

"The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways."
Deuteronomy 28:7

Spring, 2023

First Care
Women's Clinic



An Update From The Executive Director

On the day Roe v Wade was overturned, my first thought was, "now the battle really begins!" I was beyond overjoyed that the federal law no longer held us back, but I also knew there would be an even more intense battle ahead.

Almost immediately, the attack focused on pregnancy centers. For years, pregnancy centers were more of a nuisance to the abortion industry than a threat. Today, centers like First Care Women's Clinic have such a broad influence that they challenge the industry's hold on the abortion worldview. They are threatened by how effectively we change the hearts and minds of women and men who come through our doors.

Two hours after the GA Heartbeat bill went into effect, an abortion-minded woman came in for an ultrasound. Different than the women on the news screaming, "my body, my choice," when the beating heart of her unborn child came on the screen, she smiled and said, "Well, it looks like I am going to have a baby!" Had she gone through the door of Planned Parenthood, the outcome could have been tragically different.

What makes First Care Women's Clinic exceptional is how effectively we change hearts and restore hope. The abortion industry knows that while they profit from the plight of women in crisis, we are actually helping women.

Just as abortion laws have changed, the way we approach our mission has also changed. Women in crisis do not care if we are Christian or pro-life if we help them with tangible support according to their individual needs. As more women carry their children, they need the emotional, spiritual, and financial support the church provides. A new approach is to directly engage our local churches in the lives of the women, men, and families we serve.

Whether the overturning of Roe v Wade will be the catalyst for changing an abortion worldview has everything to do with what we (the church) do from this point forward. As more women carry their children, the role of the church is to give them the emotional, spiritual, and financial support they need. Funding First Care Women's Clinic is the best way for local churches to reach them.

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God has answered our prayers and overturned Roe v Wade. Like he did with David, the Lord placed the stone that will topple the giant in front of us. It is up to us to pick it up and move forward.

Every day we open our doors knowing that there are groups that have made it their mission to close us down. On April 20th, we will be holding our annual fundraising banquet. Seeing a ballroom filled with people reminds us that we are not alone. An army of Christians stands with us. God has used your financial support to rescue unborn children from abortion and we are so grateful. Now He is calling on you to help First Care Women's Clinic provide financial help to their mothers.

Please stand with us by registering to attend our 2023 Friends for Life fundraising banquet on April 20th. Of the hundreds of speakers I have heard over the years, this year's keynote speaker, Eric Metaxas is my all-time favorite! I pray that you will help us fill the banquet hall!

Blessings,

Lori Parker

Big Ways You and Your Church Can Engage

- *"Adopt" a woman into your church family and help with bills*
- *Fund the purchase or upkeep of a car*
- *Provide childcare to allow a woman to work*

Iris Surrenders to Jesus

Iris, 32 and pregnant with her third child, came into the Center recently. She came for confirmation of her pregnancy, but she left with that and so much more.

Iris grew up in the church, but had never been serious about her faith. When she met with Adrienne, an eight-year counselor, she was presented with the gospel. Iris chose to surrender her life to Jesus! Elated, she shared that she'd always hoped to be closer to God. We have connected her with some local churches, invited her to our Bible study classes, and will continue to be here to point her, and her baby due in August, to Jesus.

FRIENDS FOR LIFE BANQUET

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

THURSDAY, APRIL 20; 6:30 PM



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at <https://supportfcwc.com/banquet/>



Register



ERIC METAXAS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"We remember that God is good, but His goodness is not safe and it is not tame. God is not the religious God of the Pharisees. He does not call us to be tame or safe or religious. It's safer to bury the talent, but God condemns us when we behave in that way....He condemns us for hanging back when He has called us to the battle."

excerpt from Letter to the American Church

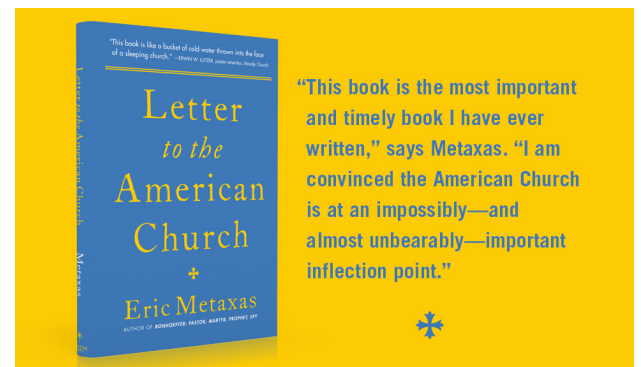
Eric Metaxas is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther, If You Can Keep It, Amazing Grace, Miracles, Seven Men, and Seven Women, and the newly released, Letter to the American Church.

He is the host of the Eric Metaxas Radio Show, a two-hour daily nationally-syndicated radio program covering an intentionally wide variety of topics called "the Show about Everything"

Metaxas's guests have included innumerable authors, actors, musicians, athletes, scientists, comedians, political commentators, and faith leaders.

He has been called a "photogenic, **witty ambassador for faith in public life**" by ABC News, and The Indianapolis Star has described him as "a Protestant version of William F. Buckley." Princeton's Dr. Robert P. George has called him "one of our nation's most brilliant and morally serious public intellectuals."

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