



# **GOD IS DOING SOMETHING NEW**

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*Dear Friend of RPC,*

It's always exciting when God does something new, in our personal lives and in our understanding about this complicated world we live in. Let's talk about the Pro-Life Movement as it is shaping up today in our country.

### **MY STORY**

I'll never forget the Sunday at our church when a deaf couple got baptized. It was incredibly moving! Following that baptism, another deaf man, who speaks while signing, gave a word to the congregation to encourage us from his time in Scripture. When he got to Psalm 139, his voice choked up as he read, "we are all fearfully and wonderfully made."

That phrase and his emotion went straight to my heart as well. By virtue of his deafness, I thought, he's always been different...and me, with the neurological daily struggles and triumphs I face thanks to Aspergers, I'm different too. I had to blink hard to keep the tears back.

All of this takes me to the new thing that God impressed upon my heart once I accepted my Aspergers diagnosis – I now see the Sanctity of Human Life in expanding concentric circles. The inner circle that pro-life Christians usually confine themselves to is pre-born babies, which is why we strive to save them from abortion. But God urged me to widen that circle to include others. There's a circle filled with the old and dying. There's a circle for people with physical and mental challenges and disabilities. There's a circle for people who are misguided, uninformed, downright mean, and even the criminal element. God really challenged me on that circle! Come to think, isn't everyone in a circle?!?

Since I understood all this, God has continued to remind me that He created all of these people and sent His Son to die for all of them. What if scientists figure out how to isolate the gene that causes my form of Autism? Then, lots of us could be selectively aborted, the current fate of those with Down Syndrome. I wonder how many reading this would be impacted directly or indirectly by this practice, if that were the case?

As if that wasn't enough revelation, God also keeps me aware that all the people in these circles have intrinsic human dignity. They all need to be understood. Some are overlooked. They are everywhere, including in our churches. We are all fearfully and wonderfully made, because God says so!

## THE NEXT GENERATION OF PRO-LIFERS

There's a fresh wind moving through the Pro-Life Movement nationwide. It is no longer just about saving babies from abortion; it has many facets. Come to our Fall Banquet, entitled **GOD IS DOING SOMETHING NEW**, and you'll hear from many exciting speakers from this new generation. Emceed by veteran pro-life activist Rev. Patrick Mahoney, our program will feature a plethora of innovative young voices:

- **Aimee Murphy**, whose Consistent Life Ethic work as the founder of Life Matters Journal is bringing a pro-life, pro-peace philosophy to younger generations searching for the truth of human dignity
- **Brandi Swindell**, who hopes her Stanton Healthcare international network of life-affirming women's medical clinics will ultimately replace Planned Parenthood
- **Catherine Glenn Foster**, who engages judges, legislators, and the public with Sound Legal Group, her mission-driven law firm which advocates for life and supports pro-life organizations
- **Christy Brunke**, an award-winning author who endeavors to save unborn lives through the power of story, starting with her bestselling debut novel, *Snow Out of Season*, inspired by her mother-in-law's brave decision to choose life
- **Dan Cox**, a Republican nominee for Congress who has defended the pro-life generation in court and wants to go to DC to eliminate Medicaid funding for abortion in Maryland
- **Destiny Herndon-De La Rosa**, whose New Wave Feminists promote life and empowerment from a fresh, youthful perspective using cutting-edge satire
- **Jewels Green**, who shares her experiences as a post-abortive mother, suicide attempt survivor, and former abortion industry worker to advocate for human rights from conception to natural death

**This next generation of pro-life speakers will surely challenge us all to think deeply about pro-life issues and take us boldly into the future. RPC is proud to host them and their ideas.**

Go to [www.rockvillepregnancyclinic.org](http://www.rockvillepregnancyclinic.org) to sign up for this **October 18th Fundraising Banquet**. This is an excellent way to enjoy an evening out, while supporting our ministry financially.

## GOD IS DOING SOMETHING NEW AT RPC

No doubt about it, **GOD IS DOING SOMETHING NEW** at Rockville Pregnancy Clinic this year, too. Since May we've been in our awesome new facility, but there's more! We've joined with hundreds of pregnancy centers across the country that understand that a pro-life model that focuses solely on saving babies from abortion is in danger of forgetting frightened and confused mothers and their families. They, too, have worth and dignity and need our help. We are all fearfully and wonderfully made!

What you see at RPC is what God has molded us into over time – a place desperately needed in our country today. RPC and other pregnancy clinics like ours are here “for such a time as this” (Esther 4:14).

At RPC we are pro-life because we care about *mom* and *baby*, so this must include family-friendly services, sensitive post-abortion care, and an awareness that being pro-life starts with sound education and healthcare. Our expanded vision of being pro-life shows up in our Effective Parenting Program and carries on through the counsel available through our medical services. It weaves like a ribbon through all of our programming. **This is what your donation to RPC is funding!**

## **AN EXPANDED PRO-LIFE VISION CALLS FOR A NEW IMAGE**

Destiny Herndon-De La Rosa, one of our banquet speakers, and her business partner Kristen Hatten form the drama duo New Wave Feminists. They know that activists can be happy warriors who celebrate life, and feel the Pro-Life Movement badly needs an image makeover. This, Hatten explains, is also where humor comes in. She notes that abortion isn’t an issue we tend to associate with big laughs, but satire is a potent weapon when tackling large ideas.

Herndon-De La Rosa has said, “When Cosmopolitan magazine tells women their primary value lies in having sex with men, they are feeding the abortion industry. When the feminist Left tells women that a fetus is just a clump of cells with no value, it feeds the idea that sex is a hobby with no attendant responsibilities.” She adds, “the acceptance and availability of abortion divorces sex from relationships,” and observes, “coerced abortion, in which a man forcefully urges and pays for an abortion for a woman who is not sure what to do, is very common.”

## **GOD IS IN IT ALL!**

At RPC, we believe Herndon-De La Rosa is right. We’ve seen all she talks about as we’ve ministered to hundreds of clients, including prostitutes, lesbians, atheists, church goers, single and married mothers, and everyday girls. We like that New Wave Feminists has found innovative ways of talking about this. We also like that all the speakers at our Fall Fundraising Banquet have come before the Lord and consecrated their gifts and talents to Him. In turn, He has gifted them to give forth unique pro-life messages.

Please respond to this letter by sending RPC your most generous donation today. Our ministry is our pro-life message to the world and it is fresh and up-to-date because **GOD IS DONG SOMETHING NEW!** **Help us celebrate that we are all fearfully and wonderfully made! Be our partners in ministry today.**

To God be the Glory,



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