

From the Director

TO GOD BE THE GLORY GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE.

God has been so good to us at the Hope Women's Center so far this year. We are so blessed to have so many churches and individuals supporting us with prayers and financially. We have had church groups visiting with us. And we are able to visit churches to present our program.

Through all the support we get we are able to assist many Mommies and babies. May God bless each of you for caring.

– Judy

Walk for Life

October 19, 2019 1-3 PM at
Rock Springs Track Easley, SC

Registration Fee is \$15 which includes a T-shirt and water. (XXL T-Shirt fee is \$18). Deadline for T-shirts is September 30. All proceeds go to Hope Women's Center.

God has always proven Himself faithful in meeting our needs through this event. We are so thankful for all those who come to walk in support of the unborn. This year we will again be walking (God willing) at Rock Springs Track on Saturday, October 19. We need YOU to come support this ministry either as a walker or as a sponsor. Deadline for getting sponsorship names on the T-shirt is September 30. Sponsor fee is \$100.00. This is a great opportunity for entire Sunday School classes to come together and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship for a Christ-centered cause. Please call the Center (855-8500) to register, or go to the website (www.yourservant.com/hope), print out a registration form and mail it to P.O. Box 225, Easley, SC 29641. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Baby Bottles

We have had many churches doing baby bottles. Just pick up a baby bottle from the Center, either for yourself, your Sunday School Class or your Bible study group. At the end of the day, fill it with the loose change in your pocket or purse. You'll be amazed at how quickly it fills. Then, return it to the Center. It is a great blessing for us to see so many bottles being brought in filled with money.

On Going Needs

Hope Women's Center tries to provide anything a baby up to the age of 24 months might need. As with any "family" our stock frequently needs to be replaced and often our needs vary. Right now we are pretty set for summer wear except for sleepers, which we need in all sizes, and diapers size newborn, 2 and 6. As we look forward to the cooler months we can use girls 6-9 months and 18-24 months. And we could use onesies in the 6-9 month and 12 to 24 month range as well as sleepers sizes 6-9 month and 12 month. We need Gerber Good Start, Sooth and Gentle formula (Please check the expiration dates). We always have a need for soap, shampoo, lotion, and other baby toiletries. Thank you ever so much for your consideration of these needs.

What We Offer

- ◆ Pregnancy Test at no charge.
- ◆ Information concerning pregnancy/prenatal development.
- ◆ Abortion procedures and risks information (we do not perform or refer for abortions)
- ◆ One on one peer counseling (relationship and abstinence).
- ◆ Long term counseling during pregnancy
- ◆ Referrals to other Christian ministries and community agencies (medical, financial, shelter, homes, adoption).
- ◆ Maternity/baby clothes and supplies.

What You Can Do

Pray! Volunteer as a peer counselor. Pray! Take part in the baby bottle program. Pray! Donate maternity and baby needs. Pray! Tell others about Hope Women's Center. Pray! Donate financially. Pray!

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints. Ephesians 1:18.

Every baby brings into the world...a Song that has never been sung, a Hope that has never been quenched, a Chance to Love and be loved and a complete Faith in us for protection.

Are Pre-born People?

For one to argue it is human, but not a person, there has to be a moment in pregnancy or at birth when a being that is not a person becomes a person. Would that be when the preborn has the ability to feel pain and respond to stimuli? If that were the characteristic of being a person, born people who are in comas or cannot feel pain would not be people. Would this moment be the first breath upon being born? If that were the characteristic of being a person, then being on a ventilator would disqualify individuals from being people.

There can be no magic moment when a non-person becomes a person because life is a continuum from conception until death. We exist in different sizes, levels of development, environments, and degrees of dependency. But none of these factors change what we are from our first moment of existence: people. We're all people with an inherent dignity that is unchanging. This dignity demands we be treated with respect.

Your Gift Makes a Bigger Difference than You Might Think!!

Thank you to the many of you who support us with monthly, quarterly and yearly gifts. Because of you, lives are impacted and lives are saved through this ministry. Your gifts define the word "partnership," which describes a union of people dedicated to a particular calling. In our case, we partner as we reach out to those facing unplanned pregnancies, presenting the hope of Jesus Christ as we offer life-affirming alternatives to abortion. These are two of the highest callings imaginable and together we are indeed partners!

Legislation

House bill 3020, with wide support, has passed the House in Columbia and is now in the Senate. This bill will be considered when they come back in session in January. The bill would enact the "South Carolina Fetal Heartbeat Protection from Abortion Act" and would require testing for a detectable fetal heartbeat before an abortion is performed on a pregnant woman and would prohibit the performance of an abortion when a fetal heartbeat is detected, both with medical emergency exceptions and would require certain documentation and record keeping by physicians performing abortions. Please let your senator know that you support this bill.

Life Is Sacred

Life is sacred. Sacred because the God of the universe has handcrafted each eternal little one. The value He places on each life is so great that we can't even begin to comprehend it. How can we protect what God so cherishes?

As the body of Christ, we must commit to helping women and men – often alone and frightened – discover the wonder of the new life they carry. In the name of Jesus we must offer truth, love and resources to enable them to find God's plan for themselves and the baby. Hope Women's Center offers clients the facts they need to make informed decisions, plus other free services like pregnancy testing, confidential peer counseling and physical help like maternity clothes, baby supplies and diapers.

You can be involved in protecting these sacred lives. Volunteer, donate and pray. Call Hope Women's Center to find out more about how you can help.

Dred Scott and a Reminder to Us All

Recently our country remembered the 160th anniversary of the infamous Dred Scott decision in which the Supreme Court told us that no slave or descendent of a slave could ever be a citizen of the United States. Today we see this decision as immoral. Back then some saw it as a victory, while other saw it for what it was – a crime against humanity.

The Supreme Court never overturned the Dred Scott decision. The 7-2 decision would still be with us today, were it not for the passing of the 13th and 14th amendments. If the people had waited on the Court or spent their time worrying about changing the Court, history could be quite different.

Today there is hope of overturning the Roe decision of 1973. Yet, we can do so much more than wait on the Court. Each day at Hope Women's Center we open our doors, prepared to touch hearts with the hope of life. And each day we reach out to those struggling with the pain of an abortion with the hope of forgiveness.

As we touch hearts and lives, we become the first choice of women and families in our area facing unplanned pregnancies. Here, hearts are being changed. Because of what happens here and at more than 2500 other pregnancy care centers nationwide, the abortion rate continues to slowly drop. One day, we may see abortion end simply because our influence is so strong that abortion is no longer considered by anyone to be a "viable" option. What a testimony that would be to the power of "overcoming evil with good," to paraphrase Romans 12:21.