

LIFE CHAIN CHECKLIST

1. All should know that we gather **RAIN or SHINE!**

2. It is most important that your church members know your church's gathering spot on College Road, Oleander Drive or Market Street. Use the church bulletin inserts, bulletin board posters and announcement times to spread the word.

3. Encourage participants to arrive by 2:00 PM. This allows 30 minutes for instructions, distribution of posters and time for group prayer before Life Chain begins. Please ask someone to watch for and assist mothers and seniors who may need help with small children and chairs. Also, please be especially encouraging to first time participants.

4. Parking- Car pool if possible. Utilize the parking lots of banks, churches, colleges, office buildings, preschools, schools, state agencies and other businesses that are closed on Sunday. If you must park in an area where there are businesses open, park away from the front of the business, leaving the preferred parking spots for customers. **PLEASE BE FIRM IN THIS MATTER!** We are seeking to draw people to our cause, not aggravate them.

5. *This is a silent prayer vigil. Please be specific with your group that this is a time of prayer and humility before our Lord. This is **NOT** a time to visit with the person standing next to you. Please refrain from using cell phones.*

6. The Life Chain Headquarters will be located in the vacant lot next to the GoGas at College Rd. and Wrightsville Ave. and will be manned beginning at 1:30 PM. Please refer any questions or problems to the individuals at the headquarters.

7. Please complete the survey card and return it to headquarters with your posters.

8. Tell your group that if individuals in vehicles are ugly in word or gesture, they are to keep silent and pray for them. There will be "Life Chain Patrol" cars clearly marked coming by periodically. If you need assistance, flag down one of the patrol vehicles. If someone at a business harasses your group or tells them to leave, **DON'T ARGUE**. Tell them that you have a permit to be there and ask them to call the police if they want you to leave. If they won't call the police, you call the police. If any in your group are parked in their lot, move your cars and then return to your places.

9. At 2:25 PM, start assembling on your part of College Road, Oleander Drive or Market Street. **ASK YOUR PARTICIPANTS TO STAND 15 FEET APART. THIS IS A REQUIREMENT OF THE CITY PERMIT.** If you have fewer participants than anticipated, spread those you have further apart. If you have more people, rejoice first and then look to see if they might “spill over” into your neighboring church’s spot.

10. Place a “team captain” at each end of your church chain. He or she should make sure that you are joined space-wise with your “neighboring church group” on both sides. **TRY TO PREVENT GAPS!**

11. At 3:30 PM, as the Life Chain prayer vigil ends, thank God for all that He will accomplish and thank Him for the privilege of standing publicly for Him and for His children.

Give an hour and save a lifetime.

“Could you not keep watch for one hour?” Mark 14:37

We have obtained a “Permit To Picket” from the Police Department, and we have the legal right to demonstrate. The original copy of our permit is at Life Chain Headquarters should anyone question you.

Selected paragraphs from the Picketing Ordinance:

Sec. 6-13, (d) Picketing shall be conducted only on portions of the public way not used primarily for vehicular parking or moving traffic.

Sec. 6-13, (f) Pickets not marching shall remain at least fifteen feet (15’) apart.

Sec. 6-14, (f) It shall be unlawful for any person to physically interfere with such pickets in the use of the sidewalk or to address profane, indecent, abusive, or threatening language to or at such pickets which would tend to provoke such pickets or others to a breach of the peace.

Sec. 6-14, (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to so disperse or move on when so directed by a police officer as herein provided.