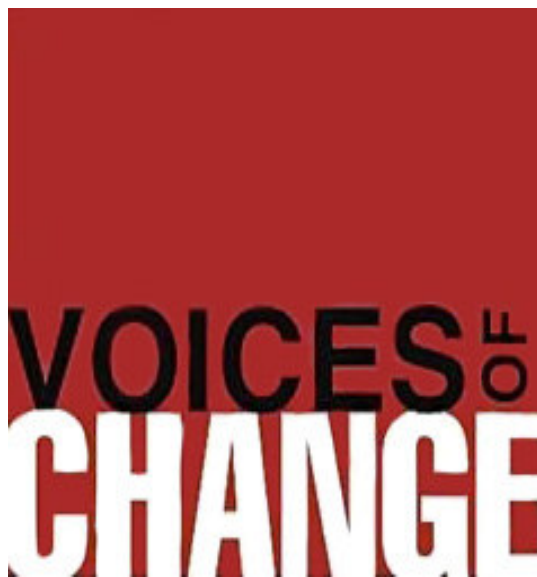


- Did you know that 2 children are sold into slavery **every minute?**
- Did you know the United States is the **leading** importer of these victims of human trafficking?
- Did you know that human trafficking is a **\$32 billion dollar** industry?



Voices of Change is a group of young adults (18-29) at Bethel who are passionate about ending human trafficking. They believe that the key to abolishing modern day slavery is through awareness & being a voice of change.

This group is open to anyone who is 18-29 & interested in this issue. The group includes

meetings, which are held once a month at 1:15 p.m. on Sundays & outreach events. If you have questions about the group or would like to know meeting dates, please email: [thevoicesofchange@hotmail.com](mailto:thevoicesofchange@hotmail.com)

## Human Trafficking and the Super Bowl

The Super Bowl is the highlight of the football season and perhaps of commercial advertising. Yet, there is something that goes on every year during this event that many do not know about: human sex trafficking. According to Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, "The Super Bowl is one of the biggest human-trafficking events in the United States."

The NFL is not directly responsible for this evil crime—the independent perpetrators are. As more is learned about this crime, the better the chances are for this problem to be solved.

The following are some startling facts about recent Super Bowls and this hidden phenomenon.

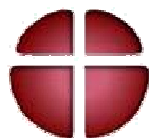
**2009 Tampa, Florida (Super Bowl XLIII):** 24 underage prostitutes were rescued. At least two men were convicted on federal charges of forcing a 14 year old girl into prostitution via Craigslist.

**2010 Miami, Florida (Super Bowl XLIV):** 16 underage prostitutes were identified working near the hotels of the Super Bowl location. Six missing children and five potential underage trafficking victims were rescued. At least one man was sentenced for using Craigslist to sell children into prostitution.

**2011 Dallas, Texas (Super Bowl XLV):** Texas Attorney General Abbott increased law enforcement during the Super Bowl to detect sex trafficking (especially underage), mainly because of the trafficking that happened in previous Super Bowls. The FBI and his office increased enforcement by almost two dozen personnel devoted to investigating those who trade in underage girls. No reliable statistics of 2011 Super Bowl trafficking arrests yet exist.

**2012 Indianapolis, Indiana (Super Bowl XLVI):** Current Indiana laws about child trafficking are being expanded to prosecute a wide variety of perpetrators. These changes are planned to be made specifically before and mainly because of the Super Bowl.

The incidents above represent only a fraction of the trafficking actually occurring in the Super Bowl.



**Bethel...The Church @ Franklin Mills**  
 903 Franklin Mills Circle • Philadelphia, PA 19154  
 215-824-3000 • [www.fmchurch.net](http://www.fmchurch.net)