

FALL 2014

From the Director's Desk . . .

Choices! Choices! Choices!

We all have a myriad of choices to make every day. Some for honor and some dishonor. All come with consequences.

Restaurant menus offer so many choices that it's a good idea to have an appetizer to munch while you peruse the selections and change your mind several times. These kinds of decisions may feel somewhat tedious, but they are not dishonorable. Well, not unless you do what I did a couple of years ago and order, "Floating Island" for dessert. Let's just say the only way I could have had more "island" in the HUGE serving dish, was to have had Catalina smothered in whipped cream. Oh! The consequences! I was comatose for the rest of the night.

We have a choice from many communications carriers, auto dealerships, grocery stores, Paint colors, friends and forms of entertainment. I can count nine clocks in my small house. I have a choice about which I'll use to check the time, and which time (Of course they're all different!) I'll believe. Slow? Fast? It's up to me to decide if I can afford to pay attention to the clock I know is 10 minutes fast, or disregard for the clock I know shows the correct time for another play session with Stella, my cat. The consequence? Stella might be happy, but I'm running late...again.

These days it's politically correct to talk about and expect choice. We want our choice of insurance plans, and we want the one that pays (Cha-Ching!) for what we want and/or need. Consequence? Higher premiums we didn't choose. Frankly, many of our choices are made from a self-orientation and our often short-term desire about what we think will be most beneficial for...? Why me, of course!

One of the most frequently quoted proponents of this choice is Sandra Fluke who blogs, speaks, lobbies and rants for free birth control. She should have a choice. Well, of course she wants to have a choice at the expense of the taxpayers and her insurance company, but then there are those pesky consequences. A lot of people who love the word choice mean they want what they want at someone else's expense. And, of course don't bring up consequences. That's "hate speech."

Of course most of you are aware where I'm headed. YEP!

The greatest scam in history. "It's my body and my right to choose." It's one thing to choose to see a movie rather than take care of business, it's another to choose to surrender the life of an unborn human being for convenience or out of fear. The first has short term minor consequences. The repercussions of a choice to abort NEVER end. If I don't pay bills, it might cost (only) me a late fee, but those who choose to take a human life WILL negatively impact generations.

You also have made a choice which will impact generations...only in your case; the consequences are all positive and far reaching. Your choice gives us the opportunity to serve in Jesus' name those who choose to come to us rather than the doors of Planned Parenthood or Family Planning Associates, Inc. Each time you choose to write a check, donate material goods, pray for us or attend one of our events you can be sure the consequences will be significant and positive.

Having said that, let me put before you some major great choices you have coming your way to encourage the culture of life in our community. Let's pray that the consequences of our choices today will be closed doors at the two abortion clinics in our neighborhood in the near future.

The Annual Fall Gala, "*With Every Act of Love*," will be an unforgettable evening for everyone as we welcome Carol Everett who is a very well known speaker, author and pro-life activist.

I can plan the program, the meal, the décor, but it is you, our partner who will make a choice to invite others to come with you, that will determine the success of the event. It costs nothing to be a Table Host, and it's really quite simple. Commit to filling a table of eight with your friends, family members, co-worker and neighbors. Of course you can choose to host more than one table!! We have plenty of information you can use to explain why you partner with us. Show them the stats in this newsletter. If I can help in any way please contact me. Our websites are listed in this publication as well so use them as a resource too.



We've committed to The Second Annual Chuck Stiefken Memorial Day of Golf. We're looking for up to 30 golfers (Come on ladies. Don't be left out.) who want to enjoy a

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day playing at Redlands Country Club with Golf Pro Jim Coles, who will be on hand for private instruction and encouragement. The day includes all meals, golf cart, snacks, balls, video of your one-on-one with Jim, etc. We had a blast last year, and we look forward to this year's event being even better. Save the date: Monday, April 27, 2015. We'll be scheduling informational meetings for early January. Please contact me if you're interested in attending to find out more.

There's more of course. See inside for details or call me. Let's make our choices count to the Glory of God!!

Lisa

New Arrivals



Josiah



Alvonnda



Oleiqa



Amelia

“Mental Pain is less dramatic than physical pain, but it is more common and also more hard to bear. The frequent attempt to conceal mental pain increases the burden: it is easier to say “My tooth is aching” than to say “My heart is broken.” — C.S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain

Has your heart been broken by abortion? Please join our next SaveOne class and begin your healing journey. It starts on Tuesday, August 5th. Contact me via email at sbpfrcsaveone@gmail.com, or through this facebook page or call (909) 762-3878.



Hey—Look! Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendar!



SAVEONE ABORTION RECOVERY/HEALING BIBLE STUDY GROUPS— Ongoing Opportunity

Women's Group Contact: Sonja: 909-762-3878 or email: sbpfrcsaveone@gmail.com

NEXT Women's group begins Tuesday, February 3, 2015

Men's Group Contact: Tom: 951-359-3259 cowboy.tom@att.net

Men please call for individual, or group study schedule.

There is a \$12 materials cost per person for the SaveOne study book.

ADVOCATE TRAINING — Ongoing Opportunity

Call Wendy DeView at 909-382-4550, or email her at sbprvcv@verizon.net today to get an application packet and reserve your space in the next class. Training materials fee \$25, "Focus on The Heart".

Next Advocate training class begins Monday, January 12, 2015 from 5 PM to 7 PM

Note: We are looking for people to help us staff for Saturday hours.

FALL GALA, A FUNDRAISING EVENT — Friday, October 24, 2014 6:30PM to 9PM

Carol Everett, Keynote Speaker. Carol was CEO for privately owned abortion clinics in Texas, Founder of Heidi Group, Sanctity of Life advocate and speaker. Author of *Blood Money*

SANCTITY OF LIFE CANDLELIGHT PRAYER WALK — Tuesday, January 20, 2015

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM - Stop on your way home from work and pray with us!

For more info about our events watch our website: www.pregnancyfamily.org, & our Facebook page: Sb Pregnancy Center!

Make sure we have your current email to receive our Constant Contact Announcements about events and more.

Email it to Lisa at sbpcc@verizon.net

ALSO COMING IN 2015

2ND ANNUAL CHUCK STIEFKEN MEMORIAL DAY OF GOLF

Monday, April 27, 2015-plan now to attend one of our informational meetings in early January.

FALL GALA, Friday, October 23, 2015 — Keynote, John Ensor



HOLIDAY CLOSURES—

Monday, September 1, 2014, Labor Day

Monday, October 13, 2014, Columbus Day

Thursday, November 27 thru Friday, November 28, Thanksgiving

Wednesday, December 24 thru Monday, January 5, Christmas/New Year break

*If you need Emergency help with a pregnancy related issue call one of our 24-hour help lines: 1-800-712-4357 or 1-877-398-7734
This is NOT a phone number for specific Pregnancy & Family Resource Center questions.*



*- Annual Fall Gala -
"With Every Act Of Love"
Carol Everett, Keynote Speaker*

Friday, October 24 - Seating: 6:30PM - Dinner & Program: 7 to 9PM

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL (BLDG. "C")
28355 BASELINE, HIGHLAND, CA 92346

ENTER ON THE WEST END OF THE BUILDING FOR CHECK IN

CALL 909-382-4550 TO BE A TABLE HOST, FOR RESERVATION AND MORE INFORMATION

TABLE HOSTS ARE OUR HEROES!

You make or break our most important fund raising event of the year.

Our only source of funding is individuals, churches and private organizations and businesses in our community. We have never, and never will ask for government grants or take funds derived from industries which are counterproductive to our ministry.

As always, there is no charge for this event. BUT, we count on our enthusiastic partners to host tables to enable us to broaden our material, financial and pro-life community support base. This is your opportunity to invite friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to hear the unpoliticized truth regarding the abortion industry.

Carol will remind us about what most people do not know is true. Consider this excerpt from Carol's testimony —



"Problem Pregnancy? Considering Abortion? Pregnant?"

A woman is concerned that she might be pregnant. Perhaps her period is two weeks late. For some reason, she is interested in exploring her alternatives to a problem pregnancy. She calls the number from the abortion clinic advertisement, just to ask some questions.

The telephone is answered by an abortion salesperson who calls herself a "counselor." She only sells one product-abortion. The abortion clinic makes no money if a pregnancy is continued in any manner! The counselor has had extensive training to "help" this woman with "her problem."

*To be continued Friday, October 24, 2014
Come hear the end of the story . . .*

Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteers Jessica Clinton and April Gutierrez serve on the pregnancy center's outreach team -- they set up booths and information tables at churches and community events. Here, they share how they got involved and more about their work for the center. Jessica is a doula -- a trained childbirth assistant -- and April is a social worker. Both attend the Packerhouse church in Redlands.

Question: How and when did you get involved with the pregnancy center? Why?

Jessica: Back in 2011, I was starting the process of becoming a doula, and at a meeting the Pregnancy and Family Resource Center came up in conversation and the next week I emailed (volunteer coordinator) Wendy DeVew about volunteer opportunities. I knew I wanted to volunteer but was having a hard time finding a good fit with a non-profit. Turns out God knew where He wanted me.

April: January of 2013. The center's phone number is in my church's bulletin every week and it says, "Pregnancy resource or post abortion" -- that's it. I was in the middle of getting a master's degree in social work and I felt drawn to that number, wanted to call it, felt like the Lord was drawing me to it. I talked to my husband about it and he said, "Yeah, you can offer your counseling services to them and do the Lord's work." Well, I was too busy with school at the time but over the next year I continued to be called to that number. I finally called and (had an) interview with Wendy DeVew and began the process of volunteering.

Q: How long have you volunteered there and what do you do? Which days?

Jessica: I have been an Advocate since 2011. I volunteer half days on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

April: I've volunteer every Thursday for the last year and a half. I am an Advocate, where I work one on one with women and their families who are dealing with pregnancy-related issues such as parenting, abortion, adoption, and a plethora of other issues that accompany families in these hard times. I also participate with Jessica Clinton in information booths that are set up at churches, parks and community events. We have participated in events for teens, churches, families and communities. We educated on teen pregnancy, STIs, benefits of marriage and abstinence, abortion, adoption, and of course bringing the Gospel and prayer when the Holy Spirit opens a door.

Q: If you did the advocate training, what was that like and what did you learn?

Jessica: Intense. There is a lot covered on how to love and support the families that come into our center. The training on working with women who have been through an abortion and how to have a graceful approach with them was important to me. We are working with real-world situations and the training course helped prepare me for those moments.

April: I enjoyed the training and I learned how to be an advocate in a Christian pro-life setting. I was given tools to help women make life-affirming decisions and focus on their heart's needs as well as the physical needs. One of the lessons that stands out is "problem solving." Oftentimes, young women come in during one of the scariest times of their lives and they just need someone to talk to, someone to help put their lives into perspective. I learned how to help clients talk about their problems, lay them out on the table, and then brainstorm on ways to solve them and make the most positive decisions for their lives and the lives of their unborn babies.

Q: What do you like/find most rewarding about volunteering at the center?

Jessica: Honestly, the connection with the clients. It doesn't happen with every client, which I think adds to the element of reward. When your client comes back just to introduce you to that sweet little baby they once thought they didn't want and now can't imagine living without -- that is a precious moment when you want to just press pause and enjoy!

April: The No. 1, hands-down most rewarding thing is leading someone to the Lord. I have had the honor of leading several women to the Lord and I am on cloud nine the rest of the day. It feels really good and I love that the Lord is blessed by it and I'm excited for the changes that are to come for these clients.

Q: Describe a recent interaction with a client, staff member, volunteer or someone you met at an event, or just something in the course of your work, and how it touched you.

Jessica: I also do a lot of the resource fairs for the center in the area and at the last one a fellow Advocate, April G., and I met a young woman who was currently pregnant and in need of our services. We encouraged her to stop by the next week to see how we could help. Sure enough, she came in the very next week and our visit was so special. She was so articulate and bright. Her smile lights up the room. During our visit, it was clear that she had lost sight of just how unique and precious she is to God. It was wonderful to see God use our center to remind her just how important she is to Him. She left that day with hope in her eyes and her smile. It was a divine appointment meeting her that day that the event.

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In answer to two questions: Can we pray for you? And, Were your needs met during your visit?

Our Clients Say . . .

Lynela, "Pray for the health of baby 'S.' Joy and that the Lord keeps blessing me with love and patience."

Nadine, "Pray for my family's protection."

Angelene, "Pray for a beautiful, healthy baby. Everything was perfect. Wonderful place! Nice and very welcoming. Very comfortable environment."

Brenden, "Pray for my family to be safe."

Mariann, "Everything was excellent. Enjoyed my appointment."

Amy, "Pray that I can enjoy more of my pregnancy and get the help I need to move on from my past experience. Nothing needs to be changed."

Jessica, "You guys were absolutely great. I really believe you are all angels. I appreciate everything."

Leonardo, "Pray for my family."

"J," "Pray for me to be good. This place can help me and my baby for the things he needs."

Alaina, "You all were great. Thank you so much!"

Jassmin, "Pray about my husband's train of thought. I thank the staff was real professional and kind."

Heather, "Everyone is so nice I would rather come here than going to a doctor's office. Thank you so much."

Abeline, "Ask God to give me the strength to tell my parents about my pregnancy. The people here made me feel so welcomed and I'm glad I found this place."



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Q: What is it like interacting with people at events and churches you set up at?

Jessica: Wonderful! This is such a great way to connect with the families in our community. My favorite part still is when we hand out our fetal models and watch the looks of shock on the faces of those who stop by. People can't believe that this is what a baby really looks like at 12 weeks in gestation. It is a great conversation starter! The fruits of our labor are when clients come in because they stopped by our table at an event and are in such need. That makes it all worthwhile!

April: It is awesome and fun being able to partner with churches and organizations who are supportive. It helps us link up with others and provides opportunities to use each other as resources for the people we serve.

Q: Why is it important to do outreach at churches and other places?

Jessica: Before I started at the center, I thought I was totally pro-life but I quickly realized I was not and I am learning through these events that there are many believers in the same boat I was in almost four years ago. It all boils down to being truthfully informed. We also have been able to do resource fairs geared for teenagers and those have been very impactful. The millennial generation wants to know, they want to be informed and they want the truth.

April: As we interact with people during outreaches, it is obvious that they are hungry for change in their lives and they seem to be drawn to our booth and what we are doing. It is important to bring education and awareness to the community that we are here and willing to help. After an event we always see a new face at the center because she met one of us, or her family member or friend did and passed the information along to her. It also helps to garner much-needed support to the center in the way of donations and volunteers.

Q: Why do you think the center's work is important?

Jessica: There are so many broken women out there. They are convinced no really cares about them or their situation. We get to be that beacon of hope. We have a front-row seat to see God heal them and provide for their physical and spiritual needs. No judgment, just love. For a lot of our clients, this is their first experience with being loved, no strings attached. It's what Jesus commissioned us to do as His followers and it is amazing to see His love transform these lives.

April: Saving souls is the apex of what we do at the center -- everything else is second to that. Abortion is a taboo subject and so many women have no idea what actually takes place physically and surgically, not to mention the heartbreaking spiritual consequences that can lead to regret, depression, and even suicide. We gently educate women on what is really going on and at the very least make an informed decision.

Written by Joy Juedes



Quote of the Quarter

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The Declaration of Independence

**Because of YOUR Support
We Experienced These Miracles
in May, June, and July:**



CLIENT VISITS: 918
New Clients: 310
Decisions for Christ: 13
Decisions NOT to abort: 10
Adoption Plans: 2
Volunteer Hours: 1644

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OUR NEEDS LIST

FOR BABIES & CHILDREN

diapers, newborn to size 5, newborn sleepers, gowns, undershirts, onesies new or gently used 0-24 month clothing for boys & girls crib sheets, quilts & blankets, (handmade is great!), hooded towels & washcloths, bottles, sippie cups, baby spoons & pacifiers formula (all brands), baby food (not expired), baby shampoo, baby wipes, baby soap & lotion, diaper area ointment

FURNITURE

cribs & crib mattresses , bassinets car seats in GOOD condition-no parts missing, high chair, small dresser, rocking chair, bathtub, swing

FOR THE MOMS

Bibles (non-denominational), maternity clothes, personal items: soap, lotion, cologne, body spray, jewelry, etc, for client gift tub

OFFICE NEEDS

1st class postage stamps, Staples gift cards reams/boxes of plain white copy paper—8.5 X 11

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Search AMAZON.COM WISH LISTS for Pregnancy & Family Resource Center. Add an item from our wish list to your cart. *Pay with your AMAZON ACCOUNT* and have it shipped directly to us. We've chosen many "Super Saver" items for FREE shipping. If there's an



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OUR GOAL STATEMENT

SBPRC is a Christ-centered ministry dedicated to the caring of women and families with pregnancy related issues by providing them with life affirming physical, emotional and spiritual resources.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

SBPRC seeks to promote the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. We provide all services without bias regarding race, ethnicity, religion, age, sex or socio-economic background.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- ✝ We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son & Holy Spirit.
- ✝ We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- ✝ We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ✝ We believe that God is the Creator of all life and He clearly defines His love and restoration for all humankind in His Word, the Holy Bible.