

Prayerful crowd gathers at 40 Days for Life campaign stop

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John Riordan and his three daughters Emma, 6, Moly, 4 and Alice, 2, await the arrival of the 40 Days for Life Bus and the beginning of the candlelight rally Oct. 10. (Travis McAfee photo)



The 40 Days for Life tour bus arrives outside of the Planned Parenthood clinic in Fayetteville greeted by a crowd of prayer warriors. Fayetteville is one of the 125 cities on the bus tour between Sept. 8 and Nov. 6. (Travis McAfee photo)



CEO of 40 Days for Life, David Bereit, steps off the bus and is greeted by the Leon family who attend St. Vincent De Paul Church in Rogers and made the trip to Fayetteville for the event. (Travis McAfee photo)



Annie Ritz and Molly Davidson take their turn signing the 40 Days for Life tour bus on its stop in front of Planned Parenthood in Fayetteville. (Travis McAfee photo)



A prayerful crowd gathers to listen to words of encouragement from David Bereit, CEO of 40 Days for Life. (Travis McAfee photo)



Jan Hixson, developmental director of Loving Choices Pregnancy Centers of NWA, takes her turn at inspiring those gathered to pray for an end to abortion at the 40 Days for Life rally. (Travis McAfee photo)



University of Arkansas campus minister Adam Koehler shares a young adult perspective in the cause to end abortion and his own enthusiasm for the 40 Days for Life campaign. (Travis McAfee photo)



Sheila Pursell shares inspirational words to encourage those in attendance at the prayer vigil to persevere to end abortion. (Travis McAfee photo)



Father Patrick Watikha, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Charleston, offers up a closing prayer and blessing. (Travis McAfee photo)



Participants in the 40 Days for Life rally gather for a group photo in front of the "50 states in 40 days" tour bus. (Travis McAfee photo)

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Sheila Pursell of Northwest Arkansas' fall 40 Days for Life campaign inspires a prayerful crowd gathered outside the Planned Parenthood clinic Oct. 10 in Fayetteville as part of the campaign's 125-city, 40-day bus tour that will continue through Nov. 6.

Fayetteville was the only stop in Arkansas. The tour kicked off on Sept 27 at a pro-life rally outside the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., and has been traveling across the country to unite people in prayer and fasting to end abortion.

David Bereit, CEO of 40 Days for Life, is one of the main participants in the bus tour and participated in the Fayetteville rally. Participants signed the 40 Days for Life bus before it continued on to Oklahoma.