

SAV-A-LIFE

♥ Heart to Heart ♥

2373 U.S. 231 South • Post Office Box 41 • Ozark AL 36361 • (334) 774-4419 • www.savallifeozark.org

Quarterly Publication

Issue No. 23 • February, 2006

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Brett Smith
William Filmore
Mary Anne Cutlip
Elizabeth Wyse
Rev. Benny Cole

STAFF

Sidonna Brown,
Exec. Dir.

VOLUNTEERS

Kathryn Ferrell
Danny Ferrell
Beth Jacobs
Diane Kautz
Joan Thompson
Elizabeth Wyse
Mary Jean Smolinski
Donna Richard
Peggy Shaw
Jackie Adkins



IN THIS ISSUE

- IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE
- BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG
- JUST A THOUGHT
- FORGIVEN AND SET FREE
- HELP WANTED
- ESTATE PLANS
- OUR THANKS
- CLIENT FEEDBACK
- TOUCHING LIVES
- FROM OUR WEBMASTER

♥It's All About Love

Does the very thought bring to mind dozens of red roses, chocolate truffles, cards filled with words of love? Is it a time when you remind that special someone in your life how much you care? Or maybe it is a time for remembering when your special someone has already gone to be with the Lord. February so often brings words and thoughts of love – love is in the air.

It makes me think about God's Word and what He has to say about love. *1 John 4:8 says "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."* Wow! Sometimes we think we know what love is, but do we really? I checked in my concordance under "love" and found 50 references – and it is just a small concordance! Due to the remodeling of my home, I couldn't get my hands on the larger concordance. Then, as I thought more about God, wouldn't you know, it made me think of how He remodels us. We think about the potter and the potter's wheel and how He takes us and molds and makes us, over and over, as needed. Now, isn't that love – to take us with all our flaws and make us new?

When I searched further, depending on which translation of the Bible I was using, I found between 440 and 697 references for love. God's Word says a lot about love. What about "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." My prayer for you this month is that you will think on how much God loves you. And then you will take that love and share it with others. Tell your children how much you love them. Tell your parents how much you love them. Tell your spouse and friends how much you love them. But don't stop there. Tell them how much God loves them if they don't already know. And remind them if they do.

Then I think about some of the young women who come to us at the Pregnancy Center. They are searching so desperately for love. I recently had a conversation with a young lady who is convinced that when her baby comes, she and the father will marry. That will be the magic time, the time when everything will be fixed. She will be made complete, and her world will be perfect. So many are hungry to be loved. If only they understood 1 Corinthians 13, that love is not demanding and selfish, but rather kind and selfless; that love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things – a true and lasting love. If only they understood our Father's love and how they are made complete through the work of our Father, not needing another person to complete what He has already done. If only they had been shown this kind of unconditional love by their parents and family, maybe they wouldn't be searching so desperately.

Our prayer each day is that we be a vessel God may use to reach those who come through our doors to draw near to Him, either through salvation, rededication, or a closer relationship than they had the day before. Our greatest desire is to show the love and compassion of Jesus Christ to those who are hurting for whatever reason or circumstance. Isn't it awesome when the Holy Spirit reveals to a person what John 3:16 is all about? Maybe you would like to join us in this privilege of witnessing what the Lord is doing; it's surely something to pray about.

Love is definitely in the air at the Pregnancy Center – every day!

♥ Sidonna Brown, Executive Director



Baby Bottle Boomerang

“Mother’s Day through Father’s Day”

Sometime toward the end of April we begin to see baby bottles everywhere at Sav-A-Life, getting them ready to go into our local churches. There will be bags and boxes full, sitting in every nook and cranny, and that is after we have ordered and prepared each one. It is a time of excitement for us and such an easy way for you to be a part of this ministry.

Have you participated in our Baby Bottle Boomerang in the past? If so, it’s time to let us know how many bottles you need this year. If you haven’t participated in the past but would like to get on board, just call. It’s really quite simple. We distribute empty baby bottles to your church or organization and just like a well-tossed boomerang, they come back to us – full of coins, bills and checks! Then we use the bottles over again, allowing the Center to continue its fund raising efforts. Each bottle has a precious “Scribbles” baby on one side and scripture on the other *“Every good and perfect gift comes from above.” James 1:17*

Please call 774-4419 by March 15, letting us know how many baby bottles you would like for your church or organization. That gives us time to order and prepare the bottles. Each bottle will have an insert you may use to honor someone or to give in memory of a loved one. Remember, all donations are tax deductible when you fill out the insert or enclose your check. Wrong timing? Give us a call, we always have bottles!

Church wide? Give us a call.

Small group? Give us a call.

Civic organization? Give us a call.

♥ 774.4419 ♥

♥ Just a Thought

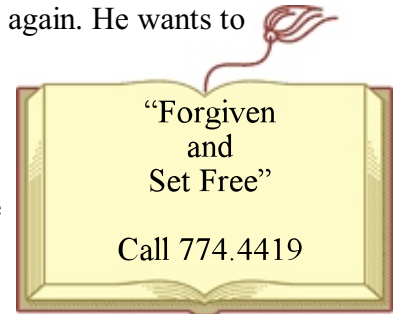


Does your church van have a “Choose Life” tag? One of our volunteer’s spouse saw four church vans from one church with “Choose Life” tags. Another simple way your church may become involved in the ministry of Sav-A-Life

of Dale County. Sav-A-Life receives \$41.25 from every “Choose Life” tag purchased in Dale County. Remember, these monies have been set aside for cribs, car seats, and other specific needs for the young ladies and women who receive our services, helping them to “choose life.”

♥ Forgiven and Set Free

In *Matthew 12:28*, the Lord tells us *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”* Do you know someone or are you carrying the burden of a past abortion? God wants to make you whole again. He wants to bring you out of the shadows of shame, guilt, depression and secrecy that come from being post-abortive. Sav-A-Life of Dale County is now forming classes for the abortion recovery Bible study, *Forgiven and Set Free*. Allow God to help you take the first step and call 774-4419. You will be surrounded by people that have been where you are now and who love you. Time for healing is NOW.



♥ Assistants needed

Qualifications: To have a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and a co-laboring relationship with Him.

Positions Available:

Peer counselor/mentor

Receptionist

Public Speaking

Mailing Team

Special Events Volunteer

Clothing ministry

Cleaning

Administrative Support

All you need is a heart for Jesus and we will provide training.



♥ **Taking a new look at your estate plans? You can remember us!**

If you are considering your will at this time of year, you might want to remember our ministry at Sav-A-Life of Dale County.

There are several ways to place us in your will; whether it be by specifying a certain amount to go to our ministry, or a perhaps a percentage of your estate. When you do so, let us know so that we will have a record of your plans.

While we want you around for a long time, our ministry will be here longer, regardless of laws and attitudes. There will always be unplanned pregnancies, and always a need for women and families to come to Christ.

Thank you – in advance – for thinking of us in your estate plans.

Our Thanks to You

- Southside Baptist Church for all the wonderful port-a-cribs and mattresses.
- Ozark Baptist Church, Rita Dean Group for their monetary donation
- All the individuals who have so generously given to our baby room and maternity closet, and all those who pray for this ministry daily.



Your gifts and prayers are a demonstration of your love for our clients.



♥ **Client Feedback**

- “My counselor helped me to understand my feelings by talking with me and caring and understanding where I am coming from.”
- “Sav-A-Life helped me to understand the scriptures better.”
- “Sav-A-Life helped me to get into the Lord more.”
- “My counselor helped me to feel good about my pregnancy.”

Touching Lives - 2005

Pregnancy Tests	110
Positive Tests	45
Negative Tests	42
Referrals (no tests)	23
Teens	41
Other Needs/Helps	29
Total Client Visits	253
Abortion Info Calls/Visits	46
Babies Born (completed parenting class)	18
Spiritual Decisions	8

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

Touching Lives - January 2006

Pregnancy Tests	10
Positive Tests	6
Negative Tests	4
Referrals (no tests)	3
Teens	5
Other Needs/Helps	2
Total Client Visits	26
Abortion Info Calls/Visits	8
Babies Born (completed parenting class)	0
Spiritual Decisions	0

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

• Jeremiah 29:11



♥ From the Webmaster

I am always amazed at the many ways I can help the Center -- whether as a researcher, a typist,

a soft shoulder or the webmaster -- how can YOU help? If your church receives a "hard copy" of the newsletter, perhaps the church office can download the newsletter from the website and print the needed copies for your church. This gesture will release some much needed funds for the clients of the Center. Please consider lending a hand. Contact the Sav-A-Life Executive Director, Sidonna Brown at sidonna@savalifeozark.org.

Also, if your church would like to be linked to the Sav-A-Life website, please contact the webmaster at webmaster@savalifeozark.org.

Thank you.

Have you visit us yet? Go to www.savalifeozark.org.

Sav-A-Life of Dale County, Inc.
P.O. Box 41
Ozark AL 36361

SAV-A-LIFE

OF DALE COUNTY, INC.

A non-denominational Christian ministry dedicated to meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of women and families experiencing a crisis pregnancy.

Fundraiser

BBQ Plates
April 7 • \$6
Chicken, rice,
green beans, bread,
and pound cake

Tickets available
between March 1 and
March 25 at local
businesses and from
our volunteers and
board members.

Contact Sav-A-Life at 774.4419 for information.
All proceeds will benefit the Sav-A-Life building fund.



Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Ozark AL
Permit No. 2