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Some ask about our ministry, “Why don’t you tell these girls to stop getting themselves in this situation? Can’t you just sit them down when they have their pregnancy test and tell them they are living in sin?”

That would be easy wouldn’t it? We would set everyone straight in a hurry. But it would not be effective, and it might run them out the door completely. If we take a look at the Samaritan woman in John 4, we see Jesus approach her much differently. Instead of pointing to her shortcomings, Jesus first offered her living water, which only He could offer.

She was amazed, and she wanted to hear more from this Man.

Only then, after reaching out to her need, did Jesus ask her to call her husband. We know the story: she had no husband, though she had been a wife to five different men. She- like many we see-was in the midst of yet another dead-end relationship, this time living with a man outside of marriage. Yet instead of condemning, Jesus actually complimented her for telling the truth about her failed past. What could have been a terribly humiliating moment turned into a life changing encounter.

To see a powerful picture of what our ministry is about, look to John 4. This moment with the Samaritan woman is a perfect snapshot. Our message is not one of condemnation, but is one of hope and joy as we offer living water. We are not here to avoid the truth-Jesus certainly did not-but when presented in love, truth

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unlocks the door of freedom.

So when a woman comes to us, we are reminded that while her choices may have put her in a difficult situation, she is not the first. A woman went to a well in Samaria, suffering from a string of poor choices.

Jesus could have condemned, and He could have sent her on her way, teaching us all a lesson of “righteousness.” But without condemning, He offered her living water, a gift that brings life. She chose life. And if we keep reading in John 4, we find that others followed her. At her darkest hour, Jesus showed up. And a life was changed forever. This is a story worth emulating and at the Pregnancy Care Center we seek to see this story come true again and again.



Celebrate Life Banquet 2007

The Pregnancy Care Center wishes to thank all that supported us in our recent Annual Banquet held on March 22. Thank you to all who came and celebrated with us. Thanks for all that you do for Him and for this ministry.



The banquet was a wonderful evening filled with God's presence. Speaker David Duncan had us laughing and crying as he shared his personal testimony and God's desire for us to choose life. David Russell entertained us with wonderful dinner music and

David Abernathy, Jr. ministered to us in song. Testimonies from previous clients were shared. Our total raised was \$54,520.72 -praise God!



*Top to Bottom: Snapshots from the Celebrate Life Banquet.
Right: Speaker David Duncan*

The Pregnancy Care Center Mortgage is PAID IN FULL

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights...” James 1:16

We praise God for providing an anonymous donor (a couple) to pay off the Pregnancy Care Center



mortgage. We praise God for their willingness to follow God’s plan. Rejoice with us in our good news and God’s provision.



Above: Photos of the little ones born to our PCC mothers.

Who Gives to the Pregnancy Care Center?

Have you ever taken a look at this newsletter and asked the question, “What type of person gives to the Pregnancy Care Center?” Here are some characteristics of our donors:

The Generous

Some of our donors are wealthy, some are not. However, anyone who gives to another is generous, and that is who gives to this ministry.

The Committed

Our donors believe in the sanctity of life and they see this ministry as a way to put “feet to our faith” by reaching out to those in the valley of decision regarding an unplanned pregnancy.

The Loving

Our ministry desires to share the good news of Jesus Christ and those who give want to see hearts touched by Jesus’ love.

The Selfless

Our donors give to people they never meet. That’s the ultimate in selflessness; and we see that characteristic in our donors.

Matching Gift Program

GE Foundation and Bank of America created the concept of a matching gift program. There are thousands of companies worldwide who have adopted similar programs. Before making your next contribution, ask your company if they participate in this wonderful program.

Tenet Healthcare is a local participant in this wonderful program.

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If you find your name has been ommitted, please call 828-322-4272 to help us correct our records.



Elizabeth Care Ministry (ECM) Store

Through our ECM store, we are able to bless new parents with diapers, clothing, baby equipment and other baby items. Parents receive a large layette after attending six classes at the PCC. Emergency layettes are also available for those who come in late during their pregnancy in need of material assistance. Also, after each class mothers receive mommy dollars to trade in for other baby supplies. We encourage our mothers to be educated in childbirth information, infant care and parenting skills among many other things. At present,

we have a need for many baby items. During the winter we saw our supply dwindle down. If you would be interested in having a baby shower or donating used items, we would be very grateful. We know this need will be met through our wonderful friends.

New Car Seats

Diapers

New/Gently Used Baby Equipment

Baby Bottles

Clothing- sizes newborn to 24 months

Light-weight sleepers or gowns-all sizes

Crib sheets

Onesies-All sizes

Socks/Shoes

Pastors and Friends Prayer Time

If your pastor and church would like to visit and bathe our ministry in prayer or provide snacks/prayer leadership for our morning and evening devotions, please contact Renee Bentley for more information.

Thank you for being a part of this ministry. Together we are seeing lives changed!

FRIENDS FOR *Life* PARTNERS

Yes! I would like to join the PCC Circle of Friends and help this ministry continue to reach women in crisis pregnancies for the Lord.

- Enclosed is my one time gift in the amount of \$ _____ .
- I would like to make a monthly/quarterly pledge in the amount of \$ _____ .
- I am considering a gift other than those suggested. Please contact me.
- I am considering volunteering my time on the Board or a committee. Please call.

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POST ABORTION *Stress*



Most people know that abortion ends a baby's life, but few people know what abortion does to the woman's life. They may experience an inability to maintain loving or trusting relationships, regret, anger, depression, sorrow, guilt, and grief. It may lead to drug or alcohol abuse; suicidal thoughts or acts; and other self destructive tendencies.

There are things that may remind them or bring on symptoms of Post-Abortion Stress such as seeing a baby, Mother's Day or Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, or remembering the date of the abortion. Women who have experienced an abortion may feel isolated and alone. Where can you find help? Try giving us a call at the Pregnancy Care Center. We offer free, non-judgmental

counseling. The PCC provides a bible study that addresses the emotional and spiritual consequences of abortion. God wants to heal all the hurts. Give us a call at 828-322-4272.

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YOUTH ABSTINENCE RALLY

Sunday, October 21, 2007

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Speaker: Reba Bowman
www.rebabowman.org

Musical Guest:
HeavyHandedPraise

Rally Topic: Dare for More:
Why be average when it
comes to sex?



HEAVYHANDEDPRAISE

Location: To be determined.

Abstinence **EDUCATION**

In February, an average of 14 teens met each Monday to participate in the bible study, "I Kissed Dating Goodbye". The video series by Joshua Harris was mixed with icebreakers, small group discussions, and skits to provide the teens with an up-to-date look at God's views on love, dating, and purity. The study was hosted by St. Paul's Reformed Church and led by Jeannie Chevront, *Client Services Director* of the Pregnancy Care Center.

The Pregnancy Care Center will be offering this study once again this fall following the Abstinence Rally. It will be a three week study offered on the following Wednesday Nights: October 24, November 7, November 14, at the C.O. Miller Teen Center. Watch the next newsletter for more details!



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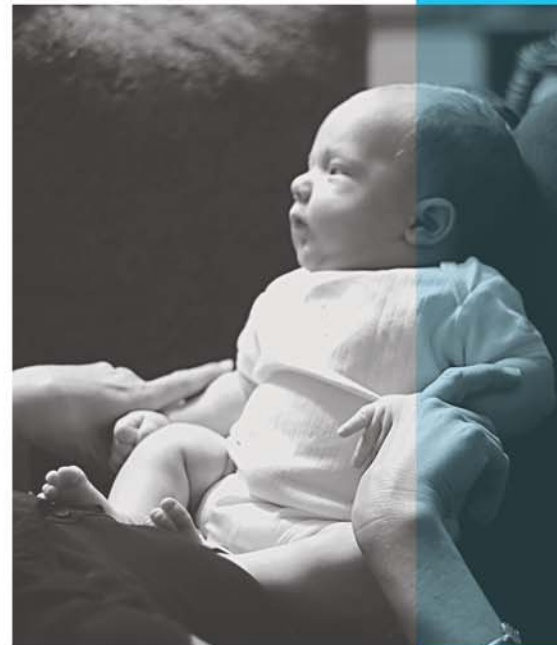
West Hickory Baptist Youth Group for cleaning our storage building.

New Life Baptist Youth for helping with our Spring clothing exchange.

Old Navy/Kelly Bollinger for the wonderful baby gifts.

Christ Lutheran LWML for a wonderful selection of "Mommy toiletry bags".

First Baptist Church POE Mission Group for a wide variety of baby items and a monetary gift.



"Many, O Lord My God, are the wonders which thou hast done, And thy thoughts toward us; There is none to compare with Thee; If I would declare and speak of them, They would be too numerous to count." Psalm 40:5