



## Director's Report

As we start a new year, I believe it is a *wonderful* time to reflect on the successes of the past year and look forward to what is to come. In 2021, because of all of our faithful supporters, we were able to assist 315 families and provide 714 services, such as: personal needs, pregnancy tests, classes and most importantly prayer and the Word of God.

Throughout 2021 you helped us get a Prayer Group started, have a successful 3K Walk/Run for Life and Open House/Bazaar. We've been getting back to visiting churches, businesses and groups with information on the center.

While there is much to be thankful for in the past year, with your help we can meet a vision to increase our impact in 2022. I look back on 2021 with a thankful heart for the difference you've made in so many lives. Let's look forward to an exciting 2022!

Serving together, Glennon

## Walk for Life 2021

For 7 years we have done a Walk for Life as our annual fund raiser. This year, for the first time we did a 3K Walk/Run for Life held at Covenant Reformed Baptist Church on the Doodle Trail. It was a major success. We had 85 sponsors and about 40 walkers/runners. Knights of Columbus had a tent setup and provided snacks for our participants. Homestead Hospice & Palliative Care also had a tent setup. We made about \$13,000.00 after expenses, which will be used to make much needed repairs to the Center. We are so thankful for everyone who showed up and walked. It really was a lot of fun! We are planning on doing it again this year and will let you know as soon as we have a date set.

## Sanctity of Life

National Sanctity of Human Life Day will be celebrated on January 23, 2022. National Sanctity of Human Life Day is an observance declared by several U.S. Presidents who opposed abortion. President Ronald Reagan designated January 22, 1984, as the

first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. The date was chosen to coincide with the eleventh anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court case that first recognized the constitutionally-protected status of abortion in the United States.

Reagan issued the proclamation annually thereafter, designating Sanctity of Human Life Day to be the third Sunday in January which represents the closest Sunday. This year it will be the fourth Sunday, which is the day after the 50th anniversary of the day *Roe v. Wade* was decided.

Churches around the United States continue to recognize Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. They use the day to recognize that human beings are created in the image of God and that all human life is sacred – set apart for the worship of and service to Him. They commemorate the many lives lost to and impacted by abortion, and commit themselves to upholding the sanctity of human life at every stage.

*Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, a case now under consideration by the high court, involves a Mississippi law that bans most abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. This case has potentially major consequences. The best case scenario would be to have *Roe v. Wade* overturned. We can pray to that end. Remember, if we observed a moment of silence for every child aborted since 1973, we would be silent for over 100 years.

## Legislation

The 2022 Legislative session convened on January 11, 2022. However, there were multiple bills left over from last session. Several of them we need to keep in prayer. If you have any interest in them, please let your legislators know.

First, in the Senate, **S.1** would enact the "South Carolina Fetal Heartbeat and Protection from Abortion Act." It would require a test for a detectable fetal heartbeat before an abortion is performed and then prohibit the abortion if the heartbeat is found. This bill was passed by both the Senate and the House and signed by the Governor and became effective

February 18, 2021. Praise the Lord!!

However, the rest of the bills are still in their original place of introduction and need to be voted on before the Session adjourns in May.

**H.3163** is a House bill that requires testing for fetal heartbeat and prohibits abortion if it is found.

**H.3512** is another House bill that would make an abortion a criminal act during any trimester if the sole reason is that the unborn child has a fetal anomaly.

**H.3568**, another House bill, would enact the “Personhood Act of South Carolina” to establish the right of life for each born and pre-born human at fertilization and guarantee the rights of due process and equal protection guaranteed by Article 1 of the SC Constitution.

**S.399**, another Senate bill would enact the “South Carolina Stands for Life Act” by requiring testing for a detectable heart beat before an abortion is performed and would prohibit the abortion if a heartbeat is detected. This is a “sister bill” to H3163.

On the other side, **S.341**, a Senate bill would enact the “South Carolina Pro Birth Accountability Act” to require compensation of certain women giving birth to a child who but for a fetal heartbeat law could choose to terminate the pregnancy. This bill would provide financial and medical aid to such a woman and her child until the child reaches 18 years of age.

### *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*

There are always things we need, but there are also some things that God has blessed us with abundantly. We currently have plenty of small diapers, sizes 1, 2 and 3s . However, we are low in our supply of larger sizes, 4, 5 and 6s and pull ups in the larger sizes. We could also use size 18 to 24 month sleepers and clothes, especially boys.

### *Baby Bottles*

You can use our baby bottle campaign as a competition among family members, Sunday School classes, or ladies’ groups. At the end of the day, empty your loose change into the baby bottle and see who can fill it most quickly. Then simply bring it back and rejoice with us as we watch God use your gifts to change the lives of women and unborn babies.

Ryan Bomberger, chief creative officer and co-founder of The Radiance Foundation, a faith-based 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit, appreciates the sacredness of life at every stage - and in a recent phone interview with Fox News Digital in this New Year, he shared a pro-life message and personal perspective that are not often heard across today's media landscape.

The month of January is National Sanctity of Human Life Month (also called Celebration of Life Month). It offers the chance for reflection on the value of all life and of all children - including the unborn.

Bomberger, who is adopted, praised the parents who took him into their home years ago and embraced him as their own. “My mom and my dad are the most amazing people I've known,” he said.

He added that his “birth mom experienced the horror and violence of rape” - and that he, Bomberger, is the product of that rape. He is grateful, he said, to have been given the chance at life and to have been welcomed into a loving, compassionate family that includes twelve siblings, nine of whom were adopted from neglectful, abusive, or poverty-ridden situations.

“None of us would've been better off dead,” he said. “We're better off loved.”

The foundation Bomberger co-founded shares pro-life articles and videos via its website; produces a podcast, “Life Has Purpose”; and holds an array of events that share the message of life’s preciousness as well as the profound costs of abortion to society.

“Faith shapes the way that I think and the way I create,” said Bomberger. “Instead of joining our culture today in looking through the broken lens of race, the broken lens of class, the broken lens of ‘fill-in-the-blank’ – as a Christian, I want to look through the breakthrough filter of Christ.”

“I am literally the 1 percent that is used 100 percent of the time to justify abortion,” he said. “I was conceived in rape, but I was adopted in love.”