

SAV-A-LIFE

♥ Heart to Heart ♥

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A place where we celebrate (true) choice

Decades ago those who opposed ministries like ours would say about us, "Oh, those are the people who try to talk women out of abortions. They don't provide women with **choice**." This was a frustrating, inaccurate description but in many circles, the description stuck. Because we could offer little more than a free pregnancy test, it was hard to peel off that label.

Today, those people say the same thing—and it could not be more wrong. Their line of reasoning is that if we don't provide abortion, we are somehow depriving women of their rights. Suddenly we are targeted as "anti-choice."

But times have changed. Without question, we are the providers of choice. Should a woman want a picture of where she is in pregnancy, many Centers offer ultrasound (we do not but have another Center that is so kind as to do so for us when needed). If a couple considers adoption for their baby, we are many times their first choice. Should parenting be an option, where does a woman turn for help? Us, of course.

And if a woman has been through an abortion and is suffering emotional pain and trauma, where does she turn? To the abortion clinic? Never. Instead, she comes to us—people who understand her hurt, who love her enough to listen to her and who will walk with her on her road to forgiveness and healing.

Choice is a catch-word in today's world that has come to mean, "Abortion." It is a shame, because choice actually means we are given options from which we can make an informed decision. And we want those options to be healthy ones.

Choice then, comes not from those who give but one answer to an unplanned pregnancy—but from us, Sav-A-Life of Dale County. Here, a woman is given an opportunity to explore healthy pregnancy options such as parenting, adoption and marriage. In each case, a pregnancy is allowed to come to its intended conclusion: birth.

The truth about choice is simple: No self-respecting physician offers abortion as a healthy choice for pregnancy, just as no worthy physician offers cigarettes as a choice for the patient with high blood pressure ("Relax more—have a smoke!"). To do so is a hypocritical rationalization of the Hippocratic Oath.

So while others attempt to sway the public debate with carefully-chosen words, we truly offer choice—backing it up with practical assistance to make those choices work. Choice? It's found right here, every day.

Walk for Life

Saturday – October 20th - Fun, fellowship, entertainment, door prizes and refreshments – all to be enjoyed this year at the Annual Walk for Life.

Walk Liaison Meeting/Open House at Sav-A-Life – Thursday, September 13th – We invite all church and organization liaisons to visit with us on the 13th, have some refreshments and see the ministry you are supporting as you pick up your Walk packets. If you have never served as liaison before, give Sidonna a call at 774-4419 for more information.

Walk "Kick-Off" Gospel Concert – Thursday, October 18th - Location to be announced – radio, Cable Channel 4, newspapers, check our website, www.savalifeozark.org, or give us a call at 774-4419 for more information.

A “Gift in Kind” is a gift of encouragement

A “Gift in Kind” is defined by tax professionals as something of value given to an organization. Here, that gift may be baby clothes, maternity clothes, a baby bed or car seat.

For those we see however, your Gift In Kind is an act of encouragement. Many of our clients struggle to make ends meet. Through our mentoring programs, clients earn points toward the finest items in our material goods room; items they can “purchase” with points earned.

We are always looking for maternity and baby items that are in top condition. Every gift of course, is tax-deductible. But more important, your gift is helping save a life and provide encouragement and hope to someone looking for a better future.

If you have a new or gently used item you would like to donate, give us a call at 774-4419 or bring it by. We would love to hear from you.

SPECIFIC NEEDS: New Newborn size sleepers – generic colors: New receiving blankets – generic colors: Baby Wipes; Someone to make handmade booties and handmade blankets.



Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of:

Evelyn Johnson by Earl & Gail Bankston



Thank you to those who gave to the BBB

Perhaps it was just loose change at the end of the day. Or maybe you or your family made a concerted effort to fill your “Baby Bottle” during our recent Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser. Regardless of how you filled your bottle, you have made a tremendous difference in this ministry.

The funds raised from this special event go directly to the ministry of Sav-A-Life of Dale County, reaching the women and men who come in our door—facing an unplanned pregnancy. Because of your gift, those we see have more hope. And because of your gift, those we see have more practical help. And because of your gift, those we see will hear of the endless love of Jesus Christ.

Our goal for this event is \$13,000 (one-third of our operating budget). Total funds received to date are \$10,890.40, with five churches yet completed. Thank you so much for your generosity! Each month, we are seeing lives changed and lives saved. And for that, we thank you for your commitment to all that happens here.

Participating Churches this year:

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| ♥ AME Zion | ♥ Logan Road Baptist Church | ♥ Providence Baptist Church |
| ♥ Ariton Church of Christ | ♥ Midway Baptist Church | ♥ Ridgecrest Baptist Church |
| ♥ Bethel United Methodist Church | ♥ Morgan Baptist Church | ♥ Rocky Head Baptist Church |
| ♥ Bethel Baptist Church | ♥ New Hope Baptist Church | ♥ Southside Baptist Church |
| ♥ Cedar Grove Baptist Church | ♥ Newton Baptist Church | ♥ Stonebridge Church of God |
| ♥ Chalkhead Baptist Church | ♥ Ozark Baptist Church | ♥ Wesley Chapel |
| ♥ Church of the Nazarene | ♥ Pinckard Baptist Church | ♥ Westview Heights United Methodist Church |
| ♥ Daleville Baptist Church | ♥ Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church | |
| ♥ Ewell Bible Baptist Church | ♥ Pleasant Ridge United Methodist Church | |
| ♥ Faith Christian Center | ♥ Pleasant Grove Baptist Church | |
| ♥ First United Methodist Church – Ozark | ♥ Post Oak Baptist Church | |
| ♥ Hillcrest Baptist Church | ♥ Prince of Peace Lutheran | |

Our thanks to you . . .

- ♥ Ridgecrest Baptist Church – VBS Funds
- ♥ Post Oak Baptist Church – VBS Funds
- ♥ Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Kid’s Club for the Boo Boo Booties
- ♥ Our ladies who make *BOOTIES* for us
- ♥ McDonald’s Corporate Office for all the laser cartridges for our recycling program
- ♥ Pat Short, Sue Morris, and Donna Richard for counting baby bottle money

Touching Live – May – July 2007

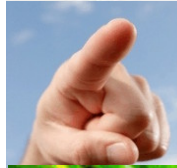
Pregnancy Tests/1 st Visits	98
Positive Tests	55
Negative Tests	38
Referrals (no test)	5
Teens	30
Abortion Information Calls	2
Abortion Information Visits	7
Confirmed Babies Saved from Abortion	4*
Babies Born (completed parenting class)	6
Spiritual Decisions	1

* Remembering, we are not always allowed to contact a young woman considering abortion – praise God for the decisions we know about.

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good ...” Genesis 1:27, 3

Total bottles given out – 1046. . . total bottles turned in is 576. If you still have baby bottles, please help us be good stewards and drop them off – filled or unfilled.

I WAS JUST THINKING ... AND
I DON'T MEAN TO POINT FINGERS ...
BUT ARE YOU DOING ALL YOU CAN?
WE NEED YOU-SEE NEXT PAGE!
PLEASE CALL TO SEE HOW YOU
CAN HELP. SAV-A-LIFE - 774.4419
WWW.SAVALIFE0ZARK.ORG



CALL TODAY - 774.4419 - FREE HUGS
NEXT TRAINING WEEK OF AUGUST 27

A call that could change your life—and many others

If you ever thought, “I might want to be a part of Sav-A-Life of Dale County” but weren’t sure you had the time, the abilities or the right gifts, forget all of that for a moment.

Instead of wondering whether you could or should, why not give us a call at 774-4419 and mention that you want to know more? No obligations, no contracts—just a call. If this is the place for you, you’ll know. This might be the perfect place where God touches your life—and uses you to touch many, many others.

Some opportunities include ...

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| ♥ Stuffing envelopes for statements | ♥ organizing the baby room |
| ♥ labelling newsletters for mailing | ♥ laundry for used baby articles donated |
| ♥ updating data base for newsletters | ♥ counting baby bottles |
| ♥ stuffing baby bottles | ♥ crocheting, knitting baby booties/blankets |
| ♥ creating a Bible study for a parenting program | ♥ copying/folding newsletter |
| | ♥ copying/folding statements |

These are all occasional needs and many can be completed in the office or in your home. And then we have our regular trained volunteer positions for receptionist and mentor if that is where your interest lies.

Sad Goodbyes & A Welcome Hello . . .

We offer a sad goodbye to Tasha Sterling who left us as a volunteer receptionist to pursue her career and education. And also, to Shelley Bartlett who has been with us periodically since June of 2000 when we opened. Shelley is leaving to re-enter the workforce and will be teaching again. We miss both of you and there will always be a place for your return.

A welcome is in order for Barbara Scott who attends Ozark Baptist Church and has come on board as a Wednesday afternoon volunteer receptionist, bringing a welcoming smile for our clients. Sheryl Akin, who attends Southside Baptist Church, also joins us as a volunteer receptionist, bringing with her greatly needed administrative talents. We are blessed to have them join us.

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