

Kingdom Chronicle

His Grace – Our Rock Of Escape

BY JOY OTI
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One of my greatest concerns is not being able to hear God or receive clear directions from Him. I don't know about others, but I always long to know what God is saying in the 'now.' My favorite part of the Bible is the Old Testament because of how God reveals Himself so phenomenally, often speaking directly. While I appreciate the New Testament, it primarily shares insights about God's personality and principles through the apostles and disciples. In contrast, the Old Testament captures instances where God speaks for Himself, allowing us to hear "straight from the source." For years, I've craved that kind of direct communication with God, yet it hasn't always turned out as I'd hoped. Almost a month ago, I found myself with many pressing questions and a deep desire for God's guidance. I even quoted Isaiah's promise: "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it'" (Isaiah 30:21). However, God showed me that while giving us direct guidance is good, He has an even better way of leading and keeping us – and He revealed what that means.

In 1 Samuel 23, David found himself at a critical point in his life. Saul was in relentless pursuit, determined to kill him. Hearing that David was in Keilah, Saul intended to hunt him down there. Though David and his men had a good relationship with the people of Keilah, David feared they might betray him to Saul. Seeking guidance, he asked the Lord, who confirmed his fear. So, David and his men left Keilah and moved to Horesh. Despite Saul's efforts, scripture notes that "God did not give David into his hands" (1 Samuel 23:14).

During my Bible study, the Holy Spirit led me to pause and reflect on David's actions and God's response. After God confirmed that the people of Keilah would indeed betray him to Saul, David didn't ask God where to go next. Instead, he went to the wilderness stronghold in the desert of Ziph. Unfortunately, this put him among people likely to betray him as well. The Ziphites offered

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Kingdom Chronicle Updates

BY KYLE GONZALEZ
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Have you ever wanted to do more than just read about the Godly news that the Kingdom Chronicle reports on? We provide our readers with many ways to engage with their community, to include attending official meetings. In addition, if you have ever wanted to learn journalism skills, such as how to conduct interviews, we are looking to fill some important roles in our team.

If you feel the call to write for a journalistic endeavor with a faith-based focus, please contact us via editor@kingdomchronicle.news. We can develop your skills through practical application as an Investigative Journalist. Also, if you find our content to be a blessing, have suggestions for us, or feedback (to include testimonies) please send us an email at editor@kingdomchronicle.news. I pray that you all have a blessed day.

Calling All Intercessors: Join Us For Strategic Prayer

BY AMANDA LOCKMAN
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Are you passionate about standing in the gap through prayer? We invite you to join us for Governmental Intercession, where we pray and intercede for everything from our local city council and school board to the nation of Israel.

When: Sunday afternoons from 3:00-4:00 PM

Where: Java Haus Conference Room

Additionally, we are gathering for intercession focused specifically on our public library and community. Your prayers are vital in these challenging times!

When: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:15-6:45 PM

Where: Downstairs of the library, first room on your left as you enter from the lower level

Please note, we start and end on time as there are events scheduled after each prayer meeting. Don't be late—every minute of prayer counts! Come, let's unite in prayer and make a difference.



Ballot Measure Results In Short

BY NICOLE BRAUCHLI
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In our last issue, we provided an overview on all the Colorado state ballot measures. This is how Colorado and Teller County specifically voted on November 5th (results as of November 11):

Title	Colorado	Teller County	Result
Amendment 79 Right to Abortion and Health Insurance Coverage	YES: 61.90% NO: 38.10%	YES: 41.69% NO: 58.31%	PASSED
Amendment 80 Constitutional Right to School Choice	YES: 49.12% NO: 50.88%	YES: 60.46% NO: 39.54%	FAILED
Amendment G Property Tax Exemption for Veterans with Individual Unemployability Status	YES: 73.05% NO: 26.95%	YES: 70.23% NO: 29.77%	PASSED
Amendment H Creation of an Independent Judicial Discipline Adjudicative Board	YES: 73.01% NO: 26.99%	YES: 68.17% NO: 30.83%	PASSED
Amendment I Remove Right to Bail in First Degree Murder Cases	YES: 68.46% NO: 31.54%	YES: 70.59% NO: 29.41%	PASSED
Amendment J Remove Constitutional Definition of Marriage and Same-Sex Marriage Ban	YES: 64.27% NO: 35.73%	YES: 44.68% NO: 55.32%	PASSED
Amendment K Shortening of Initiative and Referendum Filing and Judicial Retention Filing Deadlines	YES: 44.82% NO: 55.18%	YES: 34.25% NO: 65.75%	FAILED
Proposition 127 Prohibit Hunting of Mountain Lion, Bobcat, and Lynx	YES: 45.15% NO: 54.85%	YES: 33.40% NO: 66.60%	FAILED
Proposition 128 Parole Eligibility Only After 85% of Sentence instead of 75%	YES: 62.14% NO: 37.86%	YES: 74.04% NO: 25.96%	PASSED
Proposition 129 Creation of the Profession of a Veterinary Professional Associate	YES: 52.70% NO: 47.30%	YES: 50.57% NO: 49.43%	PASSED
Proposition 130 Additional Law Enforcement Funding and Death Benefit	YES: 52.82% NO: 47.18%	YES: 60.31% NO: 39.69%	PASSED
Proposition 131 Top-Four Ranked-Choice Voting	YES: 46.29% NO: 53.71%	YES: 37.68% NO: 62.32%	FAILED
Proposition JJ Retain Sports Betting Tax Revenue for Water Projects	YES: 76.38% NO: 23.62%	YES: 63.40% NO: 36.60%	PASSED
Proposition KK Additional 6.5% Excise Tax on Firearms Dealers, Manufacturers, and Ammunition Vendors	YES: 54.34% NO: 45.66%	YES: 33.10% NO: 66.90%	PASSED

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In addition, Teller County and Woodland Park city residents voted on four local issues dealing with term limits of our coroner and surveyor, as well as school and ambulance funding.

Teller County Ballot Question 1A Remove Term Limits of the Teller County Coroner	YES: 44.36% NO: 55.64%	6,688 votes 8,389 votes	FAILED
Teller County Ballot Question 1B Remove Term Limits of the Teller County Surveyor	YES: 41.78% NO: 58.22%	6,303 votes 8,782 votes	FAILED
City of Woodland Park Ballot Question 2A Repeal of the 1.09% Special Sales Tax Collected for the Woodland Park School District	YES: 42.31% NO: 57.69%	2,121 votes 2,892 votes	FAILED
Ute Pass Regional Health Service District Ballot Issue 7A1 Collection of Additional Sales Tax of 1% for the Benefit of the Ambulance Services	YES: 58.34% NO: 41.66%	7,170 votes 5,120 votes	PASSED

Teller County had a voter turnout of 83.13%. The above results, therefore, outline the character of Teller County residents and send a clear message to our elected representatives, locally and statewide. This is a county that values family and the traditional definition of marriage. It values life and takes a strong stand against tax payer funded abortion. It believes in school choice and the authority of parents over the education of their children and is willing to invest in their future by supporting strong local schools. It is a community that supports its veterans and law enforcement forces as well as our local paramedics, that believes in a strict criminal justice system, and values its second amendment rights. Not all of these values are mirrored in the state wide election results. However, if anything, they act as a beacon of hope and a strong signal to those representing us in different government functions and bodies.

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bitcreed.us

Agile Project management, apps, security audits, recruiting, etc.
Contact us at info@bitcreed.us for a free initial consulting.

Your partner in all software matters

Raise Your Voice!

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Upcoming Community Dates:

- ◆ 11/20/2024, 6 p.m.: Community Engagement Forum with the Woodland Park Police Department at the Police Department.
- ◆ 11/21/2024, 9:15 a.m.: County Commissioners meeting at 112 North A Street in Cripple Creek.
- ◆ 11/21/2024, 6:30 p.m.: City Council meeting at City Hall, 220 W South Ave. ***pre-briefing and prayer at 6 p.m. at the Memorial Park flagpole.**
- ◆ 11/24/2024, 3-4 p.m.: Governmental Prayer at Java Haus.
- ◆ 11/26/2024, 5-6:30 p.m.: Braver Angels Community Conversation at the Library, topic: *"Somebody's gonna win. And we're still gonna need to talk."*

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to deliver David to Saul, though David was unaware of this. Essentially, David had moved from one place of danger to another place of greater danger.

As Saul advanced toward Horesh to capture David, he came close—until “a messenger came to Saul, saying, ‘Come quickly! The Philistines are raiding the land.’ Then Saul broke off his pursuit of David and went to meet the Philistines. That is why they call this place Sela Hammahlekoth (the rock of escape) (1 Samuel 23:28).

THE LESSON

God didn’t abandon David simply because he chose a place to go without specifically seeking divine guidance. No matter how long Saul searched, God protected David, ultimately sending a messenger to distract Saul and prevent him from capturing David. The Holy Spirit spoke to me, saying, “God will always offer direction and guidance, but even if we miss it or take steps He didn’t specifically lead us to, His grace is more than enough to shield us from danger—including self-inflicted dangers.” This reminded me of Lot’s choice of land. Drawn by the allure of Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot was nearly destroyed along with those cities. Yet, by God’s mercy and grace, he was rescued from their fate.

CALL TO ACTION

If you’ve prayed and are waiting to hear God’s instruction on where to go or what to do, but nothing seems clear, then – provided there’s no inner restraint – step forward in faith and do as you deem fit, trusting His mercy and grace to protect you. David and Lot both made poor decisions, yet God delivered them. Under the New Testament dispensation, we should always seek His guidance, but we must also rely on His mercy and grace, as we won’t always get it right.

From David’s and Lot’s examples, we see that even if we unknowingly walk into the mouth of the lion, God is faithful to deliver us. It’s His grace that sustains us, for without it, we are nothing.

Psalms 139:8-12

8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. 9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, 10 even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me

fast. 11 If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,” 12 even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Coming Up @ Your City Council Meeting:

BY NICOLE BRAUCHLI
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Please find the current agenda and supporting documents on the city’s website:

<https://woodlandparkco.portal.civicclerk.com/>

We encourage you to attend these public meetings and voice your opinion during public comment. Also, please email your council-members to make sure your voice is heard. Even a few emails have a tremendous impact on the council-member preparing for these meetings.



Here Is A Local, Christian-Owned Business We'd Like To Highlight:



Yourmoneymakeover.com

Love Letters With God - Awake

BY JULIA LEE
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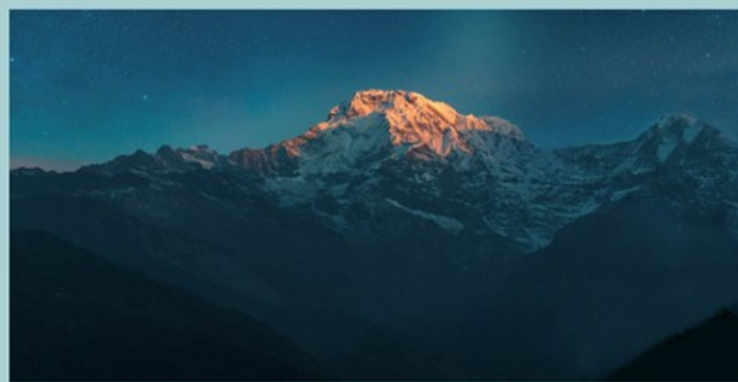
I will never forget when Jesus began to write the love letter “Awake” in my heart. I was alone one night in my bed preparing to go to sleep and I was thinking of my Lord Jesus. As I thought of Him, I was becoming increasingly more awake. What was interesting was it was the opposite of how I normally fall asleep. When I was a young child, the Lord told me to dream of Him and I loved this time with Him because it always kept the monsters away. I would imagine Him and I in a beautiful place filled with flowers and water and then I would fall asleep. On this night I was reminded of that time as a child, and I smiled to myself as the ears of my heart were quickened and I began to hear Him write “Awake” within me. With His loving voice He began to describe who I am in Him. It was a love letter to me about me from Him. It would be years later before I would find the same description of who we are in Christ Jesus in His Word. Can you imagine the excitement when I learned that Jesus will always confirm His words spoken into our hearts with His written living Word.

I especially love that our Lord’s voice is beautiful, loving, and kind. It reassures me that I am never alone, and He will quiet me with His words of love. In John 10:27 (NKJV) Jesus tells us that “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” Is it not wonderful – He knows us, and we hear His voice. The words He wrote into my heart that night have remained there to this day.

I am so thankful as children of God we are washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God. (1 Corinthians 6:11 NKJV). Jesus does everything that is impossible for us to do for ourselves when we become His. I truly wonder if we can know the depths of His love for us. In that love we are hidden in Him as Colossians 3: 3-4 (NKJV) tells us “3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.” Let us awaken to these powerful truths and seek Him with all our hearts.

In Ephesians 5:13-14 (NKJV) we are told that 13 “But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. 14 Therefore He says: “*Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.*”

Jesus gives us a life born anew from above, He illuminates us with His Light, and we will be hidden in Him until His return for us. Let us celebrate this good news, be thankful and full of hope because nothing can take us from Him because we are His. As it is written “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering for He who promised is faithful.” (Hebrews 10:23 NKJV). I encourage you to awaken to His glorious light and your newborn life in Christ Jesus. If you have never received salvation and want to be born anew into His marvelous light confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead and you will be saved. (Romans 10:9-10 NKJV). All God’s love and promises He gives freely to us for He tells us in 2 Corinthians 1:20 (NKJV) that “For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. Let us praise God for all His glory as we answer His call to “Awake” because He is faithful, and He will do it. (1 Thessalonians 5:24 NKJV).



*I am awake.
Luminescent from the sound of a voice
that never leaves me,
With heart in hand, I fear not,
For that which is true, binds and endures
forever.
For I am born anew,
Washed forever clean,
Encircled with His perfect love,
As I am forever hidden within Him.
No power shall ever take me from Him,
For He holds me in His perfect embrace
and His love traverses through me
in sweet unwavering peace.
His promise is fulfilled and
Shall never be undone.*

Is Your Heart Worth Multiplying – A Devotional

BY GABRIELLA BUCCI
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The bible talks about us being ambassadors of Christ. You know what an ambassador is right? An individual living in a country that isn't their own, representing their own country. Spiritually, that's us. Our home is heaven and we are here on earth as ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20-21). Knowing that, are we representing Christ and our true home well? Using this analogy and knowing that we are not representing just anything, but representing the King of kings, we can know that we have ALL been called to be leaders. Don't believe me? I didn't at first either.

Read 1 John 4:17:

'By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.'

This is one of my personal favorite verses on identity because it cuts to the point. Is Jesus a nobody? No, so neither are you. Is Jesus worthless? NO, definitely not. So, you aren't either. But, if you know anything about Jesus at all, you'd call Him a leader. So guess what? That makes you one.

John 17, verses 20-23 also really illustrate my point here. Feel free to read that on your own. Jesus is speaking in these verses about unity, about He in us and us in Him, abiding you could say for the purpose of the world to see. "...So that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me" (verse 23). You are a leader, regardless of your calling or purpose. God called you to lead your world in love. You may not have a physical leadership position, but, because you carry truth, you have something to give.

Spend time with Jesus and the world will notice and they will want it. The bible says that those who do are blessed. People who do live like this and know what they carry see multiplication in their life.

God multiplies those who's hearts are righteous, not evil. It's a law of His kingdom. So, the question for you as a leader remains: Is your heart worth multiplying? Would you want others to catch the same heart posture as yours?



Awake, O Sleeper, and Arise From the Dead, and Christ Will Shine On You

BY CHRISTY ENG
Kingdom Chronicle Staff

Hello friends of America! It's the dawning of a new day. We have been given a new chance to change things with our country like never before. Donald Trump has been re-elected and, if you are of the same mind as I, that signals good things on the horizon for this country.

There is so much to anticipate: the rescue of lost children in our country; the ending and prevention of wars; a return to police support and safety to our cities; economic upturn allowing the average man the ability to buy gas and groceries again without pain! Even, dare we hope for, the restored possibility of being able to buy a house! By those who want to actually live in them with their family! Truly worthy of anticipation is the return to the core beliefs necessary to a healthy society. And what is more, our constitution being deemed valuable and necessary again by those in governance, who want to do their best to protect the rights defined therein like the freedom of speech. Oh, what joy for the release of prisoners falsely accused by power hungry political regimes afraid of free speech and peaceful protest. We may be hopeful about the sentencing of criminals who sought to erode our country from under us for financial gain. As if all of that is not enough, do we dare to anticipate the actual bringing to justice of sexual offenders? Anticipation is palpable of our country becoming a country that keeps an account of whom they let in, for the safety of their populace. The count down to the inauguration feels to me quite like the countdown to Christmas as we say Hallelujah Jesus! Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God for the victory!

I implore you, my fellow sons and daughters of God, to let that rejoicing fuel your fire and not to go to sleep to our duty to this country as Christians ever again. Uniquely, in this country we embrace the ideas of God, in both the rule of law and in the structure of our governance, that Jesus has made each man a king in His Kingdom. Each of us has God-given value, purpose and identity, and each of us has a response to give. We are endowed with a beautiful responsibility of freedom to be the city on the hill that shines brightly and beautifully.

Winning the election has initiated our returning to liberty as a country. Tap into the Divine flow of freedom and realize it must never be let to return so close to the brink of death again. Rejoice, rest, recuperate and return,

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kings among men. Even if you are not a politician, or in a position of governance, do not sink into obscurity. Now is not the time for slumber. Do not go back to sleep to the needs of our country in this fateful hour. It is for each man to rise up like never before and seize the day! Take back your destiny with Christ to move and shake the ground so hell flees and trembles at our every step into our promised territory. Living this type of life can only be accomplished by those alive to God. Recognize God's abundant mercy toward our nation and let it stir your heart to a full repentance. Right now, we thank You Jesus for Your mercy today in our time of need. Help us to return to You.

In the wake of an astounding victory and the overflow of God's mercy I adjure you to continue to repent! Keep turning to God like never before and fill this country with His love, liberating truth and goodness. This is a day for life! Let us stir one another up to love and good deeds as we reflect on the amazing work of the God-fearing individuals that brought us here.

At the same time I would like to remind you that as a nation, "United We Stand, Divided We Fall". Too often, in our present times, we have been pitted against each other. We really do have enemies without and enemies within, but I would like to direct you to Jesus' words about our enemies and how we should treat them at this time. Read the following from Luke chapter 6,

*27 "But to you who are willing to listen, I say, **love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you.** 28 Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. 29 If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. 30 Give to anyone who asks; and when things are taken away from you, don't try to get them back. 31 Do to others as you would like them to do to you. 32 "If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! 33 And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! 34 And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return. 35 "Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to*

*those who are unthankful and wicked. 36 You must be **compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate** 37 "Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven. 38 Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."*

Remember, we are in this present distress because the church has been silent, but we have, also, won this present victory because the church has raised her voice. The people think God is the one causing the chaos and confusion and distress in their lives. Surely, that must awaken compassion in our hearts. Moreover, who will listen to us if they think we don't care about them? Will I give my attention and affection and devotion to those who mock me? It is only by compassion that we reunite the country and win souls for Jesus. The hard ground must be tilled with mercy and love. We can only win friends by being friendly. May our advancement be bathed and encompassed in love. Let us pave the way for the Spirit with our love. Let us be makers of good ground that the truth can take root in and give life to.

The democrats are not our enemies. The devil who has deceived them is the enemy. I am going to ask you not to mock them and gloat and make yourselves repulsive, dear sons of God, but instead to reveal yourselves as sons of God in compassion and mercy, even if the opposing party behaves poorly. Be a man that is friend to all and sees brothers in the making.

There is so much we can do locally to lift up God in our country and our community. Our own writer, Nicole Brauchli, keeps us informed regarding the current events in our community. We can engage in order to make our voices heard in our local government including: city council meetings, school board meetings, community engagement forums with our local sheriff's office, and other important local events. Our country will not be reformed unless we get up the gumption to get down on the ground level and speak up. So let us stir ourselves to action and let us unite with Jesus and bring others into the beauty of that unity. Can today be the day we choose to live fully and live free with Jesus, friends?

What Do We Do In the Wake of 79?

BY CHRISTY ENG
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In our very first edition, Nicole recounted the events of the Woodland Park school board meeting last year and posted an excerpt to the preamble of the Constitution of the State of Colorado which I will repost for you here:

“We, the people of Colorado, with profound reverence for the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, in order to form a more independent and perfect government; establish justice; insure tranquility; provide for the common defense; promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the “State of Colorado.”

In the wake of victory and defeat, my message remains very much the same, hold up hope. As you know by now, the state of Colorado has failed to uphold the aforementioned pledge, “to establish justice,” for its smallest members – the unborn. Colorado has certainly failed her children in the promise “to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.” Indeed, Amendment 79 flies in the face of the our Lord, who gives all life, that we at the Kingdom Chronicle recognize to be King Jesus Himself, “ the Supreme Ruler of the Universe.” That means abortion has just been written into our state’s constitution. Despite this, all hope is not lost and this amendment doesn’t mean all babies are doomed in Colorado. It just means we need to go on and continue to be a voice for the voiceless like never before. If we can touch the hearts of women with the gospel, with the good news of life and the true sacrificial love that has been given to them, then we can empower them to do the same. With support for the women considering an abortion, we can make abortions-on-demand no longer desired.

If you know someone who is in a compromising position and might be considering an abortion, let them know there is support from those who care. Take a look at Life Network, a pro-life organization that is in Colorado Springs. They serve and support our community in a variety of ways. This is an excerpt from their website:

“The Colorado Springs Pregnancy Centers meet women and men facing unplanned pregnancies in their time of need. Through providing free medical services in

conjunction with compassionate, nonjudgmental options counseling and the promise of future support, we empower our patients to make life-affirming choices for their families.”

Having just opened up a fourth pregnancy center in Colorado Springs, they are a beacon of hope in Colorado for so many young people who are scared and deceived. Additionally, Choices is one of our local pro-life organizations worthy of our support. They are smaller, but have so much to give and have been operating in Teller county for 35 years. Both organizations welcome and depend on the support of volunteers in their centers and those who can donate monetarily to support the cause of knowledge, truth and life. Please pray about whether you can support them in one of these ways and raise your voice so that the women in our communities know they are there for them.

I would like to draw your attention to a little known group called Abolitionists Rising, in Oklahoma. They advocate for the sanctity of human life for the smallest members of our country and call for the end of abortion. One of the things we can do to make a difference is to follow their example, pick up a sign and go to your city’s college campus to patiently speak the truth in love to the minds and hearts taught to support and celebrate death. Hearts and minds on the ground is the only way we are going to reach them, by going where they are and offering a different perspective, the perspective of Jesus. They also have a petition you can find on their website to abolish abortion. I ask you to give your attention to this scripture as we simultaneously celebrate and are grieved. Continue to choose to rejoice, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.

Philippians 4:4-8 (AMPC)

4 Rejoice in the Lord always [delight, gladden yourselves in Him]; again I say, Rejoice! 5 Let all men know and perceive and recognize your unselfishness (your considerateness, your forbearing spirit). The Lord is near [He is coming soon]. 6 Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God. 7 And God’s peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a

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soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. 8 For the rest, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is worthy of reverence and is honorable and seemly, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely and lovable, whatever is kind and winsome and gracious, if there is any virtue and excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think on and weigh and take account of these things [fix your minds on them].

Let's think about how God has saved our lives from death and how we can save the lives of fathers, mothers and babies, even in the face of evil, by acting in love and speaking the truth with quickness, clarity and compassion. On this topic I also have a poem published in the Chronicle's 16th Edition called "Inside Me". Feel free to share this with your family and friends with an artistic heart and a pro-abortion stance. My hope is it will help them think deeper about the question of life and be softened towards it.

Here are the contacts for you to get involved with any of the organizations above:

Choices Pregnancy Center: You Are Not Alone

Call us: 719-284-2300
Text us: 719-694-3201
Email us: info@whatchoices.com

Life Network

3700 Galley Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80909
(719) 591-2609
www.elifenetwork.com

Abolitionists Rising

<https://abolitionistsrising.com>

City Council Opens Pathway to Magic

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Mushrooms in Woodland Park

On November 7, 2024, the City Council of Woodland Park had its first meeting since the election. Due to the incoming snow storm, the meeting was moved to a zoom meeting with council-members attending from home. The sole agenda item was the question of a moratorium on new natural medicine businesses, specifically such administering psilocybin, also known as magic mushrooms. The council unanimously voted to adopt a six-month moratorium on new natural medicine businesses. This temporary halt aims to provide the council time to develop local regulations for these businesses, which Colorado legalized in 2022 under Proposition 122. The proposition was accepted at the time by 53.64% of Colorado voters, although clearly rejected in Teller County by 57.1% of the residents.

Proposition 122 decriminalized psilocybin for adults over 21 and allowed supervised administration at licensed "healing centers." City Attorney Geoff Wilson emphasized that the moratorium would allow Woodland Park to craft a legal and regulatory framework for these new businesses. Although the moratorium is for six months, the council noted it could be lifted sooner if regulations are set before then. The city council will hold a work session on psilocybin businesses in January and invited local advocate Jason Friesma, who has long supported accessible mental health treatments, to speak at the session. In his public comment, Friesma highlighted the stigma surrounding psychedelic-assisted therapies and the importance of open access to these services, especially in veteran communities such as Teller County.

The move comes as Colorado finalizes its statewide regulatory framework for psilocybin treatment, with healing centers set to begin operations by 2025. The state's guidelines mandate that psilocybin must be administered under supervision at licensed facilities, where doses are administered in controlled environments by trained facilitators. Patients cannot take these products home, and sessions may last three to six hours depending on dosage.

The next City Council meeting will take place on November 21 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Citizens are invited to attend and make their voices heard during public comment.

Gratitude: The Bridge to Trusting God

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We are living in exciting times and Thanksgiving is just around the corner! Yet is something amiss? Are you feeling there are so many blessings around you, but you still feel numb? Or perhaps you feel your world is falling apart and there is nothing to be grateful for?

This season of joy can quickly be displaced by stressors and worries when we don't know how to make ends meet. Or when we've lost something or someone precious. Even when the logistics of holidays don't work in our favor. Oddly enough I found myself feeling despondent in this season feeling pushed around by the pressures of life. Yet I am usually a joyful, peace protected soul. What happened?

Then I realized I just hadn't used my secret weapon in a while – the secret practice of gratitude. It is a spiritual treasure hunt that never fails to revive my soul. Gratitude literally drives away all anxiety, worry and despondency. I've been in times where I didn't know how rent would be paid, how relationships would resolve, or how grief and heartbreak would be forded, but God has never failed me in this practice no matter how severe the malady I faced. If you doubt that this trusty remedy could really be effective, or if you find yourself saying "This is too simple to work for me, I've got big problems.", let me tell you, you'd be right. Because we are also meant to pray. To include and invite God into the situation and to trust Him to love us enough to work on our behalf.

No matter what problem you are facing, I promise God is bigger and He cares. When we look at all the ways He has already blessed us, all of a sudden it is like a bridge is laid to trusting Him more and all the worries and cares flow effortlessly away underneath you like a stream flowing beneath you unable to touch you any more because you are connected to Love Himself. Love broke through when I was at my darkest place in depression, feeling unworthy and worthless, burdened by the utter loneliness I felt, but God carried me up for life and air with His love – just by being with me. God is with you now, dear friend.

Now I dare you to take these words of life seriously and try it with me. Ask God for help in whatever situation that is troubling you and then thank Him for helping you with it. Then go on to find 3 things to be grateful for. Really specific things are best. Things that are deep in your heart that you are very blessed by. I'll share my examples with you:

1. Thank You for the beautiful elephant plant purifying the air in my room with it's abundance of perky pink and green leaves. Thank You that You've helped me keep it alive, well, and that it has the ability to release oxygen like all the plants in all the world You've designed to benefit me.
2. Thank You for the glistening sparkling snow. Thank You for making each snowflake so beautiful and unique, and for making me so unique too. Thank You for grouping them together to amaze me every winter and provide so much fun in snow forts, sledding and snow angels. Thank You for the warm hot chocolate warming my cold hands that so many people worked together to get to me. Thank You for keeping them alive.
3. Thank You for my very breath, for how well You fashioned my intricate lungs to sustain my life with every breath in and out. Thank You for how You caused it to be diffused into my blood and pump through every limb and organ of my body. Thank You for how You gave Your love and Your blood on the cross to be with me and to heal me. Thank You for Your life Lord. Thank You for giving me life.

The more that you do this the easier it gets and the more you look for things to be grateful for the more you will be submerged in His basking peace. Pray and cast your cares upon Jesus, for He cares for you. I challenge you to start thanking Him for the most mundane things you can find around you and notice every detail. It becomes easier to breathe in no time.

I encourage you to do this every day, maybe twice or three times a day, as routine and see the peace of God carry you. Especially enact this practice of prayer and gratitude-hunting when anxiety tries to jump on you. Don't let it stay even a minute! Peace will knock that sucker right off of you when you pray with gratitude. Write these things down as a list in a journal of gratitude and see how your peace grows and continues and the beauty in your life becomes evident.

God bless you, dear readers, and happy gratitude hunting!

Gratefully, Christy Eng