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♥ Heart to Heart ♥

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Volunteer Appreciation



"Phyllis left us with a new understanding of Ephesians 6:11-20, wherein we put on the whole armour of God as the Bride of Christ."

April brought some special memories for our volunteers this year. An overnight retreat at The Vineyard in Ariton, Alabama was just the place for a time of spiritual refreshing and renewal.

We offer a special thank you to Phyllis Brighton who shared God's Word with us in many different settings and different ways. Some volunteer comments... "We need to do this every year." "Can we go back again next year." And "It was wonderful and that same spirit of renewal carried over all week." Mind you, it has only been a week as this newsletter is being written. Another thank you goes to Melita



Smith for helping in the kitchen. And thanks to our Board for allowing such a treat. We were all truly blessed. And, last but not least, **A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS.** Our volunteers aren't helpers. Instead, they are vital components—partners, if you will—in an effective outreach that is changing lives every day. Without you, we would not be here.



Baby Bottle Boomerang –

– Off to a Great Start!



Deliveries and pick-ups are happening, and we have approximately 1,000 bottles promised to churches. If your church or organization is not participating, give us a call at 774-4419, we still have bottles available. Don't know anything about the Baby Bottle Boomerang, call us and we will be glad to tell you all about it.

Mother's Day . . .

. . . it isn't the same for everyone

For some, Mother's Day is a time of joy—when the kids pop in with gifts and flowers. For others, it means a day off from cooking and other items that normally take place on that particular day.

For a moment though, let's remember the silent mothers. They're the ones who were at one time carrying a child and chose to end their pregnancy. They are different from those who miscarried.

Those who miscarried—or could never conceive—carry grief and pain. Those who chose to end a pregnancy carry those same two emotions—but also carry guilt and shame . . . unless.

Unless. Quite a word. It creates good transitions. In fact, it can transform. Guilt and shame over a past decision exist, unless—or until—Jesus makes a heart new.

If you still struggle with Mother's Day because of a past decision you wish you could change, you've probably read all the verses, you've heard talk of forgiveness, you've tried so hard to put it behind you and move on. Yet, the heart is still sick. The hope of forgiveness, and



being able to truly believe and trust in that forgiveness—seems impossible and too far away.

“Hope deferred makes the heart sick,” the Bible tells us in Proverb 13:12. It's a verse many of us—because of a myriad of past experiences—know well. Jesus however, wants us to realize the second part of that verse, “But desire fulfilled is a tree of life.” Life is tied to the heart. Once hope is fulfilled in our heart, we experience the abundant life.

For those still experiencing the pain of abortion—which could mean many reading this newsletter—we have “Forgiven and Set Free”.

This time of year may be the right time for you to give us a call and make this a part of your life.

We're not here to give you three verses and a few “easy” steps. Jesus offers life, and He can transform us from where we are to who we can be. He wants our heart—however sick it feels—and He can make it new. Make this your Mother's Day gift. We're here for you, and if you are struggling, let us know. Everything said here is strictly confidential.

There's a new start waiting—call Sidonna at 774-4419 or Yolanda at 762-2105 and give us a try. We love you, and we're here for you. ♡

Temporary Position Available

We advertised this position last year with great success – maybe it is for you this year! Can you count and smile at the same time? Well, we have the job for you! Beginning June 19th, we will be in the counting business at Sav-A-Life of Dale County. Our Spring fundraiser, the Baby Bottle Boomerang, will begin coming back to us, and any help you can give, an hour or two, or even more, would be most appreciated. If you would like to help with this endeavor, please give us a call, and we will let you know when and where the counting begins! It is our goal to finish as quickly as possible, thanking our churches as we let them know what amounts have been raised.

This is not the only way you can help at Sav-A-Life. There are many others. If you have been thinking about helping, this would be a great time to begin. Summer always brings a need for volunteers. Call Sidonna at 774-4419. ♡



Touching Lives – Feb – April 2006

Pregnancy Tests/1 st visits	24
Positive Tests	17
Negative Tests	2
Referrals (no tests)	5
Teens	1
Other Needs/Helps	5
Total Client Visits	64
Abortion Info Calls or Visits	12
Babies Born (Completed parenting class) ..	4
Spiritual Decisions	2

“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



Baby Room Needs

- Newborn size diapers
- Baby wipes
- New crib sheets
- Baby toiletries
- New 0 to 3 month size outfits (boy or girl)
- We do not need any used clothing at this time



Do You Recycle?

Everyone knows this symbol signifies RECYCLING – a three step process. The first step to recycling is collecting the recyclable waste products. The second step requires a facility to reprocess the waste and manufacture or re-manufacture them into goods that are marketed back out to the public. The final step involves the public to ‘buy recycled’ to maintain the balance in the supply and demand of recycling goods; thus, completing the recycling loop.

Did you know it takes almost 3 ounces of oil to produce a brand new inkjet cartridge and over 10 centuries (that is over 1,000 years) for the plastic in these inkjets to decompose. Considering that hundreds of millions of new cartridges are being produced while just as many cartridges are being thrown into the landfills, imagine what we can save if we recycle. We can help conserve valuable resources and energy, save money, and reduce pollution all by recycling.

Won't you join us at Sav-A-Life of Dale County in saving your inkjet or laser cartridges, dropping them off at the Center when you have enough to make it worth your trip – what about getting your church involved or your place of employment. Not only will we all make a joint effort in reducing pollution, but you will become a partner with us in your effort to do so. ♡

Our Thanks to You

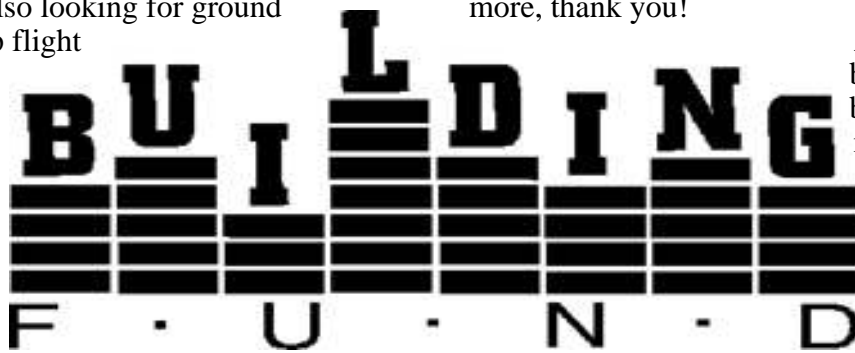
- Alpha Beta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa for their monetary gifts through the Baby Bottles
 - Mt. Zion Baptist Church WMU for their monetary gift
 - Fidelis Eta Chapter, Alpha Delta Kappa for their monetary gift
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Prospective Building Update

We have held our first building fundraiser and raised a total \$1,383. Thank you to all who purchased BBQ chicken plates. Our building fund will be an ongoing process as we have outgrown our present space and are also looking for ground floor rather than a steep flight of steps.

Congratulations! Tom Wyse held the top ticket sales! He came in at a total of 34 plates. A big thank you to Tom, and to everyone who sold

BBQ plates, our cooks, those who cut cakes, helped cook in the kitchen, served up plates, all who helped to deliver plates, ran errands, and those who helped with grills. If I missed anyone who did something more, thank you!



And if you have a building or know of a building that may meet our needs, won't you give us a call. We need approximately 1,500 to 1,800 square feet, easily accessible, with parking.

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