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IMPORTANT UPDATES!

Year end receipts are now being mailed out. If you do not receive one for 2018 and/or would like one for your giving in 2019 please contact Carol Beal at abigailbookkeeper@gmail.com

We have recently switched our online giving platform to Stewardship Technology. If you currently give automatically each month online or you would like to begin giving automatically, please contact Carol Beal at abigailbookkeeper@gmail.com. Thank you!

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Our Services

- Physician-Verified Pregnancy Tests
- Peer Counseling for Women & Men
- Maternity and Baby Supplies
- Parenting Classes
- Referrals to Other Agencies
- Abstinence Education
- Post-Abortion Counseling
- Embrace Grace

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January 2019

From the Director's Desk



If you happened to watch the news or got on social media this past month, you probably saw that the state of New York passed a law that approved for abortions to be performed up until a child is born. They call this, "The Reproductive Health Act." In celebration of this law passing, the Empire State Building was lit up pink.

If you are reading this article then more than likely you were in a state of horror and sorrow along with many other Americans upon finding this out. The fight to protect unborn lives may have seemed hopeless. However, I want to remind you of the hope I have.

When Samson had his hair cut off, his eyes gauged, and he was held as a slave to the Philistines, his life had seemed hopeless. He had made a mistake, he had backslidden, and now it looked as though the purpose for his life was over. However, in his last moments, God granted his one last request and honored Samson's repentant heart (Judges 16:28).

Joseph had a dream. That dream didn't go over too well with his brothers. In fact, after being sold into slavery by his own siblings and then sent to prison for being wrongfully accused, his story didn't seem to be falling in line with the dream that God had given him years prior. However, through a strange line of events (that could only be orchestrated by God), Joseph's dream finally became a reality (Genesis 41:41-44).

Just as David recounted his victories that God gave him before his big battle against Goliath (1 Samuel 17:34-37), we too must remember the victories God has given us. We must remember the victories that God has brought His people through when the situations seemed as though there was no victory in sight, the government leaders made laws that weren't in line with God's word (Daniel and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to name a couple) and all hope seemed lost.

My hope is that whether laws are passed to promote evil, these laws would be unthinkable by the citizens. These laws would be unthinkable because the men and women faced with an unplanned pregnancy have the hope that comes with Jesus. The hope of a plan for their life and the life of their baby. The hope of forgiveness he offers. The hope of experiencing the true love Jesus offers. The hope of redemption. Most importantly, that they have the hope of abundant life through Jesus for their time on earth. When we can focus our eyes on what God can do, and His power working through us to reach others, there is no telling how radical a situation can change.

I also hope you know that you can impact those around you by showing and sharing with them the hope of Jesus that lives within you.

In Christ,
Amanda Clark

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770 Client Visits

Client visits increased by 51 visits from the previous year. Forty of those were new clients! We also saw our number of no shows and cancellations decreased due to implementation of text reminders to our clients. That's a win for all of us!

In 2018 we celebrated the birth of 56 babies!



Programs

Peer Counseling: Our peer counselors talk with clients at every visit they make to the center. Our counselors provided compassionate care and guidance 770 times this year during these visits! We pray that all of them felt the love of Christ during those visits and that they were comforted, encouraged, and empowered to better handle their life situations.

Pregnancy Tests: 95

Baby Basics Class: Over 114 class hours

Abstinence: 13 presentations to a total of 266 students

Boutique: Almost 10,000 items given out, including diapers, formula, clothing, baby furniture and more.

Referrals: We referred our clients to other agencies 129 times in 2018. This fulfills our mission to not repeat services that are already being provided in our community.

Volunteers: Our amazing volunteers gave over 1,337 hours of their time last year, worth over \$16,580.00! We couldn't serve our clients with excellence without your faithful service. Thank you!

Change for Life

In 2018, area schools and churches raised over \$5,300 during Baby Bottle Campaigns!

This is one of the easiest ways that community groups can raise funds for the ministry. It's as easy as passing out the bottles, asking people to fill them with change, cash or checks, and then collecting them on a set date.

We provide the bottles and informative brochures about Abigail Pregnancy Services, our mission and our services. We will deliver the bottles to you and also pick them up when they are turned in. It doesn't get much easier and the impact is so far reaching!

Our goal for 2019 is \$10,000. We hope you will join us in the fight for life by participating in a Baby Bottle Campaign!

If you are interested in holding a Baby Bottle Campaign at any time, please call Terri at 419-668-9500 or email at centermanager2@gmail.com.



Ultrasound Update:

Excitement is building as our new room and other necessary updates to our building are nearing completion.

God is continuing to open doors as this process continues, and it's been an amazing journey!

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to Brian and Amanda Westcott from Westcott's Woodworks and Home Services. Brian and crew volunteered their time doing carpentry work, installed our new countertops, cabinets, and flooring. It looks amazing!

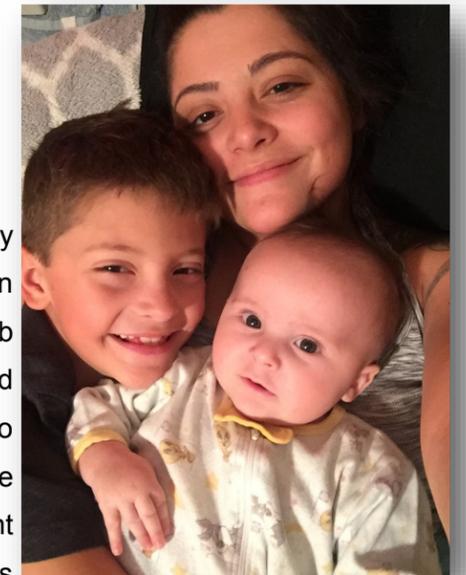
We are also grateful to the crew from Foundation Church who painted all the rooms. Thanks also to the Cunningham family who tied up cleaning and painting details.

Our Executive Director and Nurse Manager are in the process of fulfilling training requirements as they lay the legal and functional groundwork.

Our tentative goal is to open our ultrasound wing in April! We will keep you posted!

Your support of this important service to our clients will impact generations to come in our community. We cannot thank you enough!

A Woman of the Word



As a peer-counselor at Abigail Pregnancy Services, I meet certain young women who inspire me and make my job especially rewarding—such is my friend and client, Jazzlyn. Jazzlyn first came to our center as an EHOVE student in the GRADS program when she was pregnant with her oldest son. I personally was introduced to her this summer in the peer-counseling room after the birth of her second son.

Jazzlyn has a spark about her. She is a courageous young woman who has been through a lot in her twenty-six years. In 2016, she lost her five month old daughter in utero to a rare disease called Edwards Syndrome. In addition, Jazzlyn is the sole supporter of her two boys, ages 8 and 6 months. Despite her situation, Jazzlyn always has maintains a cheerful attitude and a positive outlook on life.

What is most impressive about Jazzlyn, however, is her love for the Word of God. Each time we meet, she is anxious to recite a verse she's memorized or discuss a Bible study she's completed. Her hunger to know God is exhilarating, and what's truly amazing to me is that she spreads the Word she's planted in her heart, dispensing light to those around her. Jazzlyn works as a homecare worker for Stein Hospice and sees her job as a calling from God. She hopes that she is an encouragement to her patients as she lives out God's word in her care for them. Her smile and positive energy, combined with God's Word, bring hope and joy to all those she encounters.

Please continue to pray for Jazzlyn as she courageously raises her sons, and strives to employ the promises in God's Word as a source of illumination in her own life and in the lives of others.

We...thank God continually because, when you received the Word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as human word, but as it actually is, the Word of God, which is indeed at work in you.... 1 Thessalonians 2:13