

# QUICK FACTS

## Answers to 5 Important Questions About Abortion

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

#### About life:

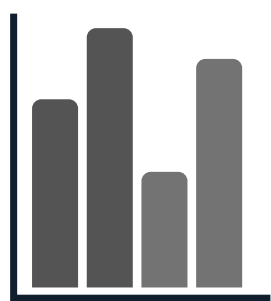
"For you created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb." *Ps.139:13*

#### About protecting life:

"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed." *Ps.82:3*



### HOW MANY ABORTIONS WERE REPORTED?\*



- 862,320 abortions in the US (2017)
- 5,818 abortions in WI (2017)
- nearly 40% of women were 15-24 years old when they had an abortion (2017)

\*California and 3 other states do not report abortions.

### HOW DOES A BABY DEVELOP?

- **22 days** after conception a baby's heart is beating
- **4 weeks:** lungs, stomach, and liver begin to develop
- **8 weeks:** arms & legs are well-formed, fingers/toes growing
- **12 weeks:** baby is moving, sex organs become clear
- **16 weeks:** baby can blink; fingers & toes have fingerprints
- **20 weeks:** baby can suck a thumb, yawn, & make faces

### CAN CHURCHES MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHEN A WOMAN FACES A PREGNANCY DECISION?



- Two out of five women were attending a Christian church once a month or more at the time of their first abortion
- 43% of women who have had an abortion agree that it is safe to talk with a pastor about abortion

### WHAT CAN I DO?

- Take a single mom grocery shopping and pick up the tab.
- Offer to babysit for a single parent.
- Speak to people who hold opposing views with kindness.
- Download *10 Ways Our Church Can Have a Christ-like Response to Abortion* on our Church Resource page

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