

The sanctity of every human life is one of the most important truths we can teach the children in our care. What does it look like practically to create a culture of life within a family?

**Here are 10 ways you can create
a culture of life within your family:**

1. Connect with your local pregnancy resource center (PRC). Ask for a tour, and bring the whole family.
2. Donate baby items for expectant mothers. Support moms by meeting physical needs.
3. Fill a baby bottle. Add loose change to donate, and pray together that it would bless both parents and new life.
4. Memorize Scripture that points to the sanctity of life: start with Psalm 139.
5. Read picture books that are pro-life. Purchase them, and read them together.
6. Talk about how you related to your children before they were born. Normalize talking about a child's humanity from the moment of conception.
7. Host a baby shower. Invite your children to celebrate new life with you.
8. Practice gentleness with babies and respect for the elderly. Cast a vision for your family as protectors of the weak.
9. Learn with your family about adoption and foster care. Add these words to your family vocabulary, and make sure your children see positive examples of both.
10. Tell the truth about abortion using age-appropriate language. Our world has sterilized abortion. You can tell the truth about the humanity of the unborn without going into extreme detail. The important thing is making sure you are the source of their information.

Making the extra effort to uphold a culture of life within your family, especially regarding our tiniest of neighbors, will give feet to your faith and bolster the faith of your children.

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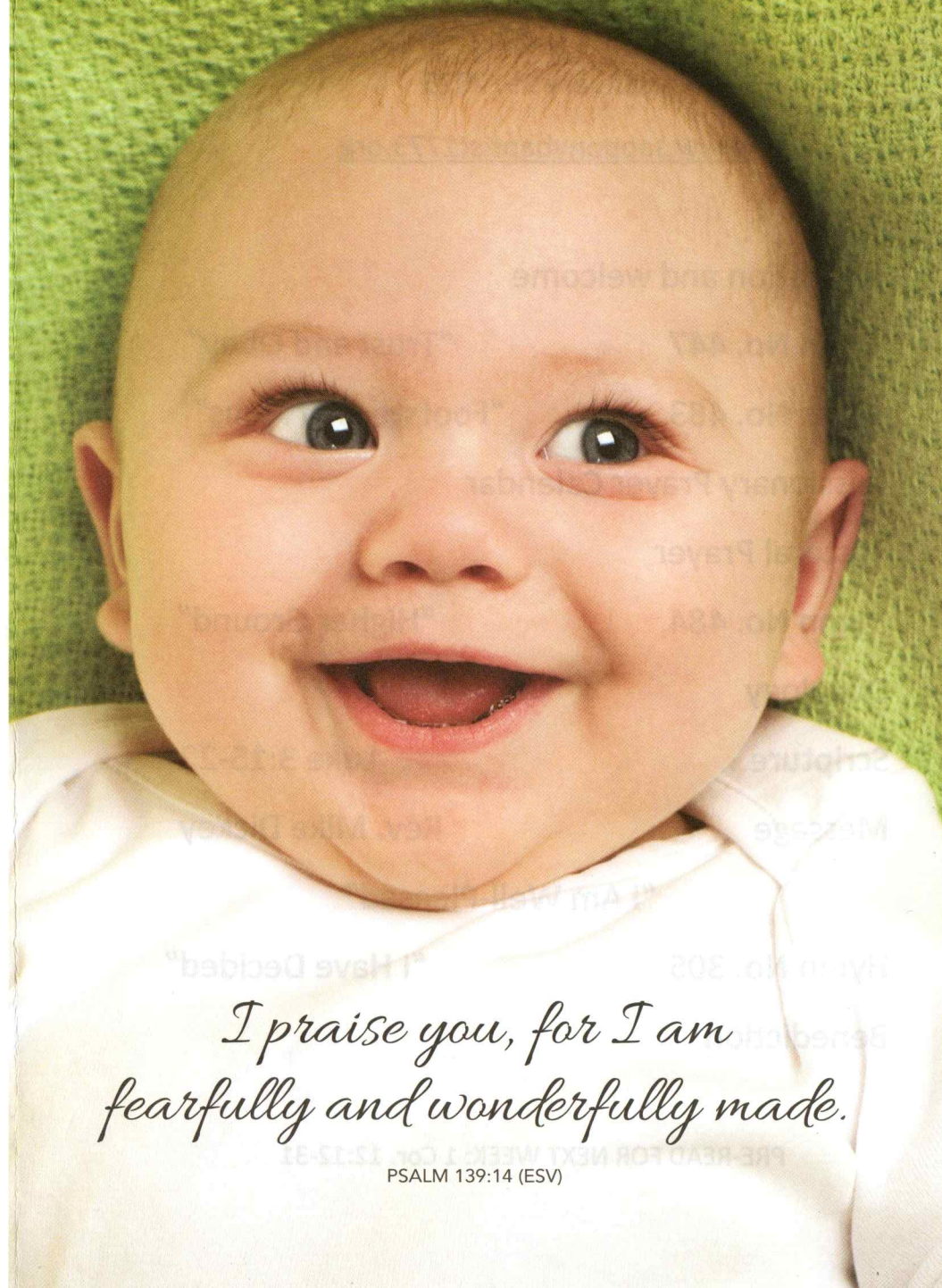
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SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY



*I praise you, for I am
fearfully and wonderfully made.*

PSALM 139:14 (ESV)

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Invocation and welcome

Hymn No. 447 "Trust and Obey"

Hymn No. 483 "Footsteps of Jesus"

Missionary Prayer Calendar

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 484 "Higher Ground"

Doxology

Scripture Luke 3:15-22

Message Rev. Mike Dickey

"I Am Well-Pleased"

Hymn No. 305 "I Have Decided"

Benediction

PRE-READ FOR NEXT WEEK: 1 Cor. 12:12-31

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be in prayer for our sick and shut-ins as they are unable to be with us.

Bible Study will be held on Wednesday at 3pm (early group) at 7pm (later group and students) at the parsonage. We look forward to seeing you there.

BACK DOOR MINISTRY: needs for lunch bags: vienna sausage, beanee weenees, pork & beans, sardines, potted meat w/pull tabs, chicken salad or tuna snack box, crackers (nabs) peanut butter, sour cream and chives, cheese, boxed saltine crackers, apple sauce cinnamon or original, fruit cups mixed, peaches, pears, pudding cups, individual wrapped sweets cookies, moon pies ext. Thank you for your help. I will deliver it to First Baptist on February 2nd.

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Altar Rose in Memory of Doug Spiers

Arrangement in Memory of Gordon + Garnett