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Dear Sustaining Partner,

“Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above. Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.” **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”** Thomas Chisolm

This wonderful old hymn beautifully states the ancient truth recorded in Lamentations 3:21-23, “This I recall to mind, therefore I have hope. The Lord’s loving-kindness’s indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Thy faithfulness.”

With every change in season we continue to rely on and revel in the faithfulness of God to this ministry. It is because of Him and His work on our behalf we are honored and respected in our community. He has ensured that we are always in the right place at the right time, and that people---clients and partners---find out about us for services or to come along side us as a ministry partner. I’m beyond grateful during the ten years I’ve served as every need has been met—without fail; Most of the time in ways I would not have expected.

Fall is the natural time to evaluate and report on our work and offer praise to God for all HE has enabled us to do. The Annual Fall Gala has become the means by which we celebrate with our community of sustaining partners and others who are interested in learning more about the work we do. If you’ve been around for any time at all, you’re aware we’re busy planning the event. There is a lot to do to make sure this all comes together, but when God’s faithfulness to us and our obedience to HIS calling are the focus, details fall in to place.

By the time you get this, gala materials and tickets will be available. Call or come by to get flyers and tickets. Even though the event has been on our coming events calendar for the year, the date, Friday, October 23 it may have escaped your notice. President/Founder of *PassionLife* (passionlife.org), John Ensor will join us as Keynote to explain why the time is NOW to **“Answer the Call.”** General Seating begins at 6:30 PM. If you’re hosting a table (*PLEASE?*) you’ll want to arrive early enough to save a table for you and your guests. Please be available to greet, seat and make sure your guests are comfortable. I always enjoy making the rounds to see our partners and to meet their guests. Please make it a point to introduce me, the staff and board members to your guests. We love to make new friends.

We serve a full-plated meal (Beef this year) and offer a vegetarian entrée. Most dinner items (except bread) is gluten free. We’ll get the vegetarian meal requests when you call in or send us your guest list. As our thanks to those who host a table of eight people, we offer to you the centerpiece from your table (Vase with flowers—not the accessories).

Underwriters who help to cover all or part of the event expenses up front will have their names and/or the name of the business published in our program (Time permitting). The cost of one table is \$560.00.

I'm especially excited about the program this year. The sanctity of life issue has been in the news in one way or another all year. People, who have long been "asleep" to the horror that is abortion, finally realize we've allowed those who support the killing of the unborn to call the shots. It's not too late to "***Answer the Call***" to action! I expect John Ensor will suggest some very specific and practical ways we can make life the first choice for those who face an unplanned pregnancy.

Our "One Family's Story" portion of our program is extra special this year. You won't want to miss hearing how God brought two families together to preserve the life of a child.

If you've been following anything but the mainstream, liberal news, you have heard about and maybe seen some of the videos regarding Planned Parenthood (And other abortion clinics) negotiating deals for baby parts. This has been going on for YEARS. It's nothing new. I pulled a price list from the Internet before I began my tenure here over 10 years ago. I'm glad this gruesome business has been exposed and that the abortion industry is on the run as they try to excuse their actions and claim the videos were edited to cast abortion providers in a bad light. The truth is we don't have to try to do that. Abortion is big business and it's evil.

Plan now to stand for parenthood!! Help us fill the gala tables with people to provide the means through financial gifts and volunteer help, whereby we can be ever more effective. You and I both know that as we agree to work together in support of life, we become the majority. God is faithful. We can count on Him to provide everything we need to stand firm and to tell the truth—***ALL life is sacred.***

We still need someone with experience to volunteer a few hours a month as our Board Treasurer. We use QuickBooks On line. This person will review the financial records after the account has been reconciled each month and make any needed corrections before running bi-monthly financial reports. This is NOT a paid position and requires just a few hours per month. Attendance at bi-monthly board meetings is welcome, but not necessary.

I hope to see you on Friday, October 23rd. Immanuel Baptist Church fellowship hall (Bldg C) at our Annual Fall Gala. Let's "**Answer The Call**" and encourage those we know to join us.

For Life!

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