

ALREADY & NOT YET

It is no small task to encourage clients to lift their eyes from the pressures of the present and set their minds on higher things. Often, that challenge sends me back to my own heart, forcing me to wrestle with the same searching questions. I must continually remind myself of who I am in Christ and of the far greater reality that exists beyond the temporary concerns vying for my attention.

Scripture reminds us that Christians live in the tension of the “already and not yet.” Living in any in-between season can feel unsettling, but for believers, this tension is not temporary—it is our permanent condition. We live fully present in a broken and sinful world, carrying real responsibilities and real burdens. Yet, through our union with Christ, we are already spiritually raised and seated with Him in the heavenly places. Though this truth can feel distant amid discouragement or suffering, the apostle Paul tells us that our union with Christ is not solely a future promise; it is a present reality.

Colossians 1:1-4 — “If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ, and God in Christ, who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”

Paul helps us understand what it means for our lives to be “hidden with Christ.” We need to continually remind ourselves of who we are in Christ and how that changes everything about us. This glorious truth reshapes our desires, rearranges our devotion, and reroutes our direction.

Our union with Christ reshapes our desires. We all seek things that will satisfy us. We long for pleasure, meaning, success, belonging, and hope. Apart from Christ, these desires are shaped by our selfishness, experiences, and the influence of the world. All of which promises satisfaction but never delivers. Christ reorders and replaces our desires. Things that once had great attraction lose their luster in comparison to something far better. As believers, we place Him in the center. He becomes the fulfillment our hearts have been searching for all along, but never having eyes to see. When believers grasp that they are already seated with Christ at God’s right hand—the place of fullness of joy—their restless seeking finally finds its true end in Him. With a renewed mind, our desires now revolve around Christ and seek to please Him in every respect.

Second, our union with Christ reorders our devotion. What we desire inevitably shapes what we commit our time and energy toward. When Paul says that we are to set our minds on things above, he does not mean to disregard our earthly responsibilities. Instead, it confronts worldliness—the distortion that turns even good things into ultimate things that consume us. Because believers have died with Christ and their lives are hidden in Him, we no longer ground our identity in our career, success, financial standing, or possessions. Christ becomes the defining center of devotion, allowing earthly gifts to be enjoyed rightly without being worshiped.

Third, our union with Christ reroutes our direction. The scripture is clear; the future for those who believe is secure: when Christ appears, His people will appear with Him in glory. What is now hidden will one day be fully revealed. Although that identity is not fully seen today, especially by unbelievers, it is fixed and certain because of the faithfulness of the One who promised. This future hope ought to shape our present faithfulness, fueling obedience, perseverance, and joyful service. We are not called to withdraw from the world, but to confront the world with transformed lives that demonstrate the power and authority of the gospel. We are to be salt and light in a dark world that denies the person and work of Christ as well as His glorious second coming.

In the end, Christ is not only our future reward; He is our present life. Through union with Him, we begin to live as He intends—our desires reordered, our devotion clarified, and our direction set toward glory. Knowing that He is faithful to bring about all that He has promised.

Pray that the CPC staff and volunteers would know these truths deeply and communicate them clearly to our clients, trusting that our conversations would bear much fruit for the advancement of His kingdom.

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 PREGNANCY AND BEYOND.**

USE YOUR SKILLS TO OFFER:

- Hands-on support
- Life and parenting guidance
- Healthy relationship skills
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GIVE

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Ask God to protect the unborn, be near to our clients and to work through our staff.

BELLA ALERTS

Receive alerts to pray in real-time when an abortion-minded client comes into the clinics.

Text “**BELLA**” to (844) 664-3423



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WOMEN'S HEALTH RESOURCE
 HELP • HOPE • HEALING
 1410 W High Street
 Bryan, OH 43506

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2025 FUN STATS
WOMEN'S HEALTH RESOURCE
 HELP • HOPE • HEALING

 **185** babies born

 4,000 + phone calls

 5,574 office visits

 304 ultrasounds

 7,000+ volunteer HOURS

 1432 Spiritual Conversations

 8 New Believers

MINISTRY POSITION Opportunities

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- Spanish Speaking Client Advocate **VOLUNTEER POSITION**

CURRENT Clinic Needs



WAUSEON
wish list



NAPOLEON
wish list



DEFIANCE
wish list



BRYAN
wish list



Send via Amazon, do a Walmart delivery order OR drop off items to the clinics during open hours!

WAUSEON Girl Sleepers and Outfits - NB, 0-3, 3-6, 12, & 18 months | Crib sheets | Board books for infants

NAPOLEON DIAPERS 4, 5 and 6 | Baby Wash | Diaper rash cream | Toilet Paper | Black trash bags

DEFIANCE Wipes | Diapers - NB, 4, 5, & 6 | Sleepers - 6-18 months | Boy outfits - 9-18 months | Girl outfits - 9-18 months | Handmade quilts | Toys | Combs/brushes | Pacifiers | Burp cloths | Bottles | Thermometers | Aspirators

BRYAN Fleece blankets | Crib sheets | Towels | Teethers | Aspirators | Nail clippers | Sleepers - 3-12 months | Girl onesies (no white) 9-24 months | Brush & comb | Thermometers | Shoes - boys & girls | Diapers - 5 & 6 | Bottles

Save The Date
UPCOMING EVENTS

40TH ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER & SILENT AUCTION
April 14th

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN
 (MOTHER'S DAY THROUGH FATHER'S DAY)
May 10 - June 21

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August 15th

40TH ANNUAL WALKATHON & 5K RUN
September 19th

HAPPY Valentine's Day

40th Annual Banquet
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- Asher Jerome Storrer**, son of Matt and Cassie Storrer - by Steven Storrer

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- My friend Todd** who did a huge favor for me - by Nancy Chamberlain