



From the Director

To God to be the Glory! Great things He has done.

We have ended our year on a great note—we were able to assist 691 families and had six babies born to our girls. Praise the Lord we had two professions of faith. We were also able to assist many young girls in adoption and counseling them out of abortion. We visited many churches and had groups visit the Center.

A big “THANK YOU” to all those who supported Hope Women’s Center in 2013 through monetary gifts, baby bottles and baby supplies. With these donations we were able to help many mommies and babies. Because of you we were able to accomplish these things. May God bless each of you for caring.

Judy Pace, Director

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

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Did you know that

✧ nearly 50% of pregnancies are unintended; of those about 40% are terminated.

✧ More than 50 million abortions have been performed since Roe v. Wade (1973)

✧ 1 in 4 women will have an abortion by age 30

✧ 37% of women obtaining abortions identify as Protestant; 28% as Catholic

Since 1983, Americans have observed Sanctity of Human Life as a celebration of the intrinsic value of all human life. This important day also provides an opportunity for pregnancy centers to share about the work they do to bring life-affirming resources to their communities and to empower women and men to choose life for their unborn children “I call upon the citizens of this blessed land to gather on that day in homes and places of worship to give thanks for the gift of life, and to reaffirm our Human Life Sunday (SOHLS) as a day to celebrate the commitment to the dignity of every human being and the sanctity of each human life.”

- excerpt from the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Presidential Proclamation.

Celebrate Life

“Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, ‘But we knew nothing about this,’ does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay everyone according to what they have done?” Proverbs 24:11-12

On Going Needs

Hope Women’s Center tries to provide anything a pregnant girl or 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. Our greatest need right now is for maternity clothes. We would welcome any size and need dresses, pants or shirts. We always have a need for wipes, baby lotion, powder, shampoo or baby oil and, of course, diapers. Baby furniture, such as cribs (with all the parts), bassinets, high chairs and strollers are always welcomed. Due to current laws, we cannot use car seats unless they are brand new.

We strive to serve God by giving Him our best at Hope Women’s Center—spiritually, physically and emotionally. When the women/girls come through our doors, we want to furnish them and their babies with the best items possible. That means we prefer new or very gently used clothing. Thank you for helping us to do this. Your donations are what keep us ready and able to supply some of the needs of the youngest members of Pickens County.

NOTE

If you have borrowed DVDs or videos from Hope Women’s Center and have not returned them, please remember to bring them back so someone else can use them. Thanks. If you are interested in participating in the Baby Bottle campaign (filling baby bottles with your loose change), please call the Center. We’ll be glad to get some bottle to you. It’s a great project for a family, Sunday School class or Bible Study group.

BELK Charities

We are thankful for Belk and their willingness to do the Charity Drive each fall. This year we again participated and for every ticket we sold, \$5.00 went directly to the Center. Thank you to those who participated. Mark your 2014 calendars so you can watch for it next November.

Legislation

Two bills have been introduced in the South Carolina Senate relating to the “personhood” of the unborn.

S0083 and S0087 amend the Code of Laws to establish that “the right to life for each born and preborn human being begins at fertilization and the rights of due process and equal protection begins at fertilization.” While both of these bills were introduced a year ago, neither of them has gotten out of the Senate Judiciary Committee. If these bills are to pass this session, they must be voted on before May. Both of these are good bills and would go far to protect the life of the unborn child in SC. Please let your legislators know that you would like to see them passed.

A Sacrifice of Truth

Did you know that some people who are pro-abortion will admit that the unborn baby’s life began at conception?

Earlier this year, commenting on the 1973 pro-abortion decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, *Roe v. Wade*, a journalist admitted that while she is pro-abortion, she believes life indeed starts at conception.⁽¹⁾ At the same time, she said that the unborn baby is “a life worth sacrificing.”

The journalist admitted that life begins at conception, but was still willing to support abortion. Sadly, many people like her will say that the mother’s selfish interests should trump the baby’s life.

Evolutionist Richard Dawkins once wrote that an unborn baby is not as important as an adult pig⁽²⁾.

Psalms 139 tells us that God formed our inward parts and “knit us” together in our mothers’ wombs. The Psalmist declared that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made,” and God told the prophet Jeremiah that he knew Jeremiah before he formed him in the womb.

As we think about the 41st anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, we need to remember that God’s Word says

that each individual has value, even before conception.

(Adapted from the December 2, 2013 edition of the *Answers...* with Ken Ham radio program.)

⁽¹⁾ Mary Elizabeth Williams, Salon.Com, “So What If Abortion Ends Life?” January 23, 2013

⁽²⁾ March 13, 2013 tweet by Dawkins.

Pro-life, Not Just for Politicians

From the formation of a child’s first tiny cell to life’s final breath, all life has dignity and value because each and every one of us is made in the image of God. And that is why when we talk about being “pro-life,” it’s not just about a political issue. It’s a world view...it’s a life-view. It’s a way of looking at each human life that transcends culture, class, race, age and opinion.

Sanctity of Life—The Reason We’re Here

Life is a precious gift from God. Each baby born has the opportunity to experience joy, to learn to love, and to glorify God. Yet every day desperate young women in our community make the choice between life and death for their unborn baby. The pressures they face can be intense and the value of the innocent life in their womb is often diminished.

But we are here to help. At Hope Women’s Center we offer counseling, support, and truth. In this loving atmosphere our clients can learn to see hope in a situation that may have seemed hopeless. We walk alongside them in their situation giving God’s perspective of both their value and the value of their unborn baby. We give them the tools they need to make it through their pregnancy. We equip them with the knowledge and information they need to make the choice between parenting and adoption. We are there for them in their moments of pain and hard choice.

Won’t you join us in this work?

Hope Women’s Center is powered by your prayers and support. Our daily work is truly life and death. It is because of people like you that we are able to be there to make a stand for life. Will you volunteer? Will you pray? Will you partner with us financially? Will you make a difference in the life of a young mother and baby? To find out more, please contact us at Hope Women’s Center at 855-8500. Thanks, and may God bless you.