

Hope

SUMMER 2022

PREGNANCY MINISTRIES
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*From the
Executive
Director*

After Roe

Friends, we're living in unprecedented times! Like me, I'm sure you've spent some time in the past few weeks considering the impact of the Dobbs decision, and what that means for the future of Hope Pregnancy Ministries, and Montana. Maybe I can help clarify things a bit, in case you were wondering:

We are celebrating the end of Roe v. Wade but what does that mean? There seems to be a lot of confusion and misinformation about the recent Supreme Court ruling that overturned Roe. v. Wade. Some of the most common misconceptions seem to be...

What did Roe v. Wade do? In 1973, Roe took what had been a state issue and made it a national issue when it tied abortion to the constitutional right to privacy. This limited the states from regulating abortion before 20 weeks. With Roe overturned, the decision has been returned to the states.

Does this make abortion illegal in Montana? Abortion law in Montana did NOT change. In fact, we may see more abortions in Montana if women from surrounding states (that are more restrictive) travel here for the procedure.

Why did abortion law in Montana not change? Just like Roe v. Wade on the national level, Montana's abortion law has been tied to the Montana constitution through the decision in Armstrong v. State, the 1999 case that held that abortion access is protected by Montanans' constitutional right to privacy. In time, we may see the Armstrong case challenged in Montana court.

What about miscarriage and ectopic pregnancies? Treatments for miscarriage and ectopic pregnancies are *not considered abortion*, and do not have any connection to abortion restrictions in any state.

Will anything change at Hope Pregnancy Ministries? No! Our accredited medical clinic and our resource center will continue to offer the same compassionate, dedicated care we always have. We're still a safe space of compassionate care for all.

Thank you for your continued support of the important work being done to support pregnant women, fathers, and families in our community. No matter how the world changes, there's still HOPE.

Michelle



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FRIDAY OCTOBER
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HOPE PREGNANCY MINISTRIES

FALL FUNDRAISING EVENT

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY

BBQ
& AN EVENING OF STORYTELLING!

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Who loves barbeque? We do! And we all love hearing about the wonderful things being done at Hope Pregnancy Ministries...so join us on October 14th as the HPM family joins together to do both! You're invited to come and enjoy the company of likeminded friends while we feast on the fabulous cuisine of 406 BBQ! Local BBQ guy and friend of Hope, Stephen Kina, will graciously and generously cater this event! While you may have seen the 406 BBQ food truck around town roasting up alligator and other fancy fare, we've decided to take it down a notch and offer you delicious but *traditional* barbeque dinner. Trust us, you don't want to miss it! Afterward, you'll be blessed by an evening of storytelling, as the Hope staff shares the many ways that God is working through the ministry you so faithfully support.



Join us on October 14!
Tickets are on sale now.
Simply go online at
hopepregnancyministries.org
or use the QR code to purchase
your tickets today!
We hope to see YOU there!



**The Voice of
Hope**

Pastor Daniel Lambert speaking at Hope's 2021 Fall Fundraiser

THE Grandfather OF HOPE

In July of 1999, "Hope Pregnancy Center" was started by three women and a local pastor, in the corner of an office at Easthaven Baptist Church. These four individuals saw a need in our community and did something! Young moms were offered pregnancy support, material assistance and the kindness of a mentor who was committed to walking their journey with them. This vision of offering support to young women facing unintended pregnancies laid the foundation for Hope Pregnancy Ministries and changed the futures of countless families in the Flathead Valley over the past 23 years.

Daniel Lambert was the pastor who dedicated himself and his church to the cause of LIFE. Daniel threw his personal and professional weight behind the ministry of Hope, and over more than two decades championed the work being done here. He boldly and frequently spoke about the sanctity of human life and took every opportunity to support the work being done at Hope Pregnancy Ministries. Pastor Daniel served on the Board of Directors of Hope Pregnancy Ministries, including in the role of Board Chairman during a critical time of growth.

If you've attended a Hope Pregnancy Ministries Fall Fundraising Event, it was likely at Easthaven Baptist Church, where Hope *never paid a rental fee*. The impact of that generosity is more than a warm fuzzy...it meant that your funding went directly to the people we serve, rather than to pay for a venue. We are most grateful and appreciate the generosity and partnership of Easthaven Baptist Church so much.

In June of this year, Pastor Daniel and his wife Vicki retired after a 30-year career in pastoral ministry. We can't think of a better example of strong pastoral leadership for the cause of LIFE and we will miss them greatly. The Grandfather of Hope, as we liked to call him, has left a legacy that will remain unmeasured, but vast and very, very beautiful. We will remain grateful for his visionary leadership, selflessness, mentorship, and unwavering support. And we at Hope wish Daniel and Vicki a most blessed retirement.

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THE *End* OF HER STORY

You may remember Abigail, a student at a local Christian high school, who shared her journey with us a few years ago. If you didn't hear Abigail's story, or if you need a refresher, you can see her video at hopepregnancyministries.org. Abigail is a young Christian woman who experienced a renewed relationship with a gracious and loving God when she walked through an unexpected pregnancy just as she was graduating from high school. Through her connection to Hope Pregnancy Ministries, Abigail was supported and loved during a very difficult time, and made some life decisions that changed the course of her future.

During her pregnancy and after having her son, Abigail attended nursing school, always with the hope that she would become a nurse at Clear Choice Clinic after graduation. Today, Abigail's dream has come true. In July of this year, Abigail became the newest Staff Nurse at Clear Choice Clinic, offering the same care and support she received as a patient here. Abigail is a graduate of Montana State University, is married to Tyler, and is the mom of two sons, Carter and Remington. We at Hope just love it when the end of someone's story is really **just the beginning!**



mobile medical unit

Fuel Fund



If you've visited the gas pump in the last year, you know how much it hurts to fuel up your vehicle. We know your pain! Now imagine paying almost \$6.00/gallon for diesel to fill the tank of our Mobile Medical Unit! What used to cost \$150.00 now comes in at a whopping \$360.00! We know these are tough times for everyone, but if you could spare a bit to help bolster our fuel fund, we would be most grateful! Our persistence in traveling to Browning, Montana two or three times a month is finally paying off, and we are so blessed to be able to offer medical clinic services and parenting education to our friends on the Blackfeet Reservation. We won't let high prices at the pump interfere with our mission...we know that everything comes with a cost.

If you can help with a small (or large!) contribution to our "Fuel Fund", please fill out the enclosed envelope and note "fuel" or go online to help at hopepregnancyministries.org.

Thanks ahead of time for filling our fuel tank!



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Many thanks to the Christian Motorcyclists Association of Kalispell who, once again, blessed Hope Family Resource Center with an abundance of diapers for our clients! More than 26,000 diapers and 38,000 wipes were collected by these men and women in leather! Special thanks also go to Smith's, Super 1, and Walmart in Kalispell; Smith's in Columbia Falls; and Safeway in Whitefish for hosting this event! Many parents and babies will be blessed by your acts of generosity!

Special Thanks!

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