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Choose Life!

Much More Than a Pro-Life Mantra

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I pray for a culture of life here in our community where the default response to an unplanned pregnancy is to choose life. Our clients don't always choose life. And in my quiet moments with the Lord, He reminds me that I don't always choose life either. No surprise. Scripture is full of examples of fallen humanity choosing lesser things over life in fellowship with our Creator.

Consider the first chapters of Genesis. Adam and Eve were given freedom in the garden to enjoy the goodness of every tree, including the tree of life, but they chose the one tree that was off limits - the tree of knowledge. We still choose knowledge over life.

The Apostle John opens his gospel with words that draw us back to Genesis and cry out, this is a new beginning . . . another chance to choose life! John says, "In the beginning was the Word . . ." and in Jesus was life.

Later in that same gospel, Jesus tells us that Satan brought death, but He came to bring us life! Choose me, Jesus says, and you will have a life of abundance. Spilling over. Running down.

You see, "choose life" is more than a slogan. It's the very invitation of God to us from the beginning. It's a daily invitation to every follower of Jesus to deny self and yield to the Christ-life dwelling within. The greatest need of our clients and our larger community is to see followers of Jesus and the Church choosing life by testifying to the life we have in Christ. The Spirit will testify of Jesus through His surrendered followers, and families and communities will be transformed as people choose the abundant life found only in Jesus.

This all starts with faith. Believing that Jesus didn't leave us as orphans, but went back to the Father so He could send us His life, His Holy Spirit. Andrew Murray, author of *The Spirit of Christ*, says it best: "Only believe! Believe in the Father and His promise! Believe in the Son and His life in yours. Our life is hid with Christ in God. Believe in the Spirit, as the bearer, communicator, and maintainer of the life and presence of Jesus! Believe in Him as already within you! Believe in His power and faithfulness to work in you in a way that is divine and beyond your comprehension. Believe, the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. As self is humbled, He will do His blessed and beloved work. He will reveal, will impart, will make and keep divinely present Jesus Christ as the life of your Spirit."

That my friends, is real living!

2023 Walk for Life Raised Over \$45,000!!

Glory to God! The Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center's Walk for Life 2023 was an awesome demonstration of His handiwork! Although the day was forecasted as a gloomy and rainy one, God showed up in a remarkable way, starting with the literal showers of blessings we needed after a long, dry summer. The wonderful flexibility and eagerness of our Walk Captains and their teams created a warm and successful event, despite the cool weather. We were able to adjust



quickly and form a makeshift gathering area within the school's concession stand, complete with registration and SCPC information space, a delicious breakfast bar, and a large eating area for fellowship and fun. We even had a visit from our local TV station, WHSV out of Harrisonburg!

A special shout out to Michael Dorman, Principal at Mountain View High School, and the custodial staff for being adaptable and allowing us to proceed with our plans. When the community works together, nothing is impossible to accomplish. It was truly inspiring to see the many like-minded brothers and sisters in Christ come together, united for one purpose and one goal: to celebrate God's goodness and to point to the abundant LIFE found in Jesus.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in time, talent or treasure – your partnership is making a difference in the lives of women, men, and families in our community.

Congratulations to the top 5 Walk for Life teams!

Liberty Baptist, Windhaven Church, Gals Group Bible Study, Fellowship Bible Shenandoah, Wakemans Grove COB

Hats off to the top 5 walkers!

Betty Loyd Gibson, Terry Minnick, Diane Edelman
Bernie & Penny Adams, Chloe Huffman



Save the Date!

The Spring Celebration will be on Friday, April 5th, 2024 at the Yellow Barn.

Mark your calendars for an evening of fellowship and celebration.

What's going on at the Center?

- Weekly Moms' Support Group
- Abortion Recovery Group
- Compassion, Hope, and Help New Volunteer training
- Renovation of the Material Services Building

Help Wanted!

- Join the Prayer Team by texting your name to 540.346.8060.
- Spanish-speaking women and men to help with translation.
- Help with childcare on Wednesdays from 10:30am to 11:30am for Mom's Support Group

Check our website www.supportscpc.org for our current list of center needs.