



What a great day at the [2026 Pennsylvania March for Life!](#) Thousands gathered at the Capitol to celebrate life, pray, worship, and remind our state that every human life is valuable because every person is made in the image of God. But while the March for Life is an important public witness, our commitment to life cannot end with the march.

This is personal for my family. About a year ago, my wife and I found out we were expecting another child, an unexpected pregnancy in my 50s. During her first doctor's visit, my wife mentioned that having a baby at our age might be more challenging. The doctor responded, "Oh, are you keeping it?"

The question shocked us.

It was as if our age should cause us to consider whether we wanted to abort our baby. Yes, of course we were keeping her! Emmaline Grace is now 10 months old and just experienced her first Pennsylvania March for Life. She loved it and waved to all the marchers! Looking at her reminds me that every child is a gift from God, regardless of the circumstances surrounding their conception or birth. Needless to say, we changed to a pro-life doctor.



One of the common criticisms we hear is, "You only care about the unborn. What about them after they are born?" **That argument is a fallacy.** The first and most fundamental thing we can do for an unborn child is make sure that child gets the opportunity to live. Life is the first and most important part of every other conversation. You cannot care for a child after birth if that child is never allowed to be born.

But protecting life is only the beginning. Once that child is born, we should care for that child, support that mother, strengthen that family, and walk with them through life's challenges. Scripture calls us to "seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause" (Isaiah 1:17, ESV). James reminds us that "religion that is pure and undefiled before God" includes caring for the vulnerable (James 1:27).

And Christians, Churches, and Ministries across Pennsylvania are doing exactly that!

Pregnancy Care Centers come alongside women and men facing unexpected pregnancies with practical help, resources, counseling, and ongoing support. Organizations like **Keystone Family Alliance** and **Bethany Christian Services** help churches care for children and families through foster care and adoption. Moms' homes provide housing and support for women and their children. Countless churches and ministries are providing food, diapers, clothing, housing, addiction recovery, childcare, counseling, and other practical assistance to families in need.

What is extremely encouraging is that, according to Barna, "Christians appear to make up a substantial majority of foster parents. One national study found that 65% of foster parents attend church weekly...Other research consistently finds Christians are significantly more likely to foster than those with no religious affiliation."

Therefore, we must do both. We must stand up for the unborn and speak for those who cannot speak for themselves, while also caring for the needy and vulnerable, being the hands and feet of Jesus in our communities. These aren't competing priorities. They are two expressions of the same calling — to value human life because every person is made in the image of God.

Jesus calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:31), and 1 John 3:18 reminds us, "Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." The March for Life was one day, but our calling is every day. **First, we fight for their right to live. Then, we commit ourselves to helping them flourish.**

For life,



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P.S. Want to keep standing for life? [Join us for our Christian Worldview Workshop on October 29th](#) in Lancaster. It's for pastors, church leaders, parents, students, and anyone who wants to grow and strengthen their biblical worldview. Tickets are going quickly! [Click here](#) for info and registration.

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