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Silent Voices believes that God is the Author of life, that all human life is valuable - born and preborn - and that abortion is never the answer to an unplanned, "crisis" pregnancy. We are dedicated to giving compassionate, practical assistance to women experiencing unplanned pregnancies, providing accurate information about the realities and possible consequences of abortion, and offering help, hope and healing through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ to women already struggling with the trauma of abortion.



Banquet

Our Banquet is scheduled for Friday, September 24th, at Horizon Christian Fellowship. We need help - if you want to serve with the organizational team, please let us know!

Table Hosts/Underwriters Needed

We've sent out letters to the people who were involved with last year's Banquet - now we want to extend the invitation to all of our supporters. If you'd like to serve as a Table Host, please let us know. There's no costs involved - all you have to do is fill your table with 8 people who might be interested in getting to know us better. We also need people to underwrite our costs for that night by making a one-time donation. We anticipate that the Banquet will cost us \$12,000 - and we need to have that raised before the Banquet. If you want to be involved in either way, please let us know ASAP!

"Beauty for Ashes"



The theme for this year's Banquet is "Beauty for Ashes." We work with women whose lives have been brought to ruin because of the choices they have made - or from being on the wrong end of someone else's choices. God is the Author of Restoration - and He can turn what the enemy has meant for harm in their lives into something beautiful.

If you've been helped by Silent Voices and would like to participate in this year's event by sharing your testimony, we'll have two ways you can do that - and neither requires you to say anything in public!

One option is to write a brief statement about what Silent Voices means to you and how your life has been restored because of the ministry. We will be using these short testimonies at each table setting. You can remain completely anonymous. If you want to do this, simply mail or email it to our office - and do it soon!

The other option will require you to be present at the Banquet and give a "cardboard" testimony of how your life has been changed because of the ministry.

Call us for more information!

Melody Green - Last Days Ministries

We are VERY excited to have Melody Green as our speaker for this year's Banquet! She is the widow of musician Keith Green, and co-founder with him of Last Days Ministries. Melody and Keith came to Christ in 1975, after years of searching for their spiritual identity. In 1979 they moved their growing ministry to East Texas, where by 1982 it had a world-wide impact.

Melody kept busy editing The Last Days Magazine, as well as writing many of its articles. Keith's music was at the top of the charts and new facilities were built and more were in the planning stages.

Then one day in July a tragic accident changed Melody's life forever. Keith and two of their young children, with some visiting friends, went for a short ride in a small plane. The plane did not get the needed lift for take off, and just 20 seconds later it crashed in a neighboring field and burst into flames. There were no survivors.

When Keith died he was just 28 years old. Melody's first born, Josiah, was almost four and Bethany was two years old. At the time, Melody was at home with their one year old daughter Rebekah Joy and six weeks pregnant with their fourth child. Melody says, "The rug was yanked out from under my whole world that day. Without the Lord and the support of my friends and the LDM community I never would have made it." But she did make it, pressing in to lead LDM through the crisis, while caring for her surviving daughter.

With wisdom from decades of what she calls "real life" and "ministry life," Melody has faced several personal tragedies and losses, but has to date, emerged from each one with greater gratitude to God and more comfort to share with those she touches. She says, "Today I have more faith in God's goodness and ability to provide than ever before. Even when terrible things happen He can turn those things towards our good... but only if we have the patience to wait while we are hurting."