

Dear Friends,

More than likely, you have heard of the recent passage of the [Reproductive Health Act](#) (RHA) by the state of New York. It is a very aggressive approach to abortion. Since hearing about it, my heart has been heavy. I must admit that when I was younger, I focused on the immediacy of my own needs, and I didn't pay a lot of attention to issues such as this. After having children and now a grandchild, things have changed for me, especially regarding this topic. When I think about so many people who will be legally terminated without a chance to make a difference in the world, my heart breaks. God loves us so much that He carefully crafted us and formed us in our mother's womb ([Ps. 139:13](#)).

This week, while visiting with a local church pastor for lunch, I heard about the most amazing miracle. A few weeks ago, a young surgeon came to his church for the first time. This doctor has performed an average of 600 abortions per year in the Bellevue area. By the grace of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit, the doctor made a confession of faith and committed her life to Christ. The surgeon gave notification of her decision to no longer perform this procedure, which is an answer to prayer. But it gets better! Based on the contract the surgeon has with her clinic, they cannot fire her or replace her. The clinic will no longer be able to perform the abortions unless this surgeon is willing to do it. The Holy Spirit is working in spite of the evil we see in the world all around us.

As you are praying, would you please remember to pray for this issue and the pain that it brings to so many people? Pray for the doctors who must wrestle with taking away a life in this way, pray for the mothers and fathers who struggle with the emotional turmoil of this decision, pray for the lawmakers who put such laws into place, pray for churches to be a place of refuge and grace, and pray for Christians to be an example of Christ's love and peace.

If you or someone you know is struggling in this way, [the Wellness Center](#) is available to you. *Father, we often see the degradation of humanity all around us, but we are so grateful for the miracles you provide that give us a glimmer of hope. I pray that our community will join together in a concert of prayer for this need, as well as many others that are far from your desire for the creation that you love so much. For those personally affected, show your grace, love, and mercy to them, and give them peace. Amen.*

#### **COMING UP THIS WEEK**

**Wed, Feb 6** | People of Prayer: Joseph Castleberry | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

**Thurs, Feb 7** | 7 & 7 Prayer\* | Butterfield Chapel, 7am and 7pm **\*Spiritual Life Credit Offered**

**Fri, Feb 8** | Ephesians: Phil Rasmussen | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

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## FEB 7

### CAMPUS WIDE DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

### 7AM & 7PM IN THE CHAPEL

### SL CREDIT AVAILABLE



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