



Hannah's House

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News from Hannah's House



Dear Friends,

We have been blessed with the birth of two more babies, one pictured at left; the other has already moved on with her mother. We are grateful for healthy babies and loving moms! Although there is often a learning curve, each of the moms is gaining the skills needed to feed, bathe, and put her baby to sleep.

Volunteer Spotlight

We've had some volunteers come our way, whom we thank for their initiative, expertise and service. Two Knights of Columbus, from Church of the Resurrection - Mitch Kogut and John Crowley - came and sanded down our back porch and stained and varnished the entire area. It's beautiful! Thank you Mitch and John!

Bev Olsen spear-headed our recent involvement in the Third Annual Capital City Community Baby Shower. She has spent the last several months setting aside sleepers, onesies and outfits, from sizes 0 - 18 months, all organized so families could pick and choose what their child(ren) needed. Over 150 families attended the shower. We thank Bev for her many months of unseen service in preparation for this major gift-giving event and we were thankful to our Lord that we took home from the shower far less than we brought!

Additionally, four young women from the St. Gerard's School Girl Scouts Troop #30152 delivered and installed a "Little Library" in our front yard, along with bringing a large stock of elementary, intermediate and young adult books to renew the inventory as books are borrowed. They have promised to come again and volunteer and we look forward to their return!

Kayce Shepard has begun leading a Bible Study focused on questions that one of the women had asked. The questions: "What is the curse that was put on women through motherhood? Can mothers today learn how to surpass it? How can we teach our children how to go about things correctly?"

Praise God that Kayce did a masterful job of recalling to the women the story of the Fall in Genesis 3, focusing on verse 16. There we see the consequences that fell to the woman because she and the man chose to believe a lie—a lie suggesting that God was holding out on them by prohibiting the fruit of one tree in the garden. Their choice to believe the serpent and take the fruit was a denial of God's goodness to them. We as women still experience those consequences in each of our lives, in part with the pain of childbirth.

But then Kayce had us jump from Genesis 3:16 to John 3:16 where she read and discussed the way God's love moved Him to give up his Son so that Life, in all its enduring fullness, might be restored to each of us, by faith in the Son, who gave His life on our behalf. It was an honest question posed by one of the women, a remarkable link between the two verses, and a re-affirmation of God's love, forgiveness and desire to restore us fully to His image.

Some Encouragement

Our moms come to us from many different paths in life, many of them deeply challenging. One woman in particular has endured a great deal, but she has remained determined to make a good life for herself and her son.

Speaking with Susan several weeks ago, this woman expressed that although her pregnancy was unexpected and had come out of traumatic circumstances, she was committed to continuing the pregnancy and parenting the child.

"I'm going to love this baby," she said, without so much as a hint of uncertainty.

Romans 5:3-5 reads, "[We] glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

This mom's perseverance and hope inspire us, and we are blessed to support her during this time. Since this conversation, her son has been born, and both are thriving! We look forward to watching them grow in the next few months, and we hope that each of you will pray with us that she and her son will come to saving faith in our Lord.

Supporting Hannah's House

First, a resounding "THANK YOU!" to each of our donors. We could not continue housing our moms and babies without you.

Increasing costs are affecting everyone, and that, unfortunately, includes Hannah's House. Keeping the house running has become much more expensive this year than it has been in the past.

We are humbly asking for your help.



Please consider, with prayer, whether you might make either a one-time or recurring donation to Hannah's House this fall. Your generosity will be a great blessing to us, in whatever amount you are able, especially if you are willing to give monthly. Even a \$25 gift each month will make a big difference in our home.

Thank you for all that each of you does to support us, whether you choose to give financially or to support spiritually. We value every contribution and every prayer, and we are deeply grateful for your continued involvement in our ministry.

Dessert! Auction! Oh my.

Finally, if you like sampling desserts from around the world (and shopping!), mark your calendars for October 18th, 2025. Hannah's House will be hosting our annual International Dessert Event and Silent Auction from 1 to 3 PM at Trinity Church. More details can be found on our website:

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We are also looking for volunteers! If you'd like to help with the event, please reach out to Jenn at hannahshousedevlop@gmail.com. Have a dessert you're dying to share? We'd love to try it! Sign up here:

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We hope to see you in October!

Blessings,
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