

# **LIFE MINISTRY MATTERS**

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**THE SUMMIT**

**WHERE IT ALL BEGINS**

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# **ABORTION'S REACH WITHIN THE CHURCH**

**OUR CHILDREN, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND OUR FAMILIES AT  
RISK**

**A PASTOR'S SEARCH FOR HELP**

**FOUNTAIN STREET**

**AND THE LOST AT MY  
DOORSTEP**

**THE VISION TO SAVE LIVES IS  
BUILT INTO THE LOCAL  
CHURCH'S DNA**

# **CULTIVATING A THEOLOGY OF LIFE**

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# PREACHING BECOMES PRACTICE

**WHAT IS PREACHED FROM THE PULPIT  
BECOMES THE PRACTICE OF OUR LIVES**

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# A THEOLOGY OF LIFE

## THEOLOGY DETERMINES WORLDVIEW: WORLDVIEW DETERMINES MISSION

- What we believe about God
- What we believe about humanity
- What we believe about ourselves
- What we believe about the unborn and sanctifying life
- What we believe the role of church is in the strengthening of community
- What we believe about the Gospel and evangelism





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INTO THE LOCAL CHURCH'S  
MISSION**

**THE GOSPEL OUTREACH TO THE  
WORLD MUST BEGIN AT HOME**

# Questions that must be answered

- How can I send monies to foreign countries for Gospel outreach and yet neglect the lost in my own community?
- Are there opportunities that exist outside the normal context of evangelism for the Gospel to be shared?
- What might make our church attractive to those who have reached a critical point in their lives?

# Questions continued...

- Is there training and expertise available that would be attractive to those within the church who have otherwise avoided the ministries of evangelism and discipleship?
- Are there ministries that check all the boxes for a church...  
They reach people in my neighborhood, they meet a real and present need and they invite a cross-section of age groups in a congregation?

# **IDENTIFYING THE OPEN DOORS IN FAMILY LIFE**

# Can we open doors to the needs of local people groups?

- **Unwanted or unplanned pregnancies**
- **Underprepared or unprepared for parenting**
- **Abstinence as a lost voice in modern culture**
- **An inability to procure needed supplies or services for the needs of “family”: diapers, clothing, formula, ultrasounds etc.**

# DEVELOPING THE VISION

IDENTIFYING "OUR"  
FOCUS ON LIFE

THE  
SPECIFICS

**PUTTING MY FINGER ON  
THE NEEDS OF OUR  
COMMUNITY**



**AS WITH MOST VISIONS, IT MUST  
BE CAUGHT BY THE LEADERSHIP**

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# BUILDING CONSENSUS

EXPANDING THE VISION



**Learning**

**Communicating**

**Initiating**

# **THE PATH FORWARD**

# EDUCATION

## GETTING THE TROOPS ON BOARD

- At the Pastoral level
- At the committee level
- At the Board level
- At the budget level
- At the church level



**PROMOTION**

# Involvement : Getting the “ball” rolling

- **Start slowly**
- **Look for methods that promote greater involvement**
- **Look for opportunities that encourage wider age involvement**
- **Sanctity of life speaker, Youth speaker, Baby Bottle campaign, Life walk,**
- **Encourage church volunteer involvement in local “centers”.**

# Training is Transformational

- **Challenging the congregation to prayerfully consider Life ministry training**
- **Participating in the training awakens giftedness and provides a path for believers to minister in ways they never dreamed of nor felt they could succeed**
- **Training presents evangelism as one of many tools available to the volunteer in their goal to save the child while reaching the family for Christ.**

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- **The Best part: instead of making difficult “first contact” with people who may not want the gospel, the clients in “Life ministry” come through the doors of “centers” with a pressing need.**
- **Practical guidance is sought, hope is extended, the gospel is offered and the volunteer is encouraged in his/ her ability to minister so effectively on a personal level.**
- **The Win-Win: Saving the life of a child and leading a soul to Christ**



**IT FREQUENTLY COMES DOWN TO  
ONE**

# HEARING IT FOR YOURSELF

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**QUESTIONS**

# RESOURCES

For more helpful articles and other materials  
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