

Seeking God's Wisdom for Virginia

Welcome! Thank you for coming this evening to think, pray, and learn with us about the sanctity of life and the current issues involving abortion in our community and state. We're so glad you are here.

Evening Schedule

- **Thinking Biblically about Human Life**

The Rev. Dr. Allen Roberts, MD, MDiv, and TFCA priest

- **A Closer Look at the proposed "Fundamental Right to Reproductive Freedom" Amendment**

Jeanne Lee, TFCA Anglicans for Life

- **Q&A**

- **Intercession and Corporate Prayer**

Lesley Hackman, TFCA Healing & Intercessory Prayer Ministry

We will conclude at 8:30pm - but you are welcome to stay afterwards to talk and pray.

Scriptures

Prov 31:8 *Speak for those who cannot speak; seek justice for all those on the verge of destruction.*

Jer 29:7 *But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.*

Reflections

How does our Christian faith frame our understanding of the value of human life?

How can we find common ground with others in order to protect life?

For anyone impacted by abortion

If your life has been touched by abortion, whether as a woman or a man, please know that God's mercy is real and healing is possible. Our clergy are available to listen confidentially, pray with you, and help you find a path toward restoration.

You may reach out to:

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Thinking Biblically about Human Life

I. Welcome, introduction and prayer.

My name is Allen Roberts; I've been a physician in practice for more than four decades, an ethicist for the last decade, and more recently, I was ordained to the diaconate two years ago and to the priesthood earlier this year.

A decade ago, I went before the DC City Council to express my strong opposition to the assisted suicide bill. Unsuccessfully, it turned out. They were a tough audience.

I was honored to be asked to set us in motion this evening, as we look to a proposed amendment this fall in the Virginia Legislature. Please join me as I open us in prayer.

The Lord be with you.

Go before us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, through your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

II. Foundations and coordinates

I'm going to tell you how, broadly speaking, I have come to think about Christian bioethics, or more properly, bioethics as seen from a Christian orientation.

Some years ago, I traveled with my family to Venice and visited the Doge Palace. I was utterly captivated by one large room with a mural painting of the Final Judgment. The mural is huge, and covers all four walls,,,Christ in his judgment seat in the front and myriad upon myriad souls – and wherever they were on any panel of the walls, each person was in some way looking at or oriented toward Jesus. This is, of course, how we are to see life and our own lives, but it is also a metaphor for how we can understand ethics. As a matter of reality, our ethics must be continually looking to, oriented toward, Christ.

III. Foundation:

only one foundation, that is Christ.

Oliver O'Donovan quote –

“All Christian Ethics depends upon the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

IV.

V. Coordinates

- “coordinates” of any discussion of ethics. Coordinates on a map are what *orient* us to our location – both our starting point and our destination. Our map is Virginia.

And so, we are called to have a presence, in some way, in Virginia in the months ahead, specifically regarding a proposed amendment to the Virginia constitution that has concerning provisions.

VI. First Coordinate:

Biologically we know that a human being is created at conception.

But theologically – actually before and behind theology we have to admit that there is deep mystery.

We are created in God's image. Christ is God the Son. The SECOND PERSON of the Trinity.

This is the certain and confident and unqualified assertion of the Bible.

But today in ethics literature we read about **personhood** – when, during embryonic development does someone become a person? This is a secular philosophical approach. This is humankind, the wisdom of the world, trying to make sense of itself on its own terms.

Christian ethics, instead, beckons us to the fact that we cannot possibly understand ourselves unless are founded in, and oriented toward, the mighty Triune God.

And so, the REAL question to ask is, at what moment was God the Son “made man,” as we affirm every Sunday in the Creed?

And the answer is, acknowledged through all Christian history:

God the Son took on flesh

at the moment of conception, in the town of Nazareth.

It is here and only here that we find our answer to the question of when do we have personhood. It is in the very Incarnation of Christ. The fertilized egg is an image bearer of God, fully, and without exception.

First Coordinate: Incarnation

VII. Second coordinate:

Think of The return of Christ.

Matthew 25, the parable of the sheep and the goats, gives us an undeniably frightening vision -

Inasmuch as you have done it to the least of these,” says the Son of Man in His glory, “you did it to me.” The least of these.

Second coordinate:

The most vulnerable, the most voiceless. In the womb approaching the moment of birth, and in the hospital bed, approaching the moment of death. And our present concern is for the first of these.

VIII. Pause for a “case report.”

I personally know of a case wherein a patient sought a second trimester abortion in a “sanctuary” jurisdiction to get the abortion, after failing to obtain one in her hometown. She was at 24 + weeks of gestation.

She underwent the procedure, the details of which are disturbing, and was sent to a hotel with instructions to return to the clinic in the morning for completion of the abortion.

But when severe pain and bleeding occurred, EMS brought her to an emergency room. Ultrasound confirmed fetal demise, and a deceased fetus was delivered, and taken to another room.

But – some minutes later, the baby showed signs of life and was resuscitated and admitted to the NICU. The child is alive and well and in the care of her biological father and family, with whom I have been in touch.

IX. Before we get to the 3rd coordinate, the lesson here is this:

There is another patient in this story. The child's biological mother is also vulnerable, even voiceless, inasmuch as that which she was going through – the turmoil of what to do in the moment – and whatever she may experience in the days and years that follow – cannot be voiced. May be unspeakable. This woman needs every bit of the tender care and support we give the infant and it doesn't matter where she may "land" in this.

And so the "third coordinate" in ALL of Christian ethics is that we be Jesus' hands, feet, and voice.

Christian pastoral ethics is not about showing up as the Scribes and Pharisees who dragged to Jesus the woman caught in the act (John 8). We are not the mob carrying "ethical torches and moral clubs."

Jesus' first admonition was not to the woman, but to the Pharisees.

Rather, what we seek to do in pastoral Christian ethics is ask, "what are the things that need to be considered," and then to bid our listeners hear Jesus' voice:

"Come unto me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest..."
(Matt 11:28)

You never know where that young mother, that young father, that infant - may show up. Maybe one day at an AFL meeting.

Some Definitions

There is a spectrum of definitions in the medical and secular spaces. For practical purposes, broadly speaking as pertains to the Virginia legislation, there are three categories:

Spontaneous abortion – or miscarriage. This is not in question

Elective abortion, whether accomplished by a medication or a procedure, is what the legislation is mainly about, and therefore the focus of our concerns.

Medically "indicated" or "necessitated" abortion: Abortion performed in the setting of pregnancy which carries extremely high risk of death for the mother.

Finally, Christians in the Public Square:

The public square in Virginia, like the one in DC, is not the least bit interested in what this group has to say.

Edmund Pellegrino, the foremost Christian physician ethicist of the 20th century, wrote this:

“The public duty of Christians is to engage in public debate. Observing charity towards those who disagree, persevering in dialogue...from a firm grounding in biblical and traditional sources of Christian ethics, exhibiting charity in their own behavior, and taking the ridicule and counterarguments with patience.....

In short, we must evangelize in the best sense of that term – to teach and be witnesses to the truth as we understand it in the Christian tradition.”

In short – the activist who is in your face – needs to see in us the same tenderness as we show infant and the mother.

Be wise as a serpent and gentle as a dove.

There is great harm, we believe, that will come to many of the most voiceless and vulnerable, should this legislation go forward.

Friends, when we in the name of Christ proclaim the protection of the unborn, the refuge and safe space for the confused and broken-hearted, and the love of our enemies, were are proclaiming Christ and His Gospel.

I bid you go forth and proclaim Christ.

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A Closer Look at the Proposed "Fundamental Right to Reproductive Freedom" Amendment

I'm Jeanne Lee, co leader with Wendy Wright, of Anglicans for Life here at The Falls Church. You can learn more about what this group is up to year round at the side table and you are very welcome to join us anytime! Thank you so much for coming, for caring about this issue. I thank our church leadership for giving us this opportunity to gather and all our church does to uphold the sanctity of life both within the church and in our local community.

Just letting you know that if you have any questions as you listen to this, or from hearing Dr. Roberts, please write them on the notecards at your table. You can put these in the basket on that little table during our short break, and there will be a Q&A time afterwards.

I have been part of concerned citizen groups for over a year following the Amendment and will take us on a quick, but deeper dive to understand it better. Most of this information can also be found on our website in a document called in-depth look at the amendment - click QR code.

So let's start with looking at the current situation with abortion in Virginia. Since the Supreme Court Dobbs decision in 2022 sending the abortion issue back to the states the states have gone in different directions - (map on side table that gives a picture of how that has played out)

12 states life protected from conception; abortion is not legal
11 states abortion legal up to birth for any reason
remaining states fall somewhere inbetween

Chem abortion has muddied waters. Get pills thru mail without an inperson doctor visit- so now pills going into all states, even where abortion is illegal. VERY easy to get; you can pretend online that you are anybody. Hard to know how many abortions are done through the pill - some est as high as 65%. We do know that statistics show very high rate of complications for women taking these pills.

So what about Virginia? In Virginia abortion is currently legal throughout all pregnancy with guardrails for late term abortion

- **first trimester** you can get an abortion for any reason from a physician or nurse practitioner.
N. VA 4 abortion businesses - one very close to our church (2k est)
- **second trimester** an abortion can be performed for any reason and but requires a physician. After viability (at approximately 23 weeks) an abortion must be in a hospital.
- **third trimester** an abortion must take place in a hospital with the physician and two consulting physicians must certify that continuation of the pregnancy will result in the death of the mother or substantially impair her mental or physical health. Medical services must also be provided for the infant if he/she born alive.

It's important to note that a licensed physician (in VA and all states) may terminate a pregnancy at any stage if medically necessary for the life or health of the mother.

Several protections in Virginia have been struck down the last few years- needing physician license in 1T, 24 hr waiting period, safety regulations specific for abortion facilities, inspected unannounced every 2 years w/info made public (see chart on side table with excerpts from inspections of area abortion clinics - lots of citations, not always sanitary, not always following safety protocols). Unfortunately the last inspections were in 2016 and shortly after that the VDH stopped doing them.

Abortion numbers have skyrocketed in Virginia last few years. Estimated at almost 40,000 a year, again hard to know with chemical abortion. big rise in # coming from out of state.

So if people say you won't be able to get an abortion if this amendment doesn't pass, not true, the current laws all remain in effect, with abortion legal throughout all of pregnancy.

WHAT ABOUT THE REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AMENDMENT

First thing to point out is

Constitution is highest law of land - 2 year process in VA to amend the constitution; will impact all related legislation in the state. Maybe not immediately, but as people challenge laws in court, judges have to interpret and uphold the constitution, so existing laws could be struck down and new laws or regulations could be blocked.

Also you as the voter will not be able to read the actual amendment in the voting booth

Read Ballot Question - written by the proposers of the amendment

at first glance many people will find this reasonable

- will think yes I'm in favor of making my own personal medical decisions, I don't want the govt coming between me and my doctor, I don't want doctors to be penalized for treating their patients, I certainly want women to be able to get care for a miscarriage, and yeh, I AM uncomfortable with late term abortion and agree we need some restrictions on that. Looks like this amendment provides for that.

Unfortunately, the ballot language is very misleading. Lawsuit filed by the legal arm of The Family Foundation, won't get ruled on until after election. Making case that voters won't really know what they are voting on or what the ramifications are.

Let's look at actual amendment now

This sheet highlights concerns where you might find common ground with others who may or may not be approaching the issue from a Biblical worldview but who are thoughtful people.

Amendment adds no new protections for women's health

Virginia law already safeguards care for miscarriage and any medical complications related to pregnancy. If the mother's health is at risk, a pregnancy can be ended by at any time.

(1) Instead we are concerned it could remove protections for the woman seeking an abortion

How would this happen?

Second paragraph - An individual's right to reproductive freedom shall not be, directly or indirectly, denied, burdened, or infringed upon unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

These words have a specific legal meaning creating a high bar to put any guardrails on abortion. After I'm done, Attorney Marc Wheat, a longtime member of our church, will explain this a bit more and what has happened in other states that have passed similar amendments.

In the bottom paragraph, it does say that a state can regulate abortion to protect the health of the individual consistent with accepted clinical standards of care. It doesn't specify whose clinical standards these are and we know that already little oversight, with the abortion industry basically regulating itself.

The last sentence also implies that, even state standards can't infringe on an individual's autonomous decision-making..."I'm willing to assume certain risks, I need the quickest, cheapest option, and you can't impede me in this fundamental right."

So what might happen? Concern **that the amendment would remove remaining guardrails:**

(1) on who can perform an abortion

It could maybe lead to unlicensed providers doing abortions and distributing abortion pills.

(2) on where an abortion can be performed

open up street clinics allowed to perform T2 & T3 abortions like in MD & DC. And they won't be inspected.

Amendment wording makes it hard to prosecute bad actors

Second to last paragraph it says - the state cannot "not take adverse action on someone for helping" someone else exercise this right to reproductive freedom.

- framing important - you might picture your regular doctor that you trust and admire, she knows you and you know her. But in the case of the abortion industry, there really isn't an ongoing doctor/patient relationship and we know that people are cutting corners (like the inspection report showed).

So this could weaken the ability of injured women and families to press charges for negligence or malpractice or to put in place guardrails on an abortion business. We know that historically, bad things have happened to woman at abortion clinics where there is a lack of oversight.

This could also carve out protection for pharmaceutical companies related the abortion pills and how they are distributed.

We want safety for the woman in whatever decision she makes. This amendment erodes safety and is written to protect a for-profit abortion industry.

(2) Remove protections for minors

Currently, parental consent is required for a minor to have an abortion. A minor can seek a judicial bypass if there is a legitimate reason why she can't go to her parent.

The Amendment wording says every "individual" has this fundamental right to reproductive freedom, which means any age. Legal scholars concerned that parental rights will be struck down. A teen under 18 could get an abortion without the parent ever knowing it happened. If a young girl is seeking an abortion, someone besides abortionist should know- is there coercion, trafficking? An abortion will have lifelong ramifications for this young girl.

This will affect not only abortion but possibly transgender treatments if deemed to be a reproductive right, and parents could be left out of the loop there also. Parents are involved in every other medical procedure on their minor child, so this is something that most people would probably not be in favor of.

(3) Allowing abortion thru all 9 months for any reason

The ballot question makes it sound like the state can regulate abortion in the 3rd trimester. Misleading - go from 3 physicians involved in a hospital to one physician (the abortionist being paid), perhaps in a street clinic to approve an abortion for any type of mental health reason, which means basically could mean for any reason. The Amendment could also remove care for any late term infants born alive.

In late term abortion, these babies can survive outside the womb; feel pain. Surveys show that only 22% of people are in favor of late term abortion being legal for any reason.

Some people think this only happens when the baby has a serious health condition or the mother's life in danger, but in states where late term abortion is legal for any reason, there is no data to support the idea that all or even most later abortions are medically necessary or for fetal anomaly.

Even pro-choice organizations acknowledge this - you can find links to this information on the indepth document. The majority of these abortions are taking place primarily for the same reasons as abortions earlier in pregnancy, i.e. stressful circumstances, single motherhood, financial pressure.

(4) Require taxpayer funding of all abortion

Currently abortion is covered by Virginia Medicaid for very limited cases but as a fundamental right, it will likely lead to coverage for abortion for any reason at any time and possibly a state requirement that all insurance companies cover abortion throughout pregnancy, whether they want to or not.

***Public funds** may only be used for abortion in Virginia for very limited reasons - where pregnancy results from rape or incest, or where the fetus is believed to have incapacitating physical deformity or mental deficiency, or where the pregnancy threatens the life or health of the mother.*

This leads to another point not on the sheet- Removal of conscience protections

Currently VA does have a conscience clause for medical professionals related to abortion, which could get struck down. Doctors and pregnancy centers could be open to lawsuits for indirectly infringing on someone's reproductive rights if they don't participate in or even refer for abortion. It could also impact the work of peaceful sidewalk counselors offering help to women outside of abortion mills.

I hope this sheet is helpful - just to keep some of the main points in your mind, maybe to give to someone who is unaware of the amendment wording. The digital version can be found through that QR code. There are lots of good resources provided by other organizations - you might find something that is more helpful for you. There is a printout on the side table of other good websites that you might want to take home and check out later. Just want to say there is great work being done by **The Family Foundation, The VA Society for Human Life, a grassroots group called Virginians for Preborn Justice** all trying to educate about this amendment. A side table also has a handout written more directly to the Church, to Christians, on the amendment.

One way I find helpful to remember the key concerns when talking with others, is that the amendment is (1) **Too risky** - thinking about protections for women's safety/minors, (2) **too extreme** - thinking about the unborn child, expands abortion into all 9mths any reason, (3) **too permanent** - in constitution. (impossible to make adjustments later without passing another amendment which takes 2 years)

Here's a closing thought, studies have shown that almost 70% of women felt pressure to abort and would have not had abortion if had more support. They didn't want abortion—they wanted help and hope, and felt they had no option. At our church we want to be part of that solution, working with pregnancy help centers and in other ways, so that abortion is never seen as the answer.



"Fundamental Right to Reproductive Freedom" **An amendment to the Virginia Constitution** **on the November 3, 2026 ballot**

Abortion is currently legal in Virginia through all nine months of pregnancy, with certain requirements for late term abortion and abortion providers. The vague, sweeping wording of this amendment will very likely:

(1) Remove protections for women

The amendment will make it difficult to enact and enforce reasonable safeguards on who can perform an abortion and where abortions can take place. It could also prevent or deter investigations into coerced abortion or negligence by practitioners.

The amendment adds no new protections for women's health. Virginia law already safeguards care for miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, and other medical complications. A pregnancy can be ended by early delivery if a woman's health is at risk.

(2) Remove protections for minors

Current Virginia law requires parental consent before a minor receives an abortion, with an exception for judicial bypass when needed. With no age specification, this amendment will remove adult oversight (except for the abortion provider), with minors vulnerable to undue pressure and trafficking. It could also extend to transgender procedures on minors without parental consent.

(3) Allow abortion throughout all nine months anywhere for any reason

Third trimester abortion will no longer need to be performed in a hospital, and only the abortion provider (rather than three physicians) will need to approve it. Infants who can survive outside the womb could be aborted for any reason.

(4) Require taxpayer funding of all abortion

Public funds can currently be used for abortion in Virginia in certain limited circumstances. As a "fundamental right", funding could be extended to cover all abortions for any reason at any time.

The implications from this amendment are beyond what most Virginians favor. The full amendment will not be included on the ballot, only a summary question which omits possible legal outcomes.

Find the actual amendment, ballot language, and more details here --->

<https://www.tfcafl.org/amendment>



Proposed Amendment to Virginia Constitution - November 3, 2026

BALLOT QUESTION

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to

(i) protect the freedom to make personal decisions about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care;

(ii) protect doctors, nurses, and patients from being punished for these decisions; and

(iii) allow for restrictions on access to abortion during the third trimester of pregnancy except when the patient's health is at risk or the pregnancy cannot survive?

FULL AMENDMENT

Article I, BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 11-A: Fundamental Right to Reproductive Freedom

That every individual has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, including the ability to make and carry out decisions relating to one's own prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, abortion care, miscarriage management, and fertility care.

An individual's right to reproductive freedom shall not be, directly or indirectly, denied, burdened, or infringed upon unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

Notwithstanding the above, the Commonwealth may regulate the provision of abortion care in the third trimester, provided that in no circumstance shall the Commonwealth prohibit an abortion (i) that in the professional judgment of a physician is medically indicated to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual or (ii) when in the professional judgment of a physician the fetus is not viable.

The Commonwealth shall not discriminate in the protection or enforcement of this fundamental right.

The Commonwealth shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against an individual based on such individual's own exercise of this fundamental right or such individual's own actual, potential, perceived, or alleged pregnancy outcomes, including miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. The Commonwealth shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against any individual for aiding or assisting another individual in exercising such other individual's right to reproductive freedom with such other individual's voluntary consent.

For the purposes of this section, a state interest is compelling only if it is for the limited purpose of maintaining or improving the health of an individual seeking care, consistent with accepted clinical standards of care and evidence-based medicine, and does not infringe on that individual's autonomous decision making.

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Intercession and Corporate Prayer (facilitated by Lesley Hackman)

Lord, we come before You seeking Your wisdom in how to pray for those who cannot speak for themselves and how we, as Your disciples, are to pray for and respond to those who deny Your sovereignty and reject the truth of Your word regarding the sanctity of Life from conception to natural death. We welcome Your Holy Spirit to guide and empower us as we intercede for:

1. To Equip God's Body of Christ to be Faithful Witnesses

Please pray for

- **Us to have humble hearts** and for the Lord to deliver us from pride and self-righteousness for “all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.” Therefore, may we love the vulnerable, the fearful, and sinful because we recognize our own vulnerability, fear, and sin, and what God has done for us.
- **An increase in forgiveness in the Church and the culture;** so that we will not condemn those who have fallen prey to sin (generated from either internal or external temptations). Pray that we will be a people who we will forgive, and willingly, as one forgiven a great debt. (Matt 18:21-35 – debtor who was forgiven a great but did not forgive another's debt.)
- **God's Church to be a voice for the sanctity of human life,** not forget who we are in Christ, and to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. *“You shall not oppress a sojourner. You know the heart of a sojourner, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.”* (Exodus 23:9)
- **Us to be comforters for those who need support and healing related to any struggles or failures to uphold life.** God *“comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”* (2 Cor 1:4). Pray for Holy Spirit love to abound in us so that we will love beyond our human ability to do so. Then we will love, remembering Jesus words, *“just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.”* (John 13:34)
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- **The Lord to raise up within our churches advocates for life;** for us to be disciple, equip and affirm those who will serve in all areas of influence including missions and outreach, education, government, health and welfare, finance and business, technical and non-technical support systems, media, art and entertainment (etc.) -
May our congregations be aware and responsive in those areas in which the Lord has given us to create a culture shift toward righteousness for His name's sake.

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you, life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore, choose life, that you and your offspring may live," (Deut. 30:19)

2. For the Protection of Preborn Children and Their Families

A. Prayer for Those Considering Abortion. Please pray for:

- **Women seeking abortions** as a solution to a difficult or unplanned pregnancy *to choose life!*
- **Fathers of preborn children** to take a stand for the life of their child with wisdom and courage.
- **Innocent children** who are created in God's image, who are in danger of violent death.
- **Divine appointments and protection** from the enemy, as decisions are being made.
- **Connections to be made with pregnancy help centers**, within the community and through educational systems.

B. Prayer for Those Wounded by Past Abortion Please pray for:

- **Men, women, and family members impacted by past abortion(s)** to acknowledge their needs and earnestly receive healing and support.
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- **Holy spirit wisdom for church leaders and congregants** to minister to those who have been affected.
 - **The increased development and awareness of options** for post-abortion healing.

C. Prayer for Unplanned Pregnancy Support. Please pray for:

- **Protection and resources** for pregnancy support centers.
- **the Lord to bless family members, friends, and school counselors** with wisdom and courage to intervene with compassion in order to uphold God's gift of life.
- **Divine appointments** for "sidewalk counselors" at abortion centers and for them to have courage and wisdom to speak truth in love to those entering the facility.
- **An increase of teen pregnancy support groups** (such as "YoungLives") in leading young mothers/fathers to encounter Jesus.
- **Holy Spirit guidance for development of church pregnancy support groups to network** (ex. Pregnancy Support Networks of VA)
- **Facilitation of getting women/men plugged into their local church** for ongoing support and discipleship.
- **Healthcare providers to demand that children who survive abortion receive medical care.**
- **The expansion of "Save Haven Boxes"** in local fire stations/hospitals where newborns can be brought without recrimination

D. Prayer for Christian Adoption and Foster Care Agencies Please pray for:

- **An increasing willingness in Churches** to participate in Foster Care and wrap around families with emotional, spiritual and financial support.
- **Their legal and constitutional protection** to place children in families that uphold biblical family principles.

E. Prayer for Abortion Center Owners and Employees Please pray for:

- **Abortions Centers be held accountable for health violations and to close down as an abortion provider.** those facilities to be re-purposed for godly purposes to bless the neighborhoods.
- **God's blessing of alternate provision** – that owners and employees would come to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and God would lead employees to better opportunities through godly work.

3. Virginia's State and Local Elected and Appointed Leaders

"The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple." (Ps. 19:7)

Please pray for:

- **Any person who is serving in our state government who does not yet know Jesus** as their Saviour would humbly receive Jesus as Lord over every aspect of their lives.

- **Our Governor, State Commissioners, and all who are in governmental positions** in VA to be pro-active in upholding systems that would protect the lives of the preborn, newborn, babies who survive abortion, those who are physically, emotionally and/or cognitively compromised, and young women who have been sexually exploited or forced to have abortions.
- **Those serving in the VA Senate and House of Delegates** to be obedient to God's word regarding the preservation and protection of all human life and those systems and laws that uphold the covenant of marriage and parental authority. For divine appointment and protection from the enemy as decisions are being made regarding laws that allow the destruction of children after natural birth under certain timelines.
- **Appointments of judges** at all levels of our state's Judicial System who support the sanctity of Life. Pray for Holy Spirit wisdom in each judgement being made regarding the sanctity of life, for legal protection over those who supply support and healing to the most vulnerable, and for upholding religious and parental rights guaranteed in our nation's Constitution.
- **Those who regulate financial allocations** to steward government-generated funding in line with God's will; to negate ties to organizations that oppose the sanctity of life.
- **Pro-life government officials, election influencers, and media outlets** to speak boldly and persuasively for life, and for the removal of those opposed to God's will.
- **Community leaders and local citizens** to vote for and influence government representatives to preserve and protect life. Pray for the raising up of grassroots network organizations that will influence public opinion and the election of officials for the purposes of supporting those who have chosen Life for their children even under difficult circumstances.