



Christians for Life, Inc. Facilitators of the Heart of America Memorial Wall for the Unborn Newsletter

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Barbara Saldivar, Founder

The following information is what we have accomplished over the past several years upon forming a new Christians for Life board due to retirement and deaths former members. God truly blessed the original board members to build the *Heart of America Memorial Wall for the Unborn*. He is continuing with the new board members.

Let me introduce you to the new board members of Christians for Life, Inc. They include Gary Roten, President; Scott McBurney, Vice President; Marianne Bachman, Secretary; Nancy Leon, Treasurer; Ross Leon, Project and Grounds Manager; Ron and Shelly Brush along with Carmen Metzger, Healing Hearts leaders. Ron Lutz, Andy Saldivar and Neva Varner are also members of the board. We have prayerfully asked God to bind us together for His purpose.



Representative Trevor Jacobs sponsored the CHOOSE LIFE bill that passed in 2018. Christians for Life volunteered to collect the needed funds to make the plates available to Kansans. Nancy Leon, Treasurer of Christians for Life, led that operation until there were enough plates sold. They have been available to Kansans since 2021. You can get one when you renew your tags for the year. Just ask for a Choose Life license plate.

Thanks to Gary Roten, Scott McBurney, Ron Lutz, Ross Leon and just about everyone else, we widened the driveway and made it much easier to park at the memorial grounds.

A Prayer Box honoring Nancy Lutz (former Secretary) was added prior to expanding the driveway.

Gary initiated changing the logo for Christians for Life, Inc. to include a traditional family (see top of this newsletter). Scott worked with a co-worker on making that happen. Gary found companies to make polo shirts, brochures, and business cards. The cost was minimal thanks to these two companies.

Ron Lutz put up a sign that directed people to our phone number (785-267-5777) and we have had several applications for names on the wall directly resulting from that sign.

Ross and Nancy Leon worked all last summer on repairing the lights at the grounds. Many of the lights were in disrepair and the Leons refurbished them using spare parts and replacing all the light bulbs.

Ross and Nancy also found a person to mow who loves the park and is doing a superb job. They also improved the area around the monument with some charcoal wood chips that makes it “pop”.

Carmen Metzger joined the board. She took two courses to help with post abortion classes. She is also working with getting the names engraved on the wall and helps with the web page.

Ron and Shelly Brush were introduced to our board by Gary. Shelly had already taken a course on healing, post-abortion included, through Healing Hearts Ministries (see information toward the end of this newsletter). Shelly has headed classes and allowed us to pray for and encourage her along the way. Praise God, healing is finally coming to Topeka and hopefully Kansas through the Brushes and Carmen.

We met Marianne Bachman through Carmen. When Eryka Benteman (our secretary for several years) could not come to the meetings, Marianne became our secretary. She is doing a wonderful job with the minutes and ideas.

Over this past year we hosted and participated in several events: Fall Fest, Easter Parade, a memorial service where a group of about twenty-five came to remember the babies whose names are on the wall, and a National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. One meaningful service for the new names that were placed on the wall in 2022 was held in early summer. The following song was written by Gary and used in the memorial services.

Words to a Song by Gary Roten, President of Christians for Life, Inc.

From **Saint (name of remembered child(ren))**

I share with you my brand-new home...
I want you to know how I love it so.
I share with you from this brand-new place...
I want you to know each day I'm seeing God's face.
We'll meet some day...don't worry about me
When you come this way we'll share eternity...
I will see you soon...we're just parting for a while
And when you come this way I will hug you...please smile again

I share with you from our Father's arms...
I want you to know how he desires to hold you so.
I share with you from our Father's heart...
And I want you to know how he loves you so.

We 'll meet some day...Don't worry about me
When you come this way we'll share eternity...
I'll see you soon...we're just parting for awhile
And when you come this way I will hug you...please smile again.

I share with you comfort in my heart...
I want you to know I feel your love for me in your heart...
I share with you with hope in my heart...
That you will live for Jesus and show our Savior's heart

We'll meet some day...don't worry about me
When you come this way we'll share eternity...
I'll see you soon...we're just parting for awhile
And when you come this way I will hug you...please smile again.

Future Plans:

We have several new items on the agenda for 2023. One of these is that the original memorial wall is beginning to fill up front and back. We have already begun to research our next step in providing more space. Accomplishing this is a matter of deciding what is feasible in the matter of materials, size, and cost. Please be in prayer with us as we endeavor to accomplish this task.

Healing Hearts Ministry

Healing Hearts Ministry is a gospel-centered, grace-driven discipleship ministry dedicated to helping local churches effectively apply the hope and healing found in Jesus Christ through God's Word. Healing Hearts Ministries started out in 1988 as a post-abortive ministry and has grown to an international discipleship ministry with representation in many U.S. states and several foreign countries.

Healing Hearts Certified Counselors in your church provide biblical counsel and discipleship for individuals suffering from the pain of their past such as: Abortion, Sexual Abuse, Rape, Drug Abuse, Adultery, Divorce, Abandonment, Physical Abuse, Pornography... These difficult topics are sufficiently addressed through the application of God's Word in focused discipleship courses.

DISCIPLESHIP COURSES FOR WOMEN

Binding Up the Brokenhearted (10 weeks) Help for post-abortive women.

The Hem of His Garment (10 weeks) Help for women of all trauma backgrounds.

DISCIPLESHIP COURSES FOR MEN

Restoring a Father's Heart (10 weeks) Help for post-abortive men.

The Good Fight: God's Plan for Every Man (10 weeks) Help for men with life-dominating struggles.

DISCIPLESHIP COURSES FOR YOUTH (ages 13+)

First Love: Embracing a Love that Lasts (22 weeks) An in-depth discipleship study for young women.

The Fight of Your Life: Living For God's Glory (22 wk) An in-depth discipleship study for young men.

For more information, please visit healinghearts.org, or reach out to: Shelly Brush, 785-806-1871 shelly.b@healinghearts.org or Carmen Metzger at 480-861-1198 / carmen.m@healinghearts.org

You're invited to a special pro-life meet-and-greet...

Kansas, let's be
pro-life for every life!

Defend the unborn and heal the broken.



Christians For Life invites you to join us for a special event

Saturday, March 25th, 2-4pm



Guest Speaker Sue Liljenberg, founder & director of *Healing Hearts Ministries International*, was born & raised in Topeka. Hear how God used her fateful abortion to draw her to salvation, to healing, and to a life mission to reach post-abortionive women & men with hope and healing only found in the Gospel. Discover how you can do the same in your churches and communities.

Learn more & RSVP at healinghearts.org/topeka23

RSVP by March 15

<p>Event Location:</p> <p>First Southern Baptist Church</p> <p>1912 SW Gage Blvd</p> <p>Topeka, KS 66604</p>	<p>Event Coordinator:</p> <p>Shelly Brush</p> <p>shelly.b@healinghearts.org</p> <p>785-806-1871</p>
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