



Micah 6:8

“...what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God”



## Executive Director's Commentary



Dear Friend of Life,

This month marks the 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling on the infamous case of Roe v Wade. Thus began the road to approximately 50,000,000 babies losing their lives to abortion. The Supreme Court decided that pre-born children are not human, thereby stripping them of their God-given rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. At that time, Archibald Cox, former law professor and US Solicitor General stated, “The opinion of Roe v Wade fails even to consider what I would suppose to be the most compelling interest of the state in prohibiting abortion: the interest in maintaining **that respect for the paramount sanctity** of human life which has always been at the center of Western Civilization.”

But we, as Christ-followers, know that there is more to the sanctity of human life beyond what has been at the center of our civilization. We know life is sacred...has special value or worth. And not because of what we have done but because of what God has done for us. Human dignity comes from God. We have high value assigned to us by our Creator. We see it in the Bible, Matthew 10:42 and Mark 9:42, where Jesus places the highest priority on children. In Exodus 21:22-25, we see God places the highest priority of protection on children in the womb. And in Leviticus 20:1-5, a passage about child sacrifice, we see in Old Testament law where the moral responsibility of the sin of one man is placed on the shoulders of another man just because he knew about it and didn't do anything to stop it.

God wants children to be protected and Jesus drives this point home in Mark 10:13-16 where He says in verse 14 “The Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” But what has happened? Babies are voiceless, powerless, without influence or rights in this world. In 1973, they became the only class of person in the United States of America who has been officially dehumanized. One of my mentors, Jim Harden and Executive Director of a pregnancy center in New York, challenges me with this...

“The status of powerless babies in the womb in the U.S. mirrors our condition before a holy God. We are without power, influence, and voice. Were it not for the work of Christ on the cross, we would have no standing before a just God. Through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross we have been gifted with a voice, power and influence before God the Father and we are to wield those tools as Christ did, not for Himself but rather on behalf of others. In taking the gift of salvation that Jesus offers us we acknowledge His Kingship over our lives and our obligation to sacrificially bless and protect those who cannot do so for themselves: the disenfranchised, dehumanized babies in the womb.”

49 babies were saved in 2011 at Women's First Choice Medical. 49 women were spared the pain of abortion. Your support helps us effectively reach women with the truth about their options and the truth about Jesus while ultimately helping us protect those babies in the womb. I would like to suggest 3 ways you can help in 2012. 1) Attend our big pro-life event on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the UGA conference center. We are hoping for 2000 people to come together for the “The Great Turnaround” where we can hear how we can help turn our country away from abortion. 2) Support the movie “October Baby” when it is released in theatres in March. It is a movie about adoption, post-abortion, and forgiveness. 3) Give financially on a monthly basis. Big amount or small amount doesn't matter but if we can count on it every month it helps us to plan efficiently. We will always be wise stewards of every gift you send our way. That is vitally important to me and to this ministry.

Let's make 2012 the year where we work together to see our culture move back toward valuing life and seeing every human life as Sacred. “Permit the little children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these (Luke 18:15).”



Darlene Barber  
Executive Director



# God's Faithfulness: A Volunteer's Story



**Suzanne Smith**

Though I had done some volunteering off and on through the years, I first joined the board of this ministry a year or so after my twins were born. I probably had no business volunteering for anything at that time, but my good friend Missy Lee assured me that it wouldn't be too time-consuming as the board only met every other month. I agreed to do it, and one of the first orders of business once I began was to begin meeting every month (Thanks, Missy!). Thus began a six-year stint that would teach me so much about God's faithfulness and reveal so much of my own lack of faith and need for Him.

When I first joined the board we had only a part-time director, and we all felt strongly that we weren't able to adequately reach the girls and women who needed us because we weren't running the center at full capacity. Obviously, we needed someone full time, but we were also just barely keeping our head above water financially. As we began to look at fundraisers, we realized that almost anything we did required some kind of money upfront. I honestly felt that all the financial information in front of us screamed "wait, bide your time, hope for more donors, don't risk money for something that might not pan out". This was the only logical approach, I felt. Surely, my very bright, level-headed fellow board members would agree. But these very bright, level-headed people began to talk about stepping out on faith, trusting that God would provide us with the means to do the job He gave us.

I know their answers sounded way more spiritual and "churchy" than mine, but I admit that I went home and told my husband, "Those folks might be a little bit crazy".

Well, they were right. We did step out on faith (did some big fundraisers, hired Darlene full time), and God came through, in ways both big and small. Though I know it is a constant, daily battle for those good souls involved in the day-to-day operations, I believe He is using that Center to shine His light in the lives of those who need Him. My time on that Board taught me about how limited I am and how limitless God is. I wouldn't trade it for anything.

I had a friend in college who said she would never eat at the restaurant she waitressed in because she knew, in intimate detail, how the kitchen ran and the cleanliness of the whole place. (I assure you, I never ate there again either!) She had seen the inner workings, and knew it wasn't to be trusted. Well, I can tell you that I have seen the inner workings of this ministry, and I can't say enough good things about it. As a former counselor and social worker, I appreciate the sensitivity and understanding with which the workers approach the patients; as a Christian, I appreciate the faithfulness to God's word in every facet; and as a monthly donor, I appreciate the accountability and transparency with which all donations are handled. It is a blessing to this community, and a wonderful avenue for giving and sharing with others what God has given us.

I like to say that if you feel you haven't seen God move lately, join your local pro-life ministry! You might get a pleasant surprise.

**March 22, 2012**

**Save this date!**

**THE GREAT TURNAROUND**

*"Calling our nation to give so that unborn generations can live"*

**Presented by Dr. Bruce Wilkinson's Exponential Group**

# A Movie That Matters

An upcoming movie entitled "October Baby" is making an impact on lives of families that have dealt with adoption and abortion. This movie will be released in Georgia in March 2012.

I have been contacted to have a private screening in Tifton in January for pastors, church leaders, business leaders, school officials, etc. The goal is to have at least 25 leaders at this screening to commit to 1000 tickets for our community and then this movie can be released in Tifton in March.

Will you pray with me that we can find the pro-life leaders and churches in our community to make this happen? To have this movie released in our town will be amazing!

And if you have any suggestions as to who I need to contact (or you can contact) to be at the screening on January 26th please let me know (pregnancycare@bellsouth.net)!

Thanks!  
Darlene Barber



## THE STORY

A beautiful 19 year old college freshman, Hannah, makes a surprise discovery that she was adopted—and then learns the reason she was never told is that she was the survivor of a failed abortion. Desperate for answers, she embarks on a road trip with some friends to find her biological mother and discovers hope, love and forgiveness in the process. This uplifting and beautiful film may change the way you look at the world, your loved ones. . . and life.



## FEEDBACK & REVIEWS

"VERY well done. Well produced. AWESOME sound track. Great story. What a breath of fresh air... Hollywood's recent big budget movie juxtaposed next to OctoberBaby is glaringly devoid of any redeeming value. Kudos for October Baby, a movie for my whole family!"

Penny Nancy, CEO / Concerned Women for America

"I'm still wiping tears away while I type. It's an incredible story, and (the filmmakers) have turned it into a beautiful film that will touch many lives, I know it. Wow. Just...wow!"

Francesca Battistelli, GMA Female Artist of the Year

# Baby Bottle Boomerang Your Loose Change Can Change a Life

Every year during the month of January we challenge the churches in the Tiftarea to participate in the Baby Bottle Boomerang.

We challenge your church to give the gift of life to unborn children by supporting the work of the Pregnancy Care Center & Women's First Choice Medical. This fundraising work has made an important impact on the work of the Center and in our community over the years and we pray that you will join us in this effort again this year!

Call us at 229-382-4491 to arrange the delivery of our boomeranging Baby Bottles to your church! Your donations help us to expand our outreach, strengthen our effectiveness, and save lives. Thank you for your continued support.



## Remembering the Sanctity of Human Life

Every January, Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is an opportunity for Americans to reflect on the intrinsic value of human life and the fundamental right to life. We acknowledge that abortion tragically ends a human life but with love, practical help, and support, women and men in our community have made life-affirming choices. This month, we celebrate those lives, grieve those who have been lost, and recommit ourselves to providing support to women and couples facing these tough situations.

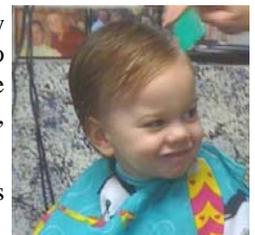
## Join A Journey Of Milestones

A child's first haircut is a milestone. For some youngsters, there is fear and trepidation. For others however, it is a moment of triumph. Either way, that first haircut is one of many milestones on the way to adulthood. At Women's First Choice, we understand that those milestones begin not at age one, two or three, but in the beginning.

**At conception our DNA is established and we begin marking our milestones. At 18 days our heart is beating. After six weeks, we have brainwaves. Three weeks later we are grasping objects.**

Our dream is simple. We want every woman who comes into our center to understand the joy of life, so that these early milestones lead to a first birthday, a first step and yes, a first haircut.

Join us will you? Your support creates milestones here, every day.



# Sponsor-A-Day

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You can sponsor an entire day of services at the Pregnancy Care Center and Women's First Choice Medical Services in honor or in memory of someone special. Simply pledge \$35.00 per month or \$420.00 per year and choose a date not taken. (Dates marked ■ are already taken.) We will notify your honoree or the family of those you remembered. Email us at [pregnancycare@bellsouth.net](mailto:pregnancycare@bellsouth.net) or call 382-4491.



## Special Thanks!! To All Our 2011 Sponsor-a-Day Donors

If you want to learn about sponsoring a day for 2012, please contact us at [pregnancycare@bellsouth.net](mailto:pregnancycare@bellsouth.net) or 229-382-4491.

