

VINE PRESS

The Bright Hope Of Spring by Scotty Dolence, Executive Director

*I am the Vine and you are the
branches. If you remain in me
and I in you, you will bear much
fruit.* John 15:5

PRAISES!

*Hooray for a 'Meet the Baby' appointment with a patient who initially was considering abortion and afraid to tell her father that she was pregnant. A happy mom and beautiful baby to praise Jesus about.

*We've had many opportunities to share the gospel this month and many OPEN HEARTS!

*Patients are finding us in amazing, sometimes miraculous ways!

*A new outreach for patients who need basic auto care is in early planning stages!

Please Pray For:

*Two of our patients who reached out to report pregnancy loss symptoms. Please pray for God's grace over them.

*A patient who suffered an injury and is concerned about the health of her baby going forward.

*Two patients who feel they may need to terminate their pregnancies. Please pray as they continue to consider the wee baby they met and the care they received here in our clinic and that they would return for ongoing care. Pray for God to move mightily in the hearts of the boyfriends of these patients.

I love Spring, don't you? There is something so comforting about new growth all around us, warmer days and more sunshine (or at least light) as the days become longer. Spring flowers delight with their vibrant colors and fragrances. Daffodils are almost shockingly beautiful after months of winter's grayer hues. And Spring is a bustling time in God's creation as well. It's fun to see the chipmunks and squirrels return as well as the robins and other songbirds as they busily gather nesting materials. Everything about Spring is brighter and louder. The songbirds wake us up earlier and sing longer into the evening. It is a hopeful time.

At Vine, we are privileged to offer hope to our patients. Spiritual care is woven into every patient interaction, beginning when they first call us to inquire about making an appointment. Many patients in this circumstance express feeling conflicted after seeing a positive result on their home pregnancy test. After gathering a bit of info for scheduling purposes, we ask how they are feeling about their positive test result. This opens the door for us to ask them if they would appreciate prayer. Almost every time the answer is, "Yes!". Praying over the phone with precious patients we have yet to meet is very gratifying. Following that touchpoint, we often ask if they would like us to invite our prayer team to pray as well. Knowing that over 200 people could be praying for them is pretty amazing, wouldn't you agree?!

Thank you, prayer team warriors, for praying for each Vine patient and for each of their specific prayer needs. It is a blessing to know that prayer follows each patient into and out of Vine, as well as being an integral part of their clinic visit experience. We may never know how God moves in response to our prayers, but we know that He hears and answers, in His perfect way and timing. He is so good. *1 John 5:14 & 15*

For more info about joining the Vine email prayer team, please contact us. The BEST way to learn how to effectively pray for the work we do is to make a personal tour appointment. This helps you pray for every aspect of care that we offer and gives you a clear picture of how prayer is making an eternal difference in the lives of our precious patients. Join us in bringing the BRIGHT HOPE of Jesus into many lives this Spring.



Please Pray For, continued:

*A teen with a negative pregnancy test who recommitted her life to Jesus and is wanting to connect with a local youth group.

*A patient who has a Christian background, but her husband does not. He is showing interest in Jesus, and she asks for prayer that they can find a church community to grow with while waiting and hoping for a healthy baby.

*A patient who is pregnant for the 3rd time, after 2 early losses. She is hopeful and trusting God for a baby and asks you to please pray.

*A dear patient who suffered a miscarriage after her initial appointment with us. She came in for grief/loss care and shared that her husband just recently became open to having children after a decade of marriage. He is having a hard time with this loss. Please pray over their marriage and their desire to become parents.

*A patient who accepted Jesus in our clinic and expressed interest in attending one of our supporting churches with her husband and young child. They had a very recent pregnancy loss that has been hard on them. They were happy to be provided with a children's Bible and a full Bible for themselves as well as many other clinic resources.

Baby Bottles 4 LIFE!

Would your Church, Bible Study, Small Group, Youth Group, or local social or business group enjoy participating in Vine Medical's Baby Bottles 4 LIFE? If so, just reach out for more information. Email us at: office@vinemedical.org or call us at (503)714-4148.

Hope Following Infant Loss



We first met 'Hummingbird' in our lovely ultrasound room at Vine. She was a teeny 7-week-old (gestational age) baby, already deeply loved. The first baby of a delightful patient couple and the first grandchild on both sides of the family. It was quite a joyous clinic celebration. "She's so sweet and tiny, we are going to call her our little hummingbird", they shared during that visit. Her parents were grateful for their initial appointment with us and came back for return gestational growth scans throughout their pregnancy. They enjoyed our livestream education courses and dad-to-be connected with one of our fatherhood coaches to grow in becoming a dad that would honor God and serve his family.

During the next 9 months, we met Hummingbird's wonderful extended family, on both sides, as her parents took advantage of our offer to bring their support people in with them to be a part of their follow up sonography appointments. We prayed together and watched God provide for them and answer many prayers.

It was an especially exciting day when they all came in for a 'Meet the Baby' appointment when sweet Hummingbird was just 10 days old. We were able to shower them with beautiful new baby items and they were happy to return as their baby grew and needed bigger diapers and clothes through the next happy months.

It was quite a shock when they reached out to tell us that Hummingbird had suffered a severe health complication, and her medical team said things did not look good. They asked us to join them in praying for a miracle but knew they could trust God with the life of their sweet baby. Over the course of the next grueling days, they faithfully kept in touch as they slowly came to realize they would be saying goodbye to their darling Hummingbird.

They shared the opportunity they had to help save the lives of other little babies by allowing the process of organ donation to be considered and we prayed along with them about that hard choice. They reached out once again right before the surgery began to let us know their Hummingbird would be flying into Jesus's loving arms. Thank you for praying with us for this sweet, grieving couple and all who know and love them. Their hope is firmly fixed on Jesus, but they ask for and deeply appreciate your prayers during this difficult time.

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Thank you SO MUCH to all of you at Chehalem Mountain Christian Fellowship for providing a gift card for our patient with the cancer diagnosis. Your gracious gift was a huge blessing to this dear patient!