



The Pregnancy Support Center of Roanoke Rapids

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OUR MISSION:

As a Christian ministry, to promote sexual abstinence until marriage through in-school training programs and volunteer peer counseling, to assist individuals facing the challenges of unexpected pregnancies, and to minister to the emotional and spiritual needs resulting from an abortion or miscarriage.

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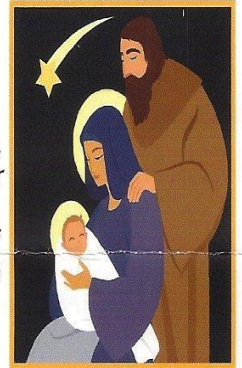
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Jesus: A Crisis Pregnancy

"Now the birth of Jesus was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1: 18-21



As I sat at my desk thinking about Christmas and how to tie that in with the Pregnancy Center during this season, the Lord reminded me of what Christmas is all about....the birth of Jesus! As I began to read the scriptures about His birth, it's quite clear, it was a crisis or what we would call today an unplanned pregnancy.

Mary was betrothed to Joseph, yet they had not known one another yet. She had to go tell her parents and her soon to be husband that she was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Can you imagine how she felt?

When Joseph heard the news, he had plans to put her away secretly, so no shame would be brought to him. Can you imagine how he felt?

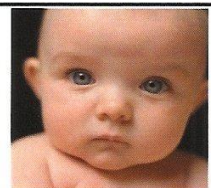
Well, I can.....I see it everyday here at the PSC. When our clients first get the news that they have a positive pregnancy test, their first thought is not - what a wonderful gift this child is going to be. But it is true!

Joseph and Mary had no idea what a wonderful gift Jesus would be. God gave the greatest gift when He gave His Son to reconcile us to Himself. Each day at the PSC, we have opportunities to share the hope of Jesus with those we see. At first, some may not recognize this gift from God. Sometimes, it just takes awhile to see and understand the gifts of God.

ALL children are a gift of the Lord. God doesn't see these unplanned pregnancies, as a trial, but as a gift. And if He has this view of unplanned pregnancies, shouldn't we all?

Jennifer Marchant
Executive Director

Sanctity of Human Life Month January 2012



January of course, is when we recognize Sanctity of Human Life month and it was January 1973 when the infamous Roe vs. Wade ruling was issued.

That was 39 years ago and as tragic as it was, it is a reminder that God uses all things together for good. Without Roe, this center likely would not exist today, because it was after that ruling that the Christian community recognized a need—crisis pregnancies—and began meeting that need.

Some will say we were too late—that this should have happened before 1973—and they may be right. But we are here now, and God is doing some mighty things as He touches the lives of those who come in our door.

And you are a vital part of all that happens here. You are part of the Christian community who recognize a need and chooses to do something about it.

Here are just a few ways you and your church can celebrate Sanctity of Human Life Month:

- *Have someone from the PSC come speak at your church in January*
- *Host a Baby Shower and donate the items to the PSC*
- *Donate your time, talents and treasures to the PSC*
- *Your church can take part in our Baby Bottle Boomerang by taking bottles home and filling them with loose change and returning to the PSC. (We provide the baby bottles)*

BANQUET 2011

Thank you to everyone that came out to our 8th Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet on October 13th.

Thanks to you, it was a beautiful evening and our most successful banquet to date.

Special Thanks to our Event Underwriters:

Dr. & Mrs. Todd Arthur, Bethel Baptist Church, The Brown/Gregory Family, Calvary Baptist Church, Dr. Gwen Coath, Clean Solutions, Darlington Baptist WMU, Mrs. Evelyn Doughtie, David Lynch 's Locksmith Service, Mr. & Mrs. Raven Deloatch, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Dunn, Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Edwards, First Christian Church, First Pentecostal Holiness Church,, Great Branch Farms, Hockaday Funeral Home, In Honor of Samuel, Kanayla 's Kribs, Knights of Columbus, The Marchant Family, Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Mason, Mid-Atlantic Eye Physicians, Northeastern Carolina Physical Therapy, Patch Rubber Company, Dr. Bert & Bessie Piggott,, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Pitts, Rightmyer Machine Rentals Inc., Roanoke Rapids Church of God,, Roanoke Rapids Savings Bank, Roanoke Salem Baptist Church, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Rogers, Rosemary UMC Women' s Ministry, Smith United Methodist Church, Valley Community Church, Wiggins Fabrication & Designs, Mrs. Lou Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Young

An Empty Envelope, and a Simple Question

Enclosed with this newsletter is an empty envelope.

It is not a demanding envelope ("Give...or else!").

Nor is it a desperate envelope ("Give or there will be awful consequences!").

And it is not a begging envelope ("Please, please give. We must have your gift now!")

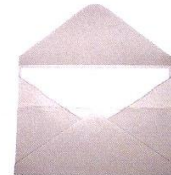
Nor is it a jealous envelope ("Think of us before you think of other ministries!")

Instead this is an envelope with a simple "yes" or "no" question: "Is this the right time to give a year end gift to this ministry?"

This is an envelope of the heart. You see, we don't ask anyone to give if the heart is not in that gift. The Lord loves a cheerful giver (II Cor. 9:7) and so do we. If you can give with cheer at the end of this year and helping this ministry will bring joy to your heart, that's what this envelope is for.

This envelope cares not about the size of the gift, but about the size of the heart behind the gift. For some, a gift of \$5 or \$10 indicates a heart that is entirely committed to touching and saving lives. For others, a gift of \$500 or \$1,000 shows that same commitment. We're all different, at different financial stages of life. It's about the heart, not about the number of zeros.

In essence then, this simple white envelope is an opportunity for those who - in a financial way - want to share their heart's commitment to this ministry. If this is the right time, share your heart. There's just enough room in the envelope to place it inside.



Yes! I want to give a Year-End Gift to the Pregnancy Support Center.



I am enclosing a one-time gift of \$_____.



In 2012, I would like to make a monthly pledge to the PSC.

I would like to make a monthly gift of \$_____/Month.

Please tear this portion off and mail back to the PSC in the enclosed envelope.

All financial gifts to the PSC are tax-deductible.