



Embrace Grace Group
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Growing Steadily: A Fathers First Update

Fathers First is growing at a steady pace with the help of the Lord. Our Fathers First group meets on Tuesdays at noon and is averaging an attendance of two dads a week. Since Craig joined our staff, we have had a steady attendance and good discussions around fatherhood topics.

The group conversation is also rich, as the guys are sharing personal accounts such as struggles with addiction, financial worries, and work stress. Church groups are actively supporting us by providing lunch meals for these fathers, which has been very effective in facilitating a quality conversation. We are thankful for prayers, volunteers, and the Lord for strengthening this ministry. If you're interested in getting involved, there are three practical things you can do. First, if you are a man and would like to volunteer, please email Craig for more information (craig@firstchoicewmc.com)... we would love to get you plugged in. Secondly, if you'd like to provide a meal for our weekly meetings, we are accepting donations. To get signed up, email Craig for a link to our meal page. Finally, pray! We are trusting God to bring the men who need this ministry most... so pray that men will come with their partners for appointments, and pray that men will come also to our Fathers First meetings and have meaningful interactions. We look forward to seeing all God is going to do!



2019 Celebration of Life

Don't miss our 2019 Celebration of Life dinner to benefit First Choice!

Thursday, November 14

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Embassy Suites, downtown Montgomery

Speaker: Roland C. Warren, president/CEO of Care Net, a national association of pregnancy centers
Dinner is complimentary, but an opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended. Reservations are necessary. Please contact Bethany (bethany@firstchoicewmc.com or 334.260.8010) for more information or to reserve your seat.



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New Additions



We love when our moms stop by to show off their sweet new babies, or when they continue coming for Earn While You Learn and we get to see these little ones grow!



Celebrating a new season



We wanted to share with you the news that Kathy Kay, who has worked with us for more than 14 years, has recently retired from her full-time position as client care coordinator. Kathy has blessed this ministry in countless ways over the years, but her “sweet spot” has always been providing post-abortion support and ministry. Kathy has led our HOPE groups and HOPE retreats with such faithfulness. Although she is “retiring” from this work full-time, we are grateful that Kathy has chosen to stay on with us in a volunteer capacity to continue her work with our post-abortion ministry. We are so thankful for her gifting in this area, and how God continues to use her to walk alongside women who have experienced abortion, helping them find the fullness of grace and forgiveness in Christ.

Knitters Needed!

Did you know we give baby booties to all of our first-time moms who have a positive pregnancy test? If you can knit and have a desire to serve First Choice with your talent, let us know! You need to be able to know how to use a size 2 needle for the size/pattern we use.

Contact Laura for more info: 334.260.8010!



STAY IN TOUCH WITH US!

We put our most up-to-date info on our Instagram account and Facebook pages...



Medical Director Update

It's time to say a huge thank you to Dr. Judi Jehle, our medical director of 12 years. Dr. Jehle has been involved in this ministry since its inception in 1982. She has given countless hours of her time to serve. She helped our center make its medical conversion in 2007 and has given us leadership and direction since then. We could not be where we are today without her. Only Heaven knows how many lives have been saved because of her service.

Dr. Jehle is now "passing the baton" of this role to Dr. Valerie Waddell. Dr. Waddell moved to Montgomery about 3 years ago. She did her undergrad studies and medical school at Texas Tech University, and completed her residency at The Ohio State University. She is a practicing OB/GYN with Montgomery Women's Health Associates. She and her husband, Will, have four children. We know her commitment to the cause of LIFE and to serving women with excellence will bless our ministry greatly in the years ahead!



Dr. Jehle pictured here with three of our nurses.



We are excited to have Dr. Waddell as a part of our team!

Embrace Grace Group Launching this fall

Embrace Grace is a small group designed to help women facing unplanned pregnancies to find a place of belonging in the local church. Our first group launched at Gateway Baptist Church in October, and several of our clients came and one even brought a friend! Each day at our center, we are inviting our clients to this "support group for single moms," by using these Love Boxes pictured here. Women will participate in the group for 12 weeks, and from what we've heard from churches who have hosted these groups, it is common for them to continue attending and even join the church after the group finishes. We are so excited to start this effort here so we can build a more practical bridge for connecting our clients to local churches for the sake of discipleship.

If you think your church might be interested in hosting an Embrace Grace group, let us know!
Contact Laura (laura@firstchoicewmc.com or 334.260.8010).



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Total Client Visits:	1,937
Pregnancy Tests Provided:	709
Ultrasounds Provided:	439
Prenatal Care Visits:	110
Parenting Class Visits:	732
Fathers First (men):	51
Moms who changed mind about abortion after their ultrasound:	43
YTD Income:	\$226,056.56
YTD Budgeted Expense: ..	\$309,252.57
YTD Actual Expense:	\$273,859.16



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