

# SAV-A-LIFE

## ♥ Heart to Heart ♥

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## Baby Room Needs

New Receiving Blankets  
New Crib Sheets  
New Bath Towels  
New Newborn Sleepers

## Walk for Life

Saturday, October 15, 2005

Registration: 8:00 a.m. – Walk: 9:00 a.m.

First United Methodist Church

Downtown Ozark - Corner of Broad & East Streets

It is that time of year again! Time to get your legs pumped up, put on your sneakers, and WALK for life! If you haven't walked with us before, now is a good time to start. We have a great time of fun, fellowship, a little exercise, and even some great door prizes. There you have it. If nothing else caught your eye, that door prize might just do it! It is just a short two-mile walk in downtown Ozark, good, solid, flat surfaces. As always, there will be refreshments before and after.

If you have served as church liaison in the past, please give me a call – Sidonna at 774-4419 – so we can talk about this year's walk. If your church has never participated and you would like to serve as church liaison, call me. What is a church liaison? A person who keeps their own congregation up to speed on what is happening at the Center. We supply the information and you share it with your church.

The Walk for Life is our second fundraiser each year and provides one fourth of our budget. We need your participation. Won't you join us? We look forward to seeing each of you.



## VOLUNTEER TRAINING SET FOR September 20, 21, 22, & 23<sup>RD</sup> Challenge

*"Whom do men say that I the son of man am?" And they said, "Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." He saith unto them, "But whom say ye that I am?"* Matthew 16:13b-15

### Conclusion

To communicate the message of Jesus Christ with relevance to our culture we must become:

- People who are committed to living what they believe,
- People who are committed to loving non-Christians with no strings attached;
- and
- People who are not afraid to challenge others.

This would be an awesome task if it weren't for the fact that we have an awesome God. Don't limit yourself by what you think you can or can't do. Dare to dream of what God can do! Where your imagination ends – faith only begins.

Excerpt from Sav-A-Life Training Manual, 2000

Won't you call to let us know you desire to be a part of what God has in store for this ministry and for these young ladies and families. Call 774-4419. Training will be from 1:00 till 4:00 p.m. each day.



# • CARE NET Press Release •

## Southeastern-based Pregnancy Center Ministry Merges with Care Net

STERLING, VA -- Care Net announced Tuesday (May 24<sup>th</sup>) the acquisition of Sav-A-Life Outreach Centers, an organization that supports a network of 70 pregnancy resource centers throughout the southeastern United States.

With a common vision and the desire to share resources, the two organizations will be merging with the hopes of strengthening and expanding the national pregnancy center movement. Sav-A-Life pregnancy centers will become affiliates of Care Net, which currently supports nearly 800 pregnancy center affiliates in both the U.S. and Canada. Care Net and Sav-A-Life will officially join forces on July 1, 2005.

“This is one of the most exciting developments in the 30-year history of Care Net. We are delighted to welcome all of the Sav-A-Life centers into the Care Net family,” said Care Net President Kurt Entsminger. “Care Net and Sav-a-Life have a lot in common – a commitment to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and to serving our clients with excellence and integrity. It makes sense that we work together toward our mutual goals. There is much that

the two organizations can learn from each other.”

“We at Sav-A-Life couldn’t be more thrilled about being a part of Care Net,” said Polly DuBose, president of Sav-A-Life Outreach Centers. “Together, we anticipate reaching even greater numbers of women and men with the hope and help offered at pregnancy resource centers.”

Pregnancy centers offer free pregnancy tests, peer counseling, post-abortion support, and other practical help to empower women and men facing pregnancy-related concerns. In some areas, pregnancy centers offer medical services such as ultrasound, STD testing, or prenatal care. In 2004, Care Net affiliates alone served more than 125,000 pregnant clients, performed over 20,000 ultrasounds, and presented the abstinence message in schools to more than 900,000 students.

Care Net will maintain the Sav-A-Life office in Birmingham, Alabama, and its three staff members will come on board with Care Net to play a strategic role in a number of projects, including a regional consultation program and helping to direct Care Net’s annual conference. In addition, the Sav-A-Life board chair will join Care Net’s Board of Directors.

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### A Note From Executive Director, Sidonna Brown

Care Net has already been providing wonderful educational materials and guidance for Sav-A-Life Centers. This fall, two from Sav-A-Life of Dale County will be attending the annual Care Net Conference with over 140 workshops to be presented. Of course, we cannot participate in each workshop, but there will be an abundance of choices from which to learn and bring back to our Center.

We look forward with anticipation to the fruit of this merger in lives being touched for Jesus. May the Lord be given all glory, honor and praise for each life that is changed or enriched because of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Our Thanks to You

Skipperville United Methodist Women - monetary donation

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - gift bags with blankets and baby toiletries

Pleasant Hill United Methodist Women - monetary donation

Post Oak Baptist Church – VBS funds

A HUGE thank you to those who answered the call for help in counting the baby bottles this year:

Sue Morris and Pat Short from Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church; Tom Richard from Ewell Bible Baptist Church; and Katie Birchler, Joni Mize and Sara Sinquefield from Girl Scout Troop 9. You were each such a blessing!

And, of course, all those who pray for this ministry daily and who have so generously given to our baby room.

## Welcome

To Elizabeth Wyse, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, who has taken on another hat by joining our Board of Directors. Elizabeth has already been helping us with her talents outside the Center, but is now lending her abilities as Secretary on our Board. We are glad to have you “on board!”



## Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of:

Mildred “Polly” Simmons

by Richard and Tommie Thompson

If you would like to remember or honor your loved ones with a gift to Sav-A-Life, a card will be sent in recognition of your gift. Just make your tax deductible check to: Sav-A-Life of Dale County, Inc., P.O. Box 41, Ozark, AL 36361.

## Baby Bottle Blessings

“Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.” Psalm 95:2

We so often think of making a joyful noise unto the Lord as singing. But at Sav-A-Life, we want to thank each of you who filled a baby bottle for the joyful noises that went on in our Center for over a month – counting those baby bottles. We do offer our thanksgiving to the Lord for you, His people, who continue to support this ministry so generously. With so much help from Newton Baptist Church WOM and Team Kids in preparing our bottles this year, our volunteers in counting, labelling and bagging, we were able to distribute 1,230 baby bottles to 33 churches and two organizations, receiving between two to 100 bottles. We have had 786 bottles returned.

If you have not turned in your bottle, it’s never too late. Please note, the reminder on the bottom of the letters mailed to the churches was only to seek your help in helping

us be accountable. We want to be good stewards of what the Lord has provided through you, His people. We are not asking any churches to pay for bottles. It was never our intent for anyone to think so – again, only to be good stewards and to do that, we need your help.

If your church or organization did not participate, we always have bottles available. Just let us know how many bottles you need, when and where you would like them delivered.

To date, over \$13,070 has been raised, with three churches and one organization yet to complete and turn in their baby bottles. Praise the Lord! Following is a full listing of participating churches and groups this year to date.

*“For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God.”*  
*1 Thessalonians 3:9*

Ariton Baptist Church  
Ariton Church of Christ  
Bethel Assembly  
Bethel Baptist  
Bethel United Methodist  
Bridlewood Chapel  
Campground Baptist Church  
Cedar Grove Baptist Church  
Chalkhead Baptist Church  
Church of Christ  
Daleville Baptist Church  
Ewell Bible Baptist  
Faith Christian Center

First United Methodist Church  
Hillcrest Baptist Church  
House of Prayer Church of God  
Logan Road Baptist Church  
Midway Baptist Church  
Morgan Baptist Church  
Newton Baptist Church (March)  
Ozark Baptist Church  
Pinckard Baptist Church (May)  
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church  
Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church  
Pleasant Ridge United Methodist Church  
Post Oak Baptist Church

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
Ridgecrest Baptist Church  
Rocky Head Baptist Church  
Southside Baptist Church  
Stonebridge Church of God  
Wesley Chapel  
Westview Heights United Meth. Church  
Ariton RSVP  
Grimes RSVP  
Ozark RSVP  
Spanish Radio Station

## OUR CLIENTS: What Are They Looking For?

There is a commercial for “Friskies” cat food that starts with the question, “Is your cat searching for something new?” It’s a clever commercial, but let’s remember—the advertisement is directed at us.

As a society, we’re always looking for something new, aren’t we? Some educators are always looking for a “new” approach to teaching our children. And every other week, there is a new study on how to parent kids—telling us something “new.” The tried and true—many believe—is simply quaint and out of date. However, those clients that come to Sav-A-Life of Dale County are looking not for something new, but for something they can count on. And that is precisely what we offer. With that in mind, what can they count on from us?

### THE TRUTH

This generation wants the truth, without sugar coating. They live a life where there are few boundaries and fewer truths they can rely on. Here, we love them enough to tell them the truth—not in a judgmental way—but in a way they can relate to. That’s why the overwhelming majority of our clients tell us that they would recommend us to friends. They want the truth, and they get it here.

### LOVE—WITHOUT CONDITIONS

Unconditional love does not mean that we condone every lifestyle choice. It does mean however, that we are here for our clients and that we will listen. It also means that we will

reach out to them with the love of Jesus Christ, who loves us as we are—and loves us so much that He wants to make us more like Himself. That’s true love, and we offer it to those we see.

### HOPE

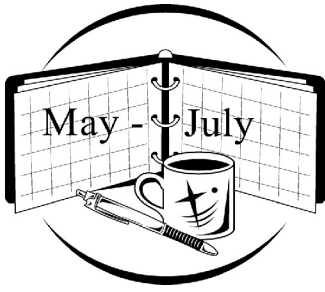
From a human perspective, some situations appear hopeless. Yet when one of our clients tells us her situation is hopeless, we provide the hope that the Lord offers. No situation—not one—is impossible for Him. We want a client to know that, and to know that we are here to provide practical assistance for her situation.

What are our clients searching for? We believe they want those three simple things: truth, unconditional love—and hope. To many of those we see, these three gifts are truly something new—and will change their lives forever.

### “THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE FOR ME.”

When we talk about reaching women facing unplanned pregnancies, it’s easy to get nervous and ask, “What would I say to her? How would I connect with her?” The answer is not in what we say, but in simply being available. If we will listen, if we can empathize and share the love of Jesus Christ, the other answers fall into place.

If you have a heart to “be there” for a young woman in this situation, call us. Together, we can make a difference in her life.



<b>Pregnancy Tests/1<sup>st</sup> visits</b> .....	<b>30</b>
Positive Tests .....	11
Negative Tests .....	12
Referrals (no tests) .....	7
Teens .....	11
Other Needs/Helps .....	11
Total Client Visits .....	66
Abortion Info Calls or Visits .....	8
Babies Born (completed parenting class) .....	2
Spiritual Decisions .....	4

*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, 31*

**“SPACE” AND “STAIRS”**

Those two words seem to be in the air around Sav-A-Life of Dale County, and have been for over a year. We have been in the process of looking for a little more space without stairs. While we have so enjoyed the blessings in “our upper rooms” as one volunteer has named them, the privacy of our location, and the generosity extended by Daniel Woodham, the stairs have presented some problems for our mothers, as well as, some staff members. And we are outgrowing our space. While we are seeing more young ladies and able to provide more material items than ever before, both require space. Space to meet and talk with the young ladies and space for storage of all the material items.

Won’t you join us in prayer about these two words

that seem to be in the air so often. We would like to begin a building fund, and, if you would like to make a donation specifically to that building fund, please so indicate on your check when you send funds to this ministry. Of course, that would be in addition to any regular support you give, through fundraisers or otherwise, because all the regular obligations of the ministry must be first met.

We have sought the Lord’s direction through much prayer, and then some more prayer, and believe we may be getting close to an agreement on some much needed space. Of course, these two words, especially “space,” which includes a second counseling room, will increase the need for a third word – “**volunteers.**” That just might be you.

Did you see the training scheduled?

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and spiritual needs of women and families experiencing a crisis pregnancy.