

# Dedication Service for the Heart of America Memorial Wall for the Unborn

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The weather did not cooperate; loads of rain, some hail, flood warnings and so forth. The crux of the storm began just at the time we were scheduled to start the service. We went bravely forward with our plans as we had previously decided to hold the Dedication Service for the Heart of America Memorial Wall for the Unborn at a nearby church instead of at the grounds. Around thirty individuals came at the appointed time; nothing was going to stop them. May 15, 2009, 6:30 PM was the night Christians for Life, Inc. dedicated the first section of the three-part wall and lights at the Heart of America Memorial Wall for the Unborn, 1216 Republican Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

We had a lovely time worshipping in song with David Epps, Pastor of the River of God Fellowship, and enjoyed special music from Curtiss Chase, Vice President of Christians for Life. Our keynote speaker was Bob Faulkner of American Family Radio. A beautiful testimony entitled *What the Memorial Means to Me* by Nancy Lutz, Christians for Life Secretary, received standing ovation.

Charles Rightmeier, Christians for Life Treasurer and Groundskeeper, shared Job 41:11 "Who has a claim against me that I must pay? Everything under heaven belongs to me." He spoke on how the land was donated to Christians for Life, Inc. April 19, 2005. The condition it was in, (600 old tires and ten tons of debris) and how volunteers participated in the cleanup. In June 2008 Bob Fellers and his brother of Precision Grating began excavating to buildup the area where the memorial wall would be placed. September 2008 the wall was placed through Hutton's Monuments and the foundation for the lights were installed. November 2008 Pat the Plumber installed the city water meter. The Lord has been with us every step of the way. We know it and we give Him the glory!

Charles went on the mention what is needed to progress this year. The brick side walks, seeding the grass, fencing, gazebo, reflection pond, driveway, and the finishing touches in the landscaping (such as shrubbery, flowers, etc.). We look to our ever-present Savior to show the direction we should go to accomplish these tasks. We know that He has deep pockets and will provide.

Reverend Fred Hollomon, Chaplain Kansas Senate 2009, wrote a special prayer for the evening that he shared.

"Heavenly Father,  
We are gathered here to dedicate  
Our first Memorial Wall  
On this wall are the names  
O babies very small.  
Some of them miscarried,  
Others were still born.  
About half of them aborted...  
All of them we mourn  
Not all of those aborted were the mother's choice.  
They were pressured by others  
Not to hear their baby's voice.  
Most of the blame has to fall  
On those who've gotten wealthy  
Making sure the babies  
Were never born healthy.  
But we are here to remind the mothers  
That their babies have survived,  
And are waiting up in heaven,  
Healthy and alive!  
Jesus reminded His disciples  
To let the children come to Him;  
For the Kingdom of heaven  
Belongs to people like them. (Mark 10:14; Luke 18:16)  
I pray in the Name of Jesus Christ,

Amen

What really topped the evening was after Fred's benediction; several of the ladies who had placed their baby's names on the wall testified spontaneously. They blessed us by assuring that this meant a lot to them and how pleased they were to have a garden like the Heart of America Memorial for the Unborn.