



Hope Womens Center

Summer 2016

From the Director

So far this year, we have had the opportunity to visit in many churches and to have ladies groups come to the Center to learn more about what we do and to find out how they can support us in a better way. We are so thankful for all the opportunities we have to help mommies and babies who are in need. Being able to witness and present the gospel is such a joy. Please continue to pray for us as we do our best to serve through the leadership of our Lord.

May God bless each of you for caring. – Judy

Walk for Life

September 24, 2016 2-4 PM at Rock Springs Track Easley, SC.

Registration Fee is \$10 which includes a t-shirt and water. All proceeds go to Hope Women's Center. In 2014 we set a goal of \$1000 and God abundantly supplied. Last year we took a giant step forward by faith and set a goal of \$10,000. Once again God proved Himself faithful and that goal was met even before the first walker set out—and last year we experienced rain off and on throughout the day. We are so thankful for all those who braved the elements and came anyway to walk in support of the unborn. This year we will again be walking (God willing) at Rock Springs Track on Saturday, September 24. We have set a goal of \$12,000. 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 August 15. 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!!

Legislative News

Just as the legislative session was ending in May, Governor Haley signed House Bill 3114, which said in part:

TO PROVIDE THAT AN ABORTION MAY NOT BE PERFORMED IF THE PROBABLE POST-FERTILIZATION AGE OF THE UNBORN CHILD IS TWENTY OR MORE WEEKS.

Although there were several such bills introduced we are thankful for those who genuinely sought to protect the lives of unborn babies and got this bill passed in the closing days of the session.

Grant

We are so excited to report that we received a grant through Brandon Monahan of Heritage House. With this grant we were able to upgrade our EWYL (Earn While You Learn) program. We are able to assist our mommies and daddies in a much better way. We have been using the old program for many years but with this grant all material is now up to date. Praise the Lord with us.

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 but are already looking forward to the cooler months

when we will need anything for little girls from 3 months and older. Baby boys need 3 months to 6 months. And we could use onesies in the 12 to 24 month range. Since babies tend to quickly out grow the newborn and size 1 diapers, we do not need that size, but could definitely use sizes 3-5. We always have a need for soap, shampoo, lotion, and other baby toiletries. Thank you ever so much for your consideration of these needs.

Sanctity of Life

The concept of the sanctity of life is the belief that all human beings, at any and every stage of life, in any and every state of consciousness or self-awareness, of any and every race, color, ethnicity, level of intelligence, religion, language, gender, character, behavior, physical ability/disability, potential, class, social status, etc., of any and every particular quality of relationship to the viewing subject, are to be perceived as persons of equal and immeasurable worth and of inviolable dignity and therefore must be treated in a manner commensurate with this moral status.

– David Gushee PhD

... And Some of Us Are Senders

When it comes to missions, some of us are “goers”—those who go out into the field and do the work. No less important however, are those of us who are “senders” who provide the resources to get the work done. The Apostle Paul reminds us of senders in Philippians 4:16 when he thanks the Philippians for sending “a gift more than once for my needs.” So while Paul was a “goer” he needed “senders” like those in the church at Philippi in order to get the job done.

At Hope Women’s Center, goers are important, even vital. The mission field comes through our doors and because of you we are here to welcome them. We see amazing results in touched hearts and saved lives.

Like Paul, we need “senders,” who believe in this ministry enough to join us as monthly supporters. We are looking for willing hearts. Are you a sender? If so, you can join our team of monthly supporters of any amount. With your next gift, write “monthly” on the FOR section of your check and we will know your intentions.

Joining us as a sender makes a difference in turning our culture toward life.

The Worst Holocaust

Of all the arguments that have been put forth to justify abortion on demand, and thanks to the secular press we have read them all many times over, the one that has always had the most chilling effect on me personally is the one which justifies abortion to prevent the birth of a baby who will be born with physical or mental defects.

Those of us who believe that all human life is sacred and represents God’s most precious gift to us, must come forward and speak out for the unborn and the newly born. We must protect defenseless human life wherever and whenever it is under threat, whether it is intact or deformed, wanted or unwanted, illegitimate or high-born. We must educate the uninformed and the misinformed, so that they, too, may come to understand that we are squarely in the midst of the worst holocaust the world has ever known and we must end it. – W. I. Smith, M.D. (1985)

God's Property

Don’t let yourselves be swayed by the news media, whose bias on this issue is nothing less than incredible. Don’t let yourselves be influenced by the talk of rape, and incest, and “the life of the mother” ... rare “hard” cases, continually put forth as a smokescreen for the wholesale slaughter of millions of babies. Be aware of the true facts about abortion: 99.1 % of the abortions being done in this country are done for convenience, to save reputation or embarrassment or money, to salvage a last year at college or a vacation to Florida. Education is vitally important. Many, many people still just don’t understand. Human life is a continuum ... one long, continuous process that begins with conception and ends with death. Fertilized ovum, embryo, fetus, infant, child, adult, senior citizen all “human” at every stage, all alive, all “meaningful,” all wanted, all loved by the Creator. Hands off, world: this is God’s property!