



Hope Women's Center

Winter 2019

From the Assistant Director

It is so hard to imagine we are in a new year already as 2018 almost seems like a blur. I remember as a little girl my grandmother always saying “don’t wish your life away because the older you get the faster it will go.” I didn’t know what she was talking about back then, but, today I know exactly what she was saying and find myself saying the same thing to my grandchildren. Which reminds me of the Bible verse, 2 Peter 3:8 NIV, “But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.”

We need to cherish our time and use it wisely on the things that are important to us. Although 2018 went by so fast it was a good year for Hope Women’s Center. We had all our needs met and then some. Judy and I were talking the other day about how good God was to us in 2018 and how blessed we are to be a part of Hope Women’s Center. We are praying for a great 2019. It feels good to be able to help someone in need.

In Christ’s Love,
Glennon Britton
Assistant Director

Sanctity of Human Life

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Why I Hate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

I don’t hate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday because I think it, somehow, unbiblical. No, indeed. The entire canon throbs with God’s commitment to the fatherless and to the widows, his wrath at the shedding of innocent blood. I don’t hate it because I think it’s inappropriate. Just as every Lord’s Day should be Easter, with the proclamation of the Resurrection of Jesus, and Christmas, with the announcement of the Incarnation, so every Lord’s Day should highlight the worth and dignity of human life. I hate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday because I’m reminded

that we have to say things to one another that human beings shouldn’t have to say. Mothers shouldn’t kill their children. Fathers shouldn’t abandon their babies. No human life is worthless, regardless of skin color, age, disability, economic status. The very fact that these things must be proclaimed is a reminder of the horrors of this present darkness. But I also love Sanctity of Human Life Sunday when I think about the fact that I serve a congregation with ex-orphans all around, adopted into loving families. I love to reflect on the men and women who serve every week in pregnancy centers for women in crisis. And I love to see men and women who have aborted babies find their sins forgiven, even this sin, and their consciences cleansed by Christ. We’ll always need Christmas. We’ll always need Easter. But I hope, please Lord, someday soon, that Sanctity of Human Life Day is unnecessary.

– Russell Moore

Considering Volunteering?

Hope Women’s Center is here to serve those in unplanned pregnancies and we can always use your help in this ministry. No matter your skill set or interests, your gifts can be used to make a profound difference in the lives of women in our community. Please consider volunteering at Hope Women’s Center. Call 864-855-8500 for more information.

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. Please understand that when God blesses us abundantly through you and we have ample supplies of certain items, we pass them on to other organizations that hold the same view of life as we do and may be in need of some of these items. As of right now we

have plenty of size 1 diapers, girls winter clothes sizes 0-6 months, boys winter clothes size 3-6 months and girls summer clothes sizes 12-24 months. We are in need of long sleeved onesies sizes 6 months to 24 months, and summer sleepers sizes 0-9 months as well as boys clothes 0-3 months (winter). In the way of diapers, anything size 4 through 6 would be helpful. We can always use wipes, lotion, baby shampoo and baby wash. Please check the dates on formula or baby food to make sure they are not expired or close to being expired. Again, thank you so much for all your faithfulness in giving and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call and ask.

Walk for Life

Our Walk For Life Event was in October and was very successful with 70 Sponsors and many Walkers. We raised \$11,000 and were so grateful for the support and love from the community that helped us achieve our goal! Even though it was an extremely hot day we had a lot of walkers come to walk and also buy goodies from our bake sale where all the volunteers cook their favorite recipes that no one could resist. Our Center only runs on donations and with the Walk we are able to do projects and if we run low on donations we are able to buy supplies for the young ladies that come into the Center for personal needs for their baby. The Walk For Life will be towards the end of October this year. God Bless and Happy New Year.

– Gail Porter, Chairman and Volunteer

Legislation

Two bills relating to the unborn were introduced in Columbia this session. They must be passed by the House and the Senate and signed by the Governor by May of 2020 in order to become law. If either one of these is important to you, please let your Senator and/or Representative know. The bills are very similar, but one was introduced in the House and the other in the Senate.

Senate bill 32 and House bill 3020, 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.

Did You Know...

- ✓ You can change and save lives simply by volunteering, giving and praying?
- ✓ That over 60% of women choose abortion because they are not being supported by the father and/or parents?
- ✓ That you can help support young women in crisis pregnancies through your local Pregnancy Care Center – and Hope Women’s Center is the only local such center?
- ✓ That telling others about why you are pro-life can save a life in the future?
- ✓ That getting out there and helping a woman in crisis speaks much louder than just saying you are pro-life?

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.

LIFE Matters

God’s attention to us begins in the womb and continues throughout our lives. According to Psalm 139:13-17, His eyes see our unformed substance and His book records all our days before one of them has come to pass: “How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them!”

According to Psalm 8:2 the praise of God in the mouths of the weakest and most vulnerable people – infants and nursing babies – brings Him glory and victory over enemies. Let's not silence little children, but rather protect their dignity and value. Let's join our voices with theirs: “Oh Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!” (Psalm 8:1)