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Groundbreaking for the Memorial

On September 22, at 5pm, just a few steps from the grave of legendary pioneer Daniel Boone, Bishop Ronald W. Gainer and Rev. Wayne B. Smith will officially break ground for the Kentucky Memorial for the Unborn in Frankfort Cemetery. This new landmark, being established on a bluff overlooking the Kentucky River and the state capital, will pioneer a new pathway for families to honor and find closure for unborn babies they have lost.

Until now, women and men who wanted to remember their unborn children carried them only in their hearts, because well-meaning family members often discouraged any grieving after a miscarriage and especially after an abortion. But giving no recognition to the short life carried in the womb has caused many citizens in our Commonwealth to bury unresolved grief, which time doesn't heal.

For them, this Memorial provides a unique place to symbolically lay their unborn baby to rest in the same dignified manner as they would any other family member. The black granite memorial wall that will bear inscriptions for each unborn child will stand as a comforting reminder that these children are now in the hands of our Creator, God. Over 70 requests have already been placed for inscription orders.

The groundbreaking service will celebrate the erection of a life-size bronze statue of *Rachel Weeping for Her Children*, sculpted by SL Jonson Studios in Nebraska, to promote interest in the monument and to help raise the \$97,000 needed to complete construction. The capital campaign's primary fundraising drive, the "**100 Church Challenge**," encourages churches throughout our state to commit to raising \$1000 each to meet the \$97,000 goal. Church sponsors will be recognized on a plaque to be placed near the monument.

Corporations and professionals are encouraged to join the Memorial's "**Circle of Friends**" by providing in-kind services and materials. In-kind gifts have been received from The Design Group, Kenar Architecture, Maffet Engineering, O'Neil Contracting, Graphic Designer Monica King, Unovoid, Inc., and Vincent Fister Moving & Storage. For more information, contact Chairman Kathy Rutledge at 859.230.5362 or 859.255.2000, or visit www.KyMemorialfortheUnborn.org.



Volunteers Needed

This project is very exciting and we welcome volunteers in the following areas:

- County Leaders to share the vision for the Memorial
- Special Event Coordinators
- Outgoing personalities to assist with fundraising
- Financial Donations

If you would like to join the monthly email prayer group please contact Pat at WISC@insightbb.com

Prayer Corner

Fear not, for I am with you: be not dismayed for I am thy God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness. Isaiah 41:10

God is our strength in every area of our lives and He leads and directs us each day. We find His will for our life in His Word and through our relationship with Him. His plan for us is good and regardless of our past mistakes, He is faithful to forgive and to draw us closer to Him. Seek Him with all your heart and He will be found.

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