

PSC News Part II

Did You Know? NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH!



Let me share with you God's story of our adoption... "You will never get pregnant, unless by a miracle of God. You should look into adoption." My OB/GYN gave me the news I never wanted to hear at an appointment in May of 1986. My heart was broken as I heard those words. However, the dream of adopting had begun when I was a child. I remember saying many times, "I will have six children, and then adopt six." Little did I really understand that dream, but God knew I would one day be confronted with the reality of infertility. He had opened my child's heart to adoption to fulfill my dream of motherhood.

Today, infertility in the United States affects approximately 6 million couples per year with the dream of having children. And, sad to say, only 13,000-14,000 of American infants are voluntarily available for domestic adoption. International adoptions amount to approximately 20,000 per year. The number of aborted babies per year is 1 in four. These 'unwanted' unborn babies would fill the arms of many of those longing to have a baby.

Why don't women make the choice of adoption more often? Many reasons are given, but honestly, I think it is because of the high sacrifice required. Society is so "me" oriented that "sacrifice" is incomprehensible in today's world. Putting others first is ridiculous –the enemy convinces them to focus on self – their needs and desires. He hates the IMAGE OF GOD and thus in only the way he can, he deceives many into thinking abortion is an easy answer for their problem. He deceives them into thinking that by destroying one life they are saving their life. But because he is the deceiver, they realize too late, it is their life, too, that has been destroyed.

Adoption is a life-affirming choice for individuals who find themselves in what they perceive as a one choice situation. At the PSC we empower individuals by educating them on the changes in adoption, and the redemptive qualities of adoption for them and their baby. Every Tuesday adoption is our ministry prayer topic of the day. Join with us in lifting up this positive, life-affirming choice, and the women and men who are seeking an alternative to abortion. This is a hard decision, and cannot be decided in one counseling session. Many think about making a plan, but few actually follow through. Those that do choose to carry bond with their baby and are unable to let go. But for those few who do, and especially that one that did in 1986, I say "Bless you for your gift and sacrifice."

A grateful adoptive- mom,

Becky

See Page 3 for the "rest of the adoption story."



Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Pregnancy Support Clinic and our outreach Options Now. One of our unsung heroes is a “young lady” who has served us for years...Alice Lawrence. Affectionately known as “Miss Alice” she serves as our chief Thank You letter writer and general helper. Her servant’s heart is evident whether she is preparing newsletters for mailing or sorting change for the Baby Bottle Boomerang.

“I've been a PSC volunteer for 6 yrs, with about 2yrs here in Valdosta,” stated Lawrence when asked about her experiences with the PSC. “When I first took the training classes I felt being a part of this ministry was where I needed to be. Working in the Mommy Mall was a rewarding experience, but just helping out, whenever needed, whether it's filling packets or sorting money, makes my days brighter. I am truly blessed to be a volunteer at the Pregnancy Support Clinic.”

Thanks to volunteers like Miss Alice, we are able to serve those in our community who need us most!

For more information on becoming a volunteer, please call Pam at (229) 333-0080.

Partner with us in Prayer

As a Christ-centered ministry we realize the importance of prayer! Please join with us and pray for the following items on each specified day.

Monday – Post Abortion Support

Outreach

Tuesday – Adoption

Wednesday – Volunteers

Thursday – Abstinence Education

Friday – College/University Outreach

Saturday – Staff

Sunday – Salvation of Clients

How Are We Doing?

“This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live.”

[Deuteronomy 30:18-20](#)

God has blessed us richly throughout the second quarter of 2008 as we have chosen life. Below are the combined Third Quarter Statistics for Options Now. For more information please contact Pam at (229) 333-0080.



	<u>Third Quarter</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Total Client Visits	476	1,237
New Clients	144	421
Ultrasounds	65	199
Gospel Shared	136	341
Clients Accepting Christ	4	10
Births Recorded	32	143
Red Rose Births	25	92
Community Education	48,868	64,736

The Rest of the Adoption Story. . . (Continued from Page 1)

Nine months after I (Becky) heard the doctor's heart-breaking words, my son Daniel was born...to another woman. At the age of nine weeks he came to live in my home after living in my heart for nine months. That was how long it had been since my husband and I filled out the application to adopt. The week before Christmas we had our Home Study by the adoption agency and were told we would have our baby "soon." (Note: don't ever tell someone who has been waiting on a dream for 6 years that the dream will arrive "soon"!) I thought Christmas would be the 'perfect' time for a gift from God! However, Christmas came and went...then I turned 30 in January...then my neighbor had her baby in February...I learned 'soon' is relative! (Note: Abraham and Sarah waited much longer!)

The phone call in March revealed God did have a Christmas gift for us – Daniel was born Christmas Day! Two days later my husband and I went to pick up our dream baby. Then another disappointment...the caseworker told us the baby was born on December 31. I thought, "Okay, I can handle that, just let me see my baby!" (Note: I am not a detail person!) Then another delay...the caseworker had told us about the wrong baby! Daniel really was born on the 25th of December! (Note: This was revealed when the total cost for the first baby was more than our cashier's check! I almost freaked at the thought we would not get to take Daniel home that day!)

That night was one of the happiest of my life! And now with Daniel in college I can truly say this has been a dream come true! (Note: Though I didn't adopt 6 and have 6 as originally planned-50% of my children are adopted and 50% are not! I have another son, Zach, who I gave birth to through the wonder of IVF, and who is 14.)

For more adoption information and statistics you may want to log on to these websites:

<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0881281.html>

http://www.exploringadoptionblog.com/adoption/infertility_statistics/

Recommended reading for those who adopt:

Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew by Sherrie Eldridge (Note: This is one of the most helpful books to help me understand my son's side of his adoption story.) **Becky**

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things? For we are not, as so many peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.

(11 Corinthians 2:14-17 NKJV)



BBB Campaign is Moving!

In 2009 the PSC's Annual Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign will be held from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Anyone interested in coordinating the campaign for their church should contact Marilois Campa, (229) 333-0080 or marilois@pscvaldosta.org.

Bittersweet Changing of the Board



Shirley McClain



Janice Baker

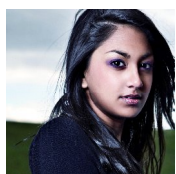


Mark Eanes

*Where no **wise** guidance is, the people falleth; But in the multitude of **counselors** there is safety.*

Proverbs 11:14

It is with both joy and sadness that we say goodbye to several members of our “multitude of counselors” who have served the PSC faithfully and well as valued members of our Board of Directors. Those rolling off the Board are **Bill Piper, Carol Woodall, Clarence Jones, and Hank Lee**. Under their wise counsel the PSC has flourished attaining record numbers of lives saved and women protected from the aftermath of abortion. The standard of excellence achieved by the Pregnancy Support Clinic of Valdosta as designated by NIFLA is due in part to their leadership. We will miss their dedication in this capacity, but know we will enjoy their continued support in other areas. As we say goodbye to these, we also say hello to our newest board members, **Shirley McClain, Dr. Lex Culbreth, and Janice Baker**. As they have been appointed “for a time such as this” we look forward to encouragement and godly counsel they will bring.



A Client Speaks

The Pregnancy Support Clinic is a Christ-centered ministry which advances the sanctity of human life and sexual purity, empowering individuals to make life-affirming choices.

This means that we seek to offer women (and men) in expected pregnancies the support they need. This support may come in a variety of ways. We may provide moms and dads-to-be the items they will need for their little one through our “Earn While You Learn” program. It may mean providing emotional support and just being a friend. Our clients are from all walks of life. They have varying levels of background and education, but they all have one thing in common...they are at a critical point in their lives and they need us to be Christ to them. Here is the story of one client:

Valerie, a 27 year old single mom, came to PSC requesting help with her pregnancy because she recently lost her job. This and other factors put her at risk for abortion. She received help from other agencies around town for her family. Adding to her dilemma, the father of the baby was not committed to helping her. What she really needed was someone to talk to her about her situation—someone who would listen and offer emotional support. After talking with a counselor, she was sent to Repeat Boutique with a voucher for clothes and other items for the children. She also enrolled in the Earn While You Learn program so that she could attend class and earn Mommy Money to buy items for her new baby. She now attends class regularly, talks openly with other clients about some of the problems that she faces, and earns the baby items she needs. Your partnership with us was the reason we were able to minister to Valerie and others in their most vulnerable moments. These “Divine Appointments” are made possible by people like you! Page 4