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Newsletter of Crowfoot Baptist Church

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## Obria Medical Clinics

by Kristen Zderad



I have had the privilege of working at Obria Medical Clinics for the past year and a half. Obria Medical Clinics, previously Pregnancy Alternatives Center, has been part of the Lebanon community for over 30 years. They have been on the front lines of fighting for the unborn. Obria's slogan is "for the one." They would do everything that they do if it would save even one life; change even one life. And

God has granted that "one" many times over.

I was asked to join Obria's team a year and a half ago as a part-time receptionist. I served in that role alongside Sara Glaser for a little over a year, and this last August I moved into the Care Coordinator position. If I had written myself a job description in college of a job that I knew I could be passionate about, this would have been it. Here is a little about what I do. I sit with each patient that comes into our clinic and hear her story and what has brought her to us. I observe each ultrasound and see the miracle of life over and over. I help equip the patient with information and knowledge that promotes life. And then I pray for her, and her baby, with my team.

I also head up our parenting program. This is one of my favorite parts of my job because it is allowing me to develop relationships and friendships with women and their children of all different walks in our community. I teach parenting classes once a week. For some of these moms, my parenting class is the only social outlet they have. I also get to be a resource hub for these families. We have a "Resource Room" at Obria where people donate diapers, wipes, maternity clothing, baby clothing and items. The families "earn" items from us by attending our classes. I love being able to meet practical needs for these families. I had a mom burst into tears recently because of a particular resource that we were able to provide for her and she said, through her tears, "God is really answering my prayers!"

## December Bible Reading Plan

### December 6-12

John 1:1-5  
Genesis 3  
Leviticus 16  
Psalm 13  
Isaiah 11:1-10

### December 13-19

Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 1:26-38  
Luke 1:39-80  
Isaiah 53, Luke 2:1-7  
Ezekiel 34:11-31, Luke 2:8-20  
Micah 5:2-5, Matthew 2:1-12

### December 20-26

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Zechariah 9:9-17  
Isaiah 61:1-4, Luke 4:16-21  
Hebrews 1:1-4, Galatians 4:4-7  
Hebrews 8

### December 27-January 2

Romans 5:6-17  
Philippians 2:1-11  
Colossians 1:15-23, 2:13-15  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Revelation 21:1-5

## December Activities



**Wednesday, December 9**  
Noon to 5:00 p.m.  
All spots are filled.

Any questions can be directed to the church office at 541-258-3138.



**Saturday, December 19**  
Morning (TBA), Activity Center  
Gift Wrapping Party

Bring your scissors. Need tape and large boxes for family gifts. Call Michelle at 541-409-3683 with questions.



**Thursday, December 24**  
Activity Center  
5:00 p.m.

All families are welcome to join us as we sing carols, hear special music and read from God's Word.



### Sermons

**Activity Center**  
9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**12/6:** Luke 12:1-12  
**12/13:** Luke 12:13-21  
**12/20:** 2 Corinthians 8:9  
**12/27:** Luke 12:22-34

### Adult Sunday School

**Church Youth Room**  
9:45 a.m.

Dan Lee will be leading a study of "The Land of the Bible," the geography of Israel where God unfolded His plan of redemption.

### Crowfoot Kids

10:30 a.m.

**12/6:** Angels Spoke to Mary and Joseph  
**12/13:** Jesus Was Born  
**12/20:** Wise Men Visited Jesus  
**12/27:** Moses Was Born and Called

## Obria Medical Clinics *(continued from front page)*



What services does Obria offer? We provide pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STI testing and treatment, UTI, Yeast, BV testing and treatment, and well women screenings all at no cost to the patient. As I mentioned above, we offer parenting classes and one on one mentoring, along with restorative care for those who have suffered pregnancy loss. We have a Mobile Medical Unit that can travel to rural areas in Linn County that offers the same services as the clinic. Last year, Obria opened a clinic in Oregon City, and so we have been reaching Clackamas County with the same services that are offered in Lebanon. Also, beginning in January, we will be going into local schools as well as Linn County Youth Detention Center, and Oak Creek Correctional Facility to teach our Optimal Health program.

My job isn't always easy. Our staff regularly sheds tears after women walk away and we know that the baby that we just saw moving around on the ultrasound will not get to see life. There are women's circumstances that make my heart ache, and I know there is only so much that we can do. But on the other side of it, I get to witness a mama who was considering abortion see her baby on the ultrasound and with tears in her eyes ask, "Is that my baby's heartbeat?" and then choose life. I get to serve women in very practical ways and love on them and their kiddos. Through this, I get to show them Jesus and how life-giving He is. It doesn't get any better than that.



## God Hears...God Answers!

by Gail Flaming, Crowfoot Family Member

What a year this has been! Many, many things we never dreamed of, nor thought could happen in our lifetimes, have indeed occurred in 2020 in America. We have been affected by rapid (and often reversed) changes, shutting down America due to a virus, a struggling economy, closed schools, churches, meetings of all kinds suspended, losses of employment, shortages, isolation of many, and chaos of routines. Masks have isolated us further by covering our identities and smiles! And doubled upon those were huge wildfires, anarchy, turning against law and order, even the attempt to erase our history and identity. And now, the loss of faith in our long established voting rights.

The outcome for me was overwhelming, to say the least! I was frustrated and often finding myself with whirling emotions, prone to sinning with my thoughts and mouth. I was desperate for God to work. I prayed much, but felt defeated often. I got stuck! The problems were far greater than I could imagine or even begin to put into words. BUT GOD.....Yes! God!!! I opened up, I cried out for a specific and doable plan for me to pray, and to pray well, effectively and consistently. My desire was to pray HIS WORDS of truth over our country, state, county, community and church family. And....WOW! did He amazingly answer me! That same day came news of a prayer guide over these very things. I chose "31 Days of Prayer....The Father's Heart, Recovery for The Nation"\*\*\*; a short and concise guide, completely centered on the Words of God. I read it aloud to God Himself, adapting it to my own personality, but always focused on that Scripture listed for that day and topic. While doing this I sense I am like the Israelites of long ago under Nehemiah rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem after return from captivity. And in my mind, I visualize joining hands and hearts of prayer with many, many of God's children across this land and especially here in Oregon, who are praying these same words. This truly for me is like rebuilding a wall of faith and prayer. Looking the Savior in the face, through faith, I remind Him, and myself, that these words of truth are what He desires for us, and that I want it too, so that His Power and His Glory and His Grace is seen and done in us!

## God Hears...God Answers!

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Won't YOU join me...come alongside me, stand in the gap with others...so we can begin to and further strengthen the GOOD WORK of the wall of prayer and faith? We want to encircle our world, our country, our communities, and ourselves with effective and fervent prayer. The amazing outcome is yet to be seen. Our God lives, and hears, and cannot deny Himself or His promises! But the immediate outcome that has been amazing to me are the gifts of:

PEACE reigning in my heart;  
 REMOVAL of personal frustration;  
 SETTLEDNESS and establishment of myself upon Him who never fails or forsakes;  
 JOY and SINGING springing up within my heart; a sense of  
 UNITY with the family of God; amazing  
 GRACE within me — enough to spill out upon others.

The situation of our country and community? Too big for me...BUT GOD???? NO!

*"For with GOD nothing will be impossible."* These are the very words spoken by the angel sent to Mary just before that very first Christmas. And it wasn't impossible then, and is not impossible today. Jesus Lives! Father God is Sovereign! The Holy Spirit will use us in accomplishing the will of our One True God. Let's rebuild daily that wall of faith and prayer together!

*"May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* Romans 15:13 NIV

\*\*\* "31 Days of Prayer, The Father's Heart, Recovery for The Nation" is available on Amazon, and is approximately \$8. If you are interested in how this book (written in Oregon) came into being, a cover letter is available. Feel free to call me at 971-235-8481.

Thanks for listening to my heart.

## "The Lord's Light Within"

Lord, we reflect with thankful hearts  
 On the wonder of your birth  
 The love you expressed when you left  
 Your glory to come to earth

For your life was like a beacon, Lord  
 Shining brightly in the night  
 Filling the world with the radiance of  
 The Father's glorious light

And we, too, long to have inside  
 Your light for others to see  
 The beautiful reflection of your grace  
 And the wonder of your majesty

For as your life indwells our hearts,  
 We can shine wherever we are  
 And arise to take hold of each new day  
 With your light ablaze in our hearts

So rekindle the flame within us, Lord  
 So it will not flicker nor dim  
 Ignite us with the light of your love,  
 So you will shine brightly within



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## December



01...Katie Morris  
 08...Michael Korcek  
 09...Jensen Lee  
 10...Landon Brown  
 10...Kassandra Denué  
 12...Dorothy Grove  
 13...Kylee Brown  
 18...Aimee Andrews  
 20...Will Birkett  
 22...Katelyn Williams  
 23...Bella Korcek  
 27...Gracie Crowe  
 28...Sara Glaser  
 30...Melissa Canniff  
 30...Isaac Straw  
 31...Zach Lee  
 31...Toby Korcek



12/11  
 Dan & Ruth Christensen

12/19  
 Matthew & Emily Straw

12/26  
 Greg & Vickie Musil

12/26  
 Jeremy & Kristen Zderad

12/28  
 Walt & Beverly Darling

12/30  
 Stan & Karen Wilkinson

12/30  
 Ron & Joyce Ulshafer

12/31  
 Adrian & Christina Griffiths