MBA News & Notes: From Around the State

Minneapolis - Bryant Avenue Baptist Church

On September 18th we had a **Celebration of Life** for one of our men, **Carter Holmes.** Pastor and Marilyn White were able to make the trip back from Wisconsin to preach the service and play the piano. The church was full and we praise the Lord that many of Carter's friends and family were able to hear a clear presentation of the Gospel. Carter will be missed but we rejoice that he had placed his trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior.

We are looking forward to **Pastor Appreciation Sunday**, honoring our interim pastor, Dr. Don Odens, on Sunday, November 13. We are grateful for God's provision of this godly pastor during our time of need. His messages are challenging and encouraging to our church family. We will host our "**Giving Thanks Luncheon**" following the service.

On Sunday, November 27th we look forward to hearing from **Missionaries Bernard and Bernice Dodeler** as they plan to be with us for the morning service. We praise the Lord for their 50 years of faithful ministry in France!

News & Notes: Christmas Updates Do you have Christmas events you would like included in the December North Star? Submit your information to the address(es) below and we'll do our best to share the news among the churches. Thank you! - *MBA Publication Committee*

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First Baptist Church of Preston Ordains Pastor Stuart Weist

On Saturday, October 22nd First Baptist Church of Preston hosted an Ordination Council for Pastor Stuart Weist. Over a dozen pastors from the area responded to the church's invitation to examine Pastor Weist's Doctrinal Statement and ministry. Deacon Bill Wingert opened in prayer and welcomed the council, with Dr. Jeff Straub serving as Moderator and Pastor Micah Tanis as Clerk. The day was full of fellowship with the church family and area friends in attendance. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by the church family.

The findings of the council were as follows: *"The ordination council, meeting October 22, 2022 at First Baptist Preston, would like to recommend to the members of First Baptist Church of Preston to proceed with the ordination of Stuart Weist to the Gospel ministry. The council would like to commend Stuart for his faithful and knowledgeable answers."*

An Ordination Service was held on Sunday, October 23rd with Pastor Randy Tanis giving a charge to the candidate, and Dr. Jeff Straub giving a charge to the church. *- Pastor Micah Tanis*

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ROE OVERTURNED – MORE WORK TO DO

by Colleen Tronson, Director, MWC

2022 marks 32 years that Metro Women's Center has provided compassionate care to pregnant women and their families in Minnesota. For years I have carried around a mailing I received from the largest abortion provider in Minnesota, called *"A Delicate Balance."* The mail piece was sounding the alarm that if the balance of power in the Supreme Court ever changed, Roe v. Wade would be overturned. This summer Roe v. Wade was finally struck down in the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision. While there was much rejoicing in the land, there were also howls of protest from those who advocate for abortion on-demand without apology. Here in Minnesota the right to abortion has been codified into our state constitution, so abortion is still legal.

After Roe was announced, several pregnancy care centers were vandalized. A narrative was put forth by abortion apologists that pregnancy help centers were deceptive and only wanted to deceive and control women. This could not be further from the truth.

This year at our Center, five babies' lives were spared from abortion, one woman realized her need for a personal relationship with God, and two individuals chose to make adoption plans for their babies. Each person we meet is uniquely created by God and is worthy of His love and our careful attention.

Recently a woman approached me holding her toddler. She said, "We have never met, but two years ago we spoke on the phone. I was pregnant from an assault, and I was thinking about abortion. Talking to you gave me courage to continue the pregnancy, and here he is." God was very gracious to let us know that this little boy, uniquely created by Him, had been spared from abortion.

The lives of preborn humans and the emotional and spiritual lives of their parents continually hang in a delicate balance as pregnancy-related decisions are made. We are thankful for the support of our Minnesota churches and friends. Here are a few prayer requests for the coming year. Thank you!

- Pray that women will choose life and utilize the services of pro-life pregnancy centers across the state rather than choosing abortion.
- Pray that women in need of stable housing will find us and be willing to come to our maternity home for shelter.
- Pray that our staff will keep our eyes on the Lord and not on earthly circumstances.

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