In March of 1993, God opened the eyes and hearts of a small group of prayerful people to see the need in our community for a place for women facing unplanned pregnancies and suffering from the trauma of a past abortion to receive compassion, hope, and practical help. All in the name of Jesus. By summer of 1994, the Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center was born.



I'm grateful for these pioneers who were faithful to God. Their work

was sacrificial, a sweet fragrance to the Lord, and I am personally humbled and inspired by their obedience, vision and leadership.

Thirty years later, the ministry is thriving and the mission remains the same. God has shown His favor through His people who have faithfully and joyfully partnered with the ministry and cared for the Center's needs. Thank you, faithful friends. Your gifts of prayer, time, talent, and treasure continue to make a difference and transform lives for the Kingdom!

So what's next for this grass roots, community led ministry that is centered in the heart of Christ? What barriers continue to keep women, men, and families in our community from CHOOSING LIFE TO THE FULL? I can name a few: life-affirming maternal care, housing, community and relational support, education, child care, just to name a few.

But what is God's vision for the ministry? How has He uniquely equipped this Center to eliminate barriers to LIFE?

Please begin to pray for our Board of Directors that will gather in February to pray and begin to seek the Lord's vision for the Center for the next 5 years and beyond.

These words from the Lord have come to mind as I seek His presence and trust Him to reveal Himself and our path forward. Perhaps His words will be helpful to you too as you pray.

> If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what He reveals, they are most blessed. Proverbs 29:18 MSG

Do not remember the former things, or ponder the things of the past. Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43: 18-19 AMP

Dear friends, God desires to speak to us. Let us wait together just as the disciples waited before Pentecost. Confidently and expectantly for power to come from on high.

# WELCOME BABY SILAS!

Silas was born in January. Mom and Dad are absolutely smitten and thankful for the compassionate care they received at the Center.



#### Celebrating 30 Years of Joyful Partnership – GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

What a pleasure it is to be part of such a supportive community! We are truly honored to partner with the many individuals, churches and businesses in Shenandoah County who come alongside us to serve the many women and men in our community needing pregnancy and parenting resources and support. We are very grateful for each of you.

Our Annual Spring Celebration and Fundraiser is on April 5, 2024 at 5:30 pm at the Yellow Barn at Shenandoah Caverns and it promises to be a wonderful evening! Join us as we celebrate

30 Years of Joyful Partnership. In addition to our treasured guests, we are honored to have speaker and author Keith Ferrin, special testimonies, a catered dinner by Rutz's BBQ and Catering, and musical entertainment by the Gospel Brothers. It will be a night that is rich in gratitude and abundant in community.



Every year tickets go fast! This is a FREE event, but you must have a ticket to attend. Don't wait – deadline to get tickets is March 20, so contact Barbara Coverstone at 984-4673 or scpc. barbara@gmail.com to reserve your spot. We are looking forward to having you at our table!

### Is God calling you to provide hands-on life support at the Center?

Client advocate training is scheduled for the evening of Friday, April 19th and all day Saturday, April 20th. This introductory training is the beginning and trainees will be invited to apply, provide references, and interview. Next steps are on-boarding videos and on-the-job training at the Center. Full status as a Volunteer Client Advocate will be given following an evaluation at 90 days. At that time, trainees might be asked to undergo additional training or the trainee and Center staff may determine that client advocacy is not the best fit.

A tour of the Center is a prerequisite for training. Please call Lisa today and set up a time to meet. Lisa can be reached at 540.984.4673 or scpc.lisa@gmail.com.

### Spring Celebration Speaker Keith Ferrin

Keith Ferrin is a speaker, author, and word-forword biblical storyteller who strives to help people realize that the living Word of God is a reality – not a phrase. He holds to the idea that

people can believe the Bible is not only true and applicable, but also fun, engaging, and enjoyable.

After six years as a youth and worship pastor, Keith began speaking and writing full-time. He is the author of more than a



dozen books and has partnered with pregnancy centers for almost 20 years. He is passionate about seeing women, men, children, and entire communities see the value of life and experience God's grace and freedom.

Date change for Open House! The open house for our newly renovated Material Services Building has been moved to Saturday, June 8th. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend!

> Our Facebook and Instagram pages are up and running. Follow us at scpcva.

Did you know that you can drop off items at On Second Thought in Woodstock or Strasburg and the proceeds from the sale can benefit the Pregnancy Center? Just let the staff at On Second Thought know when you drop off your items. We are so grateful for partnerships with businesses like On Second Thought that give back to our community.

## Surrendering the Secret Abortion Recovery Bible Study

Wednesdays beginning March 6th, 6pm to 8pm at the Center Strictly Confidential 8 Week Group Study. All are welcome! Text or call Stacey at 253.797.5451 for details and secure your spot.

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