin.it/39XUjR1op

So again, the issue is not the lack of knowledge. We brought that upon ourselves under a certain tree in place called Eden. It's an age-old declaration of autonomy. It's the voice that says, "I will determine what is best for me, and no one but me has the right to tell me what that is or stop me."

Are you listening? Do you recognize this? Where is God in this thought process? Does He - like Santa Clause – exist only in the minds of those who believe? No. He is the Uncaused Cause, the Self-Existent One who creates life from nothing. YHWH – His very name means life. Whether we acknowledge Him or not, He is our Creator; creator and sustainer of all existence.

How then can this be? How can it be that we can in essence declare ourselves gods by deciding who gets to live and die based on our own paradigm?

The answer is really quite simple; profound, but simple. When Jesus walked this earth, He was asked this question – "What is the greatest commandment?". It was a trick question intended to get Him to self-indict, but His answer not only disarmed, but unlocked the mystery of evil.

What did He say? "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your mind, all your soul, all your strength, and your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22, Mark 12, Luke 10) That sounds very hippie and carte blanche. How does it relate to the dilemma of our autonomy? Let's analyze God's Word together.

Love. New Beginnings' clients get this - forgive my bluntness – God is not a soul rapist. He wants lovers, children, friends – not AI bots. This morally necessitates freedom. Love, by definition of its very nature, must be freely given or it's not love at all. It could be many other things, but it's not love.

Next phrase, "The Lord your God": We don't have time to divulge into this, but "God" is our word, and it's a generic one. In this house, we know what we mean when we say "God", but there are legion gods in existence. He has a proper name and many telling titles to His name. Yahweh – Self-Existent, Eternal, Life-Giver.

For the present purpose, let's consider two aspects of our being Jesus noted: spirit and body. Within a pregnant woman's body is another unique, free, soul-being. Neither size, nor location, nor development, nor dependence changes the fact of that person's identity or worth.

"Love your neighbor". Prerequisite to truly loving one's neighbor is loving God. If we love God, it follows we'll love others; certainly not excluding the pre-born, and – I know this is controversial - one's self.

Now let's step back and view the connections between love and freedom with Jesus on the throne. His love grants us the freedom of choice. We might not like our choices, but choices we do have. So what choices does a woman or couple facing an untimely pregnancy have?

She/they can choose to parent. To say this is hard is an understatement. I personally have known young ladies thirteen, fourteen, sixteen years old capably parent. I've known physically and mentally disabled mothers parent. I personally know several adults and children conceived by rape.

She can choose an adoption plan. This can be a very heroic, self-sacrificing choice. A mother or couple may desire more or different for her/their child than she/they can provide at the time. She/they select(s) the family who shares her personal values. If she/they desire(s), she/they remain(s) in contact with her/their child through letters, phone calls, visits. Her/their child will grow up knowing his or her birth mother/father and why she/they chose as she/they did at a level appropriate to the child's comprehension. The child's questions are answered. The voids are filled with truth and love.

Or she can choose to abort. Two pills or a procedure and the child's eternal soul departs this world. God grants us this "terrible freedom", as C.S. Lewis called it; but He doesn't leave us to our own discretion.

Over and over and over He calls, "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. Choose life!". How then do we as a church affirm life? A few practical considerations:

*Vet your by-laws. Prayerfully and studiously consider your church's position on such matters as the definition of life, gender, same-sex marriage, birth control, baby showers for unwed mothers, church discipline for immoral behavior, etc. Clarifying these and related matters prevents relational conflict and potential legal embattlement.

*Use wise words: Say "placing baby for adoption" vs. "giving up the baby for adoption". Just say "kids" rather than "foster kids vs. real kids or adopted kids".

*Prioritize, prepare for, and actually like kids. How many of my clients have left church for feeling unwanted. Don't assume or expect proper decorum from the unchurched. Be patient.

* Vote pro-life!

*Partner with New Beginnings.

Pray with us and for us.

Volunteer to provide childcare during sessions.

Provide snacks for clients.

Train to be a personal client advocate

Ask what we need and organize a collection.

Share our social media posts. Refer.

Thank You

For every prayer lifted, every item donated, every dollar gifted, every referral offered, every ride given, every hour sacrificed, every onesie sorted, for every listening ear and every word spoken… or not… for all the love and support that nudges them closer to home.

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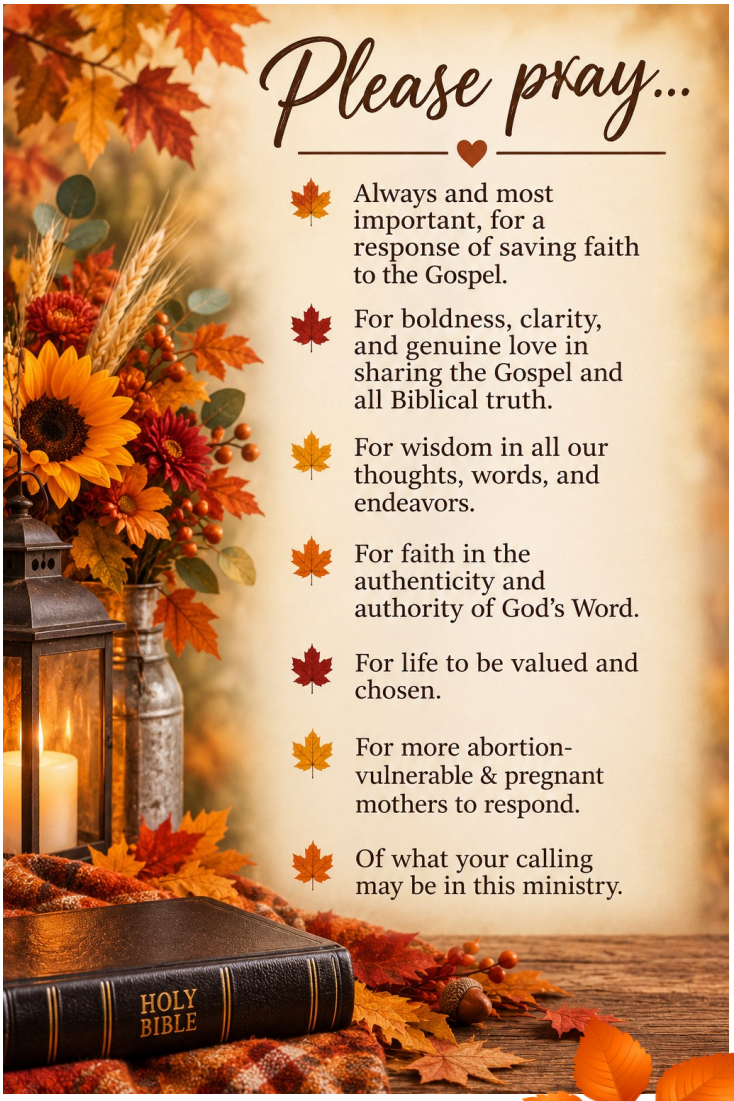

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Recommended (albeit disturbing) reading:

- Have Babies and Don't Kill Them | Desiring God
- The Ambition That Destroys Children | Desiring God