

Our Part

The Woodridge/The Exchange church family is growing - not only through acquisition but organically! Every baby is a precious, priceless gift from God - whether it's a first baby or a ninth baby. Sensitive to normal or high-risk pregnancies, our Expectant Parent Prayer Team is available to pray for families during every stage of this life-changing experience.

We are also very supportive of the miracle of adoption. The adoption process can be lengthy, expensive and exhausting. We desire to pray for adoptive families with the same intensity as we do for natural births.

When our team leader receives information about your expectancy, it is compiled into a prayer list and e-mailed to each committed prayer team member. Your requests are held in strict confidence and updates are communicated to the team regularly.

Your Part

Before we can effectively pray - we need to be informed! Your first step is to complete the brief questionnaire within this brochure and turn it in at the information table or mail it to Woodridge Church. Secondly, please contact us regularly as your pregnancy or adoption progresses - alerting the team of any changes, concerns or praise reports. Occasionally, the team leader may contact you to receive updates, as well. Also, we welcome you to add us to your phone or e-mail list for the onset of labor or when you plan to meet your adopted child. It is our great joy to pray for your child's safe arrival.

God's Part

We serve a faithful God who loves children! The Bible tells us that when the disciples tried to keep children away from Jesus, *He replied, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these,"* (Matthew 19:14). We believe that God is honored when our church and community comes alongside expectant parents to help meet various needs that may arise.

As the Lord provides resources to this ministry, we hope to one day offer support such as:

- Coordinating baby showers, sibling care, housekeeping and meal service
- Compiling resource lists for services including counseling, adoption, nutrition, exercise, etc.
- Supplying gently used baby furniture and equipment, maternity clothes and baby clothes
- Establishing a lending library of books, magazines, CDs & DVDs on relevant topics

We hope to achieve the above goals and more as we build our core team, network with other ministries within our church and community and develop relationships with qualified professionals. Above all, this ministry belongs to the Lord and we wish to honor Him as we serve YOU!

Expectant Parent Questionnaire

(Please fill out both sides)

Name(s) of Expectant Parent(s):

Phone Number(s):

Address:

E-mail Address: If we may we contact you through e-mail, please write the address below.

Affiliation:

_____ Woodridge Attendee

_____ The Exchange Attendee

_____ Small Group

_____ Other: _____

Birth or Adoption Due Date:

Birth or Adoption Location:

Baby's Gender (if known):

Baby's Siblings and Ages:

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