

### *Director's Report*

To God be the glory, great things He has done!

We have been blessed with another great year. We have been able to assist many Mommies and babies who are in need.

We had many opportunities to tell people about Jesus and His love for them. We enjoyed having many church groups visit the center to learn more about us and our mission to help others. A big thank you to all who supported us.

May God bless each of you for caring. – Judy

### *Walk for Life*

Our fund raiser for Hope Women's Center is a Walk for Life! Rock Springs Baptist Church allows us to have it at their track! We do not have a time limit on how much you have to walk and supporters rain or shine will show up and walk. It puts joy in our heart to see them. This is the 6th year and we cannot believe the support we get from caring people. We raised around \$11,000 this year with a lot of hard work from all the volunteers and Board Members. This money allows us to do projects at the Center or buy supplies that we need for the young girls that visit us!! We need to have a good supply of diapers, clothes and especially formula. If donations are not coming in at least we have money to fall back on.

We love and care for each girl that needs our assistance and hopefully we can continue to do the work at the Center with the support from the community and our fund raiser Walk For Life.

### *Legislation*

Two bills were introduced in Columbia last session. They must be passed by both 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.

### *Sanctity of Life*

On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. (January 22, 1973, was the day the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states.) Today, churches around the United States use the day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage. Why Does Life Matter? Why Does HUMAN Life Matter? Science can't tell us where life comes from, why we're here, or what makes us special. We rely on God's word to tell us about the sanctity of human life. Science can tell us amazing facts about life – what it's made of, how biological systems work together, and what people are like before birth. But while it can only speculate on life's origin, the Bible is definitive God the Father "has life in Himself." "The Spirit gives life." Jesus is "the life." He is, after all, "the living God." We celebrate life in all its form because He is Life. – *Life Matters Worldwide*

### *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 enough of most things. However, we are low in diapers size 5, 6 and pull-ups. We also need wipes, girls clothes size 18 months and sleepers size 12-18 months girls and boys.

### *Baby Bottles*

In our baby bottle campaign, you can use it as a competition among family members, Sunday School classes, or ladies' groups. See who can fill it most quickly. Then simply bring it back to the Center and rejoice with us as we watch God use your loose change to change the lives of women and unborn babies.

## *What Was the Leading Cause of Death in 2019?*

As news outlet Disrn reports, the 42.4 million deaths from abortion in 2019 was more than twice the number of all worldwide deaths caused by cancer, smoking, alcohol, traffic accidents, malaria, and HIV/AIDS combined.

We need, more than ever, to boldly stand for life. This is a matter of life and death – the lives of babies! That's 116,164 lives lost every single day. That's 4,840 lives lost every hour. That's 81 lives lost every minute. That's more than one per second! We need, more than ever, to boldly stand for life. This is a matter of life and death – the lives of babies!

## *Sanctity of Life*

by John Davis

The simple but sublime words of Genesis 1:26 that God created mankind in His own image and likeness are some of the most important words in all of Scripture. The teaching that man is the image and likeness of God is absolutely foundational for a Christian understanding of human nature, the dignity and value of the person, and for all of Christian ethics. The biblical passages in the Old and New Testaments that relate to the image of God are discussed more fully elsewhere in this issue of *Table Talk*. For our purposes, the following definition should be sufficient: The image of God in man is that which gives human beings the capacity for a uniquely personal relationship with God. The image of God encompasses man's humanity as such and involves the whole person – body, mind, emotions, will, spirit – and man's humanity cannot be reduced to only one of these aspects. The image of God is not a human achievement, but a gift conferred on all humans by God's creative act. The purpose of man's creation as the image of God is that man might enjoy a personal relationship with the Creator, both in time and eternity.

A definition of the image of God that encompassed more explicitly the various strands of biblical revelation could be as follows: Being created in the "image and likeness of God" means being created to share the status of Christ's royal sonship (Genesis 5:3; Colossians 1:15), reflecting on earth God's heavenly authority (Genesis 1:26,28; Psalm 8:6-8), glory (2 Corinthians 4:4; Psalm 8:5), and righteousness (Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10). Jesus Christ is the true and perfect image of God, reflecting the Father's character and enjoying as the

eternal Son intimate, loving fellowship with Him; we as redeemed humans are being renewed in the divine image and granted the status and privileges of sonship by adoption. As those who are being renewed in the image of God, we are called to reflect the holiness and righteousness of our Creator in all our thoughts, words, and deeds.

The biblical doctrine of man's creation as the image of God is foundational for all of Christian ethics because it teaches that the lives of all human beings have intrinsic, and not merely instrumental, value. Our lives have value as such, not merely in terms of what we may be able to do for others. Human beings have inestimable value in the sight of God, irrespective of gender, race, state of health, dependency, or social and economic utility, but simply and profoundly because human beings, among all God's creatures, have been designed and created for the purpose of enjoying a personal relationship through Jesus Christ with the Creator of the universe.

## *The Family Is Under Attack*

*Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith (1 Peter 5:8-9).*

The family is under attack today like never before. Wise parents need to recognize this and develop their own strategy for protection and counter-attack. A generation is arising around us that knows not the things of God, allowing (and even encouraging) pre-marital sex, abortion, homosexuality, gay marriages, gay clergy, and easy divorce. By and large, they do not believe there is such a thing as absolute truth or absolute morality. Not only is this degenerate generation arising, it already has arisen. While a remnant of truth seekers remains, the attack on the family has the potential to eliminate Christian absolutes from our society.

The attack is coming from those who build their thinking on the anti-God beliefs that are destroying society. This attack on the Word of God has resulted in the demise of the family unit – the very unit God uses to transmit the knowledge of himself to each generation and the world around.

– *Answers in Genesis*