



What does a ruling to strike down federal law allowing abortion on a national level look like for those of us who serve women in unplanned pregnancies? In a nutshell, our workload will be growing, and our guard is up as well.

How do we know this? The passage of the Heartbeat Bill last September gave those of us in Texas a very good idea of what to expect. With the constant media coverage of what is NOT available to women, verses pointing out the large number of resources available for pregnant women, **the level of anxiety for those in unplanned pregnancies quickly rose to panic.** The prospect of a possible pregnancy, even without confirmation, gave rise in our number of contacts from women desperately looking for the abortion pill.\*

With several pro-abortion groups already attacking pro-life centers,\*\* we have been in contact with our local law enforcement, security company, and FBI for guidance and to ask for extra watch care and protection.

**PLEASE PRAY** with us that no damage will be done to our facilities to hinder us from serving the women who so desperately need our services. Just as we never closed a single day during Covid-19 shelter-in-place orders, we strongly desire to not allow the enemy one moment of disruption of our services. **Our prayer is to let our light shine for Christ amid our cultural darkness** (Matthew 5:16).

While our abortion numbers in Texas have decreased since the Heartbeat Bill, the number of abortions in our neighboring states has grown exponentially as Texas women have rushed out of state for abortion services. Adding inconvenience and cost for an abortion will deter some, but proaborts have rallied to provide funds and transportation for women who wish to leave our state to end their unplanned pregnancy.

Yes, we deeply desire less or no abortion in Texas. No, we truly do not want Texas women heading out of state for abortion services. A change in laws has not changed the cultural trend of a free-for-all regarding the expression of sexuality. News flash: people are still having unprotected sex outside of marriage. And that activity is still producing unplanned and unwanted pregnancies. The question is: How will we respond? Please read further to learn how Involved for Life is responding through the proactive services of our Woman to Woman Health Centers.

<sup>\*</sup>See page 3

<sup>\*\*</sup>https://janesrevenge.noblogs.org/ published widely on social media outlets

### A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

	Traditional Pregnancy Center	Planned Parenthood	involved
Pregnancy Testing	X	Х	x
Ultrasound	X	X	x
STI/STD Testing and Treatment		X	x
Well Women Exams		X	x
Sex Education		X	x
Pregnancy Prevention Resources		X	x
Abortion Services		X	
Morning After Pill		X	
RU 486 ("Abortion Pill") Reversal			x
Post Abortion Exam & Recovery			x
Material Assistance	X		x
Prenatal & Parenting Classes	X		x
Gospel-Centered Spiritual Care	X		x
Coaching and Ongoing Support	X		x

## OUR PRO-ACTIVE RESPONSE TO WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Modeling the example we see set by Jesus in the New Testament, we choose to sidestep the muddy waters of divisiveness by not debating the topic of pro-life verses pro-abortion, but by serving the women who are caught in the middle of the rhetoric with real needs and difficult decisions. (We appreciate those who are called to the debate; it's just not our calling within our health centers.)

We serve women by educating them regarding their bodies, how fearfully and wonderfully made they are by a Creator who has a perfect plan for their lives. We wash feet by listening well to her story and seeing her beyond her physical health to look at her heart so we understand the pain and misinformation that is driving her poor choices.

We choose to be the place where a woman can come for her reproductive health needs BEFORE she is pregnant so we might engage with her and have influence through education and the work of the Holy Spirit to change habits and lifestyle choices to prevent an unplanned pregnancy. And if she does find herself in an unplanned pregnancy, we are her trusted place to turn for help and guidance.

Woman to Woman Health Centers are dedicated to journeying with women throughout their reproductive years of life. And while we certainly actively engage and serve women at the critical point of an unplanned pregnancy, we work to assure the relationship is much longer than just that moment in time. Our ultimate goal is to help facilitate transformation from brokenness to spiritual, physical, and emotional health. Will you join us?

#### WHAT IS THE ABORTION PILL?

The name abortion pill is a misnomer for what is known as a medical or chemical abortion. It is not a single pill but involves two different drugs taken over a minimum of two days, working in concert to terminate an existing pregnancy to be expelled vaginally at home. The initial drug, Misopristone, works to block the womb from absorbing progesterone – a normally occurring pregnancy hormone. This medication causes the lining of the uterus to thin, creating a hostile environment to prevent the embryo from growing. The following day Misoprostol is taken which causes the womb to contract to begin the process of expelling the embryo.

The combination of medications used in a medical abortion cause vaginal bleeding and strong abdominal cramping. The Mayo Clinic\*\* shares the possibility of more severe risks including:

- Incomplete abortion, with a necessity of a follow-up surgical abortion
- · Digestive system discomfort of nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Heavy and prolonged bleeding
- Infection
- Fever

The FDA\*\*\* warns women about ordering the abortion pill online, stating it exposes women to significant health and safety risks. Some of these risks include:

- <u>The Bypass of Safeguards.</u> According to the FDA, the abortion pill method is not recommended for all women. Certain pre-existing health conditions may cause serious safety issues. Additionally, an ultrasound is necessary to determine if an ectopic pregnancy exists.
- <u>Possibility of Counterfeit Drugs.</u> With online pharmacies come risks from counterfeit or contaminated drugs. Medications coming from China, India, Mexico, and other countries outside the U.S. that are unregulated can contain improper ingredients and dosage resulting in serious health complications or even death.

The abortion industry is rapidly moving to Telehealth to provide medical abortions as an expansion of their service areas and profitability. Under the Biden administration the FDA has now permanently lifted the requirement of an in-person appointment. Without a physical examination prior to taking these drugs, women are putting their health in jeopardy for the convenience and privacy of self-aborting in their own homes, without medical supervision or follow-up care. **THIS IS NOT HEALTHCARE.** 

Scripture clearly states the enemy loves to work in darkness and behind closed doors. It is our hope from sharing this difficult information that shining light on this subject will encourage you who love life and care about women to share this truth with others in your sphere of influence. We desire to dispel lies with the truth of medically accurate information and to provide hope for those who need to know there are life-affirming options in their unplanned pregnancy. Please help us shine the LIGHT of LIFE.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research. (2020, May 14). *Medical abortion*. Mayo Clinic. Retrieved June 3, 2022, from https://www.mayoclinic.org/tests-procedures/medical-abortion/about/pac-20394687

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. (2021, December 22). Counterfeit medicine. U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Retrieved June 3, 2022, from https://www.fda.gov/drugs/buying-using-medicine-safely/counterfeit-medicine

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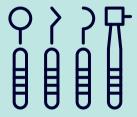


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At a time when our culture seems so bent towards death, we have great opportunities to provide direction, encouragement, and hope! Here are a few suggestions for how to be Involved for Life:

- Volunteer to train with others to **mentor** young women who are pregnant and need a support system. We use One by One Mentoring to train volunteers to match with our patients.
- Host a gift card drive (Walmart/Amazon) in your small group to stock our Wee Care Shoppe.
- Organize a group to corporately purchase a piece of needed medical equipment. (\$500 \$10k)
- Sign up to be a **Sponsor** in our upcoming **Golf Tournament**. (See p. 6 for details.)
- Coordinate an educational meeting for teens in your church, young adults, parents of teens, and other small or large groups about sexual integrity, health risks of STDs, information regarding the abortion pill, etc. (We will gladly provide the speakers.) Much misinformation is put out through the news media and social media. Education allows you and other believers to be light in your immediate community of influence.
- Donate funds for needed educational curriculum, medical equipment, internet advertising, or fund the salary for a month of one of our committed local missionaries (staff).
- Join our prayer team, and receive a weekly prayer list via email. Contact Jillian@w2w.health.
- Feel the call to serve the Lord by serving women? If you are emotionally and spiritually mature, contact Karen Biles at 972.636.4474, or Karen@w2w.health to hear about one of our open medical and non-medical staff positions.



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