

## *From the Director*

WOW! I cannot believe we are half way through 2021, the year is flying by and God continues to bless us. We're really excited about some upcoming events we have planned later in the year. Many of you are familiar with our Annual Walk for Life, which will be coming up in October. Also, this year we are planning an Open House/Craft Bazaar for November. We've been collecting homemade crafts and making some to sell at this event to help us complete all of our projects. We want everyone to come see all the changes made and all that is left to be completed. Keep a watch in your mail for an invitation to our Open House/Craft Bazaar event a little later. We are so thankful to God for all who are partnering with us in this ministry. Thanks to you we have been able to assist over two hundred clients so far this year with baby items, maternity items, classes, pregnancy tests and most importantly prayer. Again, thank you for partnering with us and please continue to pray for us. God bless you all!!

## *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 need diapers in sizes 4,5, and 6. We need to replenish our supply of boys and girls clothes and pajamas sizes 12 months to 2T.

We always have a need for soap, shampoo, lotion, and other baby toiletries. Thank you ever so much for your consideration of these needs.

## *Walk for Life*

This will be our eighth year for the Walk for Life. We have been blessed with the community supporting us in the past and anticipate the same again this year. We will be walking (God willing) October 9, 2021, 10 AM to noon at Covenant Reformed Baptist Church/ Doodle Trail 1709 Arial Street, Easley, SC. Registration Fee is \$20 which includes a T-shirt and water. (XXL T Shirt registration fee is \$23). Deadline for T-shirts is September 18. Deadline for getting sponsorship names on the T-shirt is September 16. Sponsor fee is \$100.00. All proceeds go to Hope Women's Center. God has always proven Himself faithful in meeting our needs through this event. We need YOU to come support this ministry either as a walker or as a sponsor. If you are interested please call the Center for a registration form at 864-855-8500, (or go to the website [www.yourservant.com/hope](http://www.yourservant.com/hope)), print out a registration form and mail it to P.O. Box 225, Easley, SC 29641. We are so thankful for all those who come to walk in support of the unborn. Please pray this year will be successful. This is a great opportunity for entire Sunday School classes to come together and enjoy a morning of fun and fellowship for a Christ-centered cause. We look forward to seeing you there!!

## *SC Legislation*

**S1** to enact the "South Carolina fetal heartbeat and protection from abortion act" by adding article 6 testing for a detectable fetal heartbeat before an abortion is performed on a pregnant woman, to prohibit the performance of an abortion if a fetal heartbeat is detected, to provide medical emergency and other exceptions

**S399** a bill to enact the "South Carolina Stands for Life Act" requiring testing for a detectable fetal heartbeat before an abortion is performed on a pregnant woman and to prohibit the performance of an abortion when a fetal heartbeat is detected, both with medical emergency exceptions.

**H3512** a bill to make an abortion a criminal act during any trimester if the sole reason is that the unborn child has a fetal anomaly, and to amend the "South Carolina pain-capable unborn child protection act," so as to eliminate the fetal

anomaly exception to the prohibition of abortions when the probable post-fertilization age of an unborn child is twenty weeks or more.

**H3508** to prohibit the appropriation or granting of public funds to facilities, individuals, or entities to pay the direct or indirect costs of performing, inducing, referring, or counseling in favor of convenience abortions because such would violate the establishment clause of the United States and South Carolina constitutions, with exceptions; to require the Department of Health and Environmental Control and other state agencies to ensure that federal funds are not used to perform or promote convenience abortions and are not awarded to an entity that performs or promotes convenience abortions.

These bills are currently awaiting action by the SC legislature. Whether you agree with them or disagree with them, please let your legislator know. It's important to keep them aware of your stand. For further information, we suggest you contact Palmetto Family at [palmettofamily.org](http://palmettofamily.org). You can also email them at [email@palmettofamily.org](mailto:email@palmettofamily.org)

*Give a Voice to the Vulnerable. Show Christ's Love to Those Who Are Hurting.*

by Aaron Armstrong

It's hard to imagine a time when more people were confused about the value of human life than today. With one breath, some call for compassion for those in need. With the next, they protect the deaths of untold millions of babies and the right of individuals to end their lives as they see fit.

As Christians, we have a unique opportunity to give a voice to the vulnerable among us—the unborn, infirm, impoverished, and aged—and show Christ's love to those who are hurting. To speak the truth in a compassionate way to those around us. To appeal to our political representatives for change. To show practical care to women who have had or are considering an abortion, loving the elderly, and assisting the needy.

But to do that well, we need to know what God's Word says about the value of human life. For many of us, what we find in Scripture won't be new information. We know that all humans are made in the image and likeness of God, unique among all created beings. We know that God forms each of us uniquely in our mother's womb, and deeply cares for the most vulnerable among us. This information may not be new, but God has

given it to us to change our hearts, challenge our assumptions, and give us compassion for those who are suffering or at risk.

God wants us to know the value of all human life so that we might defend human life. Thank you for your help, support and prayers for Hope Women's Center as we try to do that.

*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.
- ★ Take part in the baby bottle program.
- ★ Donate maternity and baby needs.
- ★ Tell others about Hope Women's Center.
- ★ Donate financially.

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.

*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!