



monette's granddaughter pg2



first things refurbished pg3



response to planned parenthood scandal pg3

VOLUME 30 | NO 3 | FALL 2015



## Blessing of the Ultrasound

This year, we received a great gift: a NEW ultrasound machine! The local council of the Knights of Columbus made this possible, as well as support from Trinity Presbyterian Church.

The Knights are a Catholic, fraternal organization. They are committed to the cause of life, and across the country, local councils have worked hard to provide ultrasound machines to the pregnancy resource centers in their community. The Knights stepped in and raised the money needed to purchase a new machine just as our old machine was on its last leg. God's timing is indeed perfect!

In late July, we hosted a blessing of the ultrasound machine, where Father Alex Vallardes from St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church led us in a time of prayer over the work of the machine. We know lives will be touched, changed and saved through the work this ultrasound machine does.

We are so grateful for the partnerships in this community that make our work possible!

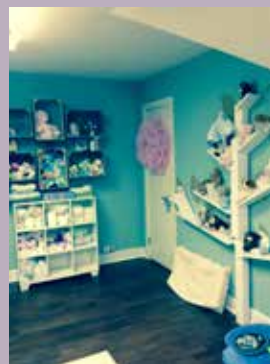




While setting up at a Health Fair words rang out “Oh First Choice saved my granddaughter’s life. Here is a picture of my beautiful granddaughter. First Choice saved her life! When my daughter found out she was pregnant, she said “kill it!” A friend told me about First Choice and I got my daughter there. When my daughter saw the ultrasound with “Hi Mommy”, her whole attitude changed and now she is a very good mother!

*Thanks for your compassion! – Monette*

FIRST THINGS  
REFURBISHED!



**EARN WHILE YOU LEARN FAMILY**



Proud member of:  
**CARENET**



# Response to Planned Parenthood Scandal

BY BETHANY GARTH, ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR

Over the past few weeks, social media has been exploding with the news and undercover footage about Planned Parenthood profiting from the sales of body parts from aborted babies.

I want to address this issue with you, our donors, because we want to be sure you know a few things about where we stand on this.

First of all, you should know that we never, ever profit financially from any services we provide our clients. We do not charge for anything we do. Because of your generosity, we are able to provide pregnancy testing, ultrasound, nurse consultations, and parenting education—completely free—to our clients.

Secondly, I want to encourage you that investing in this ministry is THE WAY to fight this battle against Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers. I have seen numerous articles posted about “What to do in response to the PP videos,” but few have mentioned what is, to me, the most obvious: Support your local pregnancy center. Did you know that Planned Parenthood has the fewest clinics open in the US right now since 1995? And since that same year, the number of pregnancy resource centers like Sav-A-Life has nearly tripled. We can defeat the abortion clinics by making centers like ours the FIRST CHOICE for women facing unplanned pregnancy. Essentially, we can put them out of business! Your investment in our ministry makes this a realistic goal and possibility. Thank you for that!

Be encouraged—we are gaining ground!

Third, and finally, while these videos are important, it is more fruitful to have positive excitement over our work than anger and negativity directed at Planned Parenthood. If anything, these videos have highlighted the need for and importance of the work we do! We are fighting the battle daily, and it is important to keep a victorious mindset, as we know we have ultimate victory in Christ. These videos are heartbreaking, but if everyone directed the same amount of positive encouragement (and financial support!) toward pregnancy resource centers as they have put toward Planned Parenthood during this scandal, we would be much closer to putting abortion clinics out of business for good.

I would also encourage you to think and consider carefully what you share and how you share it with friends and family. Did you know that 1 out of 3 women in the US have been affected by abortion? Most women who are post-abortive struggle with feelings of guilt, shame and regret, but typically suffer in silence, as they are too afraid to speak up and share their struggle. I can only imagine how these horrific videos would exacerbate those feelings. If you or someone you know is looking for healing and forgiveness from a past abortion, please have them contact Kathy here at Sav-A-Life about our completely confidential post-abortion recovery group. Our hope is that EVERY woman can walk in healing and wholeness in her identity in Christ.

We want you to meet CeCelia Armstrong, one of our weekday counselors at Sav-A-Life! CeCelia has been volunteering with us since 2005 when she retired from her career as a schoolteacher for 21 years. CeCelia and her husband, Larry, are active members at Eastern Hills Baptist Church, where Larry served as pastor for 25 years before retiring.



**From CeCelia: when asked “What is your favorite part of volunteering?”:** “The feeling that I can actually have an influence or an effect on someone’s life who is in a situation of crisis. . . . I can listen to them, I can offer them information and I can lead them to Christ if the Holy Spirit leads them first. I like the feeling when they leave and they say, “I enjoyed being here. Thank you for listening to me and not judging me.”

That’s not to say I’m not anxious every time I walk through the door. . . but with the help of the Holy Spirit, I trust that what we say and do makes a difference.

“The important thing to know is that an ordinary person can do this. I don’t have any special skill to do this except that I love the Lord and I love people. Even though I am basically very shy, with the training I was given and the opportunities I’ve been given, I was able to do what I’ve been asked to do. Just an ordinary person who feels called to do it and who sees the need can do it.”

Have you ever considered serving as a volunteer at Sav-A-Life? We need volunteers now more than ever before! Perhaps God is calling you to be a part of our team. We have a training coming up in October and invite you to be a part of it. Please contact Kasey (334.260.8010 or kasey@firstchoicewmc.com) for more details—the deadline to apply is October 2!

## You’re Invited

# 2015 Celebration of Life FUNDRAISING GALA

When: Thursday, November 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: Wesley Hall at Frazer UMC

Who: Guest speaker, Mike Williams

Join us for our annual fundraising gala as we celebrate life through an evening of laughter and joy with pro-life comedian, Mike Williams. Because of generous underwriting, there will be no charge to attend this event, however, an opportunity will be given to make a financial gift. Reservations are required. Please contact Bethany at 334.300.9762 or bethany@firstchoicewmc.com for more information about how you can be a part!

## Board & Staff

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Brandon Essig  
BOARD CHAIRMAN

Dolly McLemore  
VICE CHAIRMAN

Steve Barranco  
FINANCE CHAIRMAN

Mary Cam Shaw  
SECRETARY

McCain Ashurst

Sam Cooper

Phil Easter

Cynthia Foster

Jerry Mitchell

Merrill South

Andy Strange

Casey Wylie

### STAFF

Susan Decker Bunce  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Melinda Stewart  
OFFICE MANAGER

Bethany Garth  
ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR

Kathy Kay  
SPECIAL GROUPS  
COORDINATOR

Kasey Watkins  
PATIENT SERVICES  
COORDINATOR

Jenna Bryant  
EWYL COORDINATOR

Betty Roebuck, R.N.  
NURSE

Amy Luck, R.N.  
NURSE

Libby Verble, R.N.  
NURSE MANAGER

Judi Jehle, M.D.  
MEDICAL DIRECTOR



dba



380 MENDEL PARKWAY EAST  
MONTGOMERY, AL 36117-5400  
334.260.8010

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



First Choice WMC

Non Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Montgomery, AL  
Permit No. 449

# Memorials & Honorariums

JUNE 8, 2015 – SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

## MEMORIAL

Homer Aman, Jr.  
Diane Wilson  
**Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Mitchell**  
**Robert A. Avinger**  
Steve & Kathy Beck  
**Clara Bolton**  
Merrill South  
**Jimmie Nell Bush**  
Mr. & Mrs. Millard Brown  
**Parker Childress**  
**Earl Smith**  
Larry & CeCelia Armstrong  
**Mrs. Marguerite M. David**  
David, Michael & Raymond Cohen  
**Mrs. Mary Kate "Peggy" Duncan**  
Harry & Caroline Nelson  
**Annette Perdue Freeman**  
"Your Lamar Montgomery Family"  
**Reid Hardy Gilbreath**  
**McAdory Harper Gilbreath**  
Sammy & Carol Gilbreath  
**Tess Graziano**  
John & Teresa Stanley &  
Clay & Carrie Phillips  
**Marion Hill**  
**Kathryn Sanders**  
Sarah Portis  
**John Henry Humphries**  
Gerry & Peggy Rodgers

**Harvey Porter Johnston**  
John & Teresa Stanley  
**William Allen King**  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul C. Mathews  
Luther & Katherine Hill  
**Layton King**  
Harry & Caroline Nelson  
**Judi Lackey**  
"Remembering her on her birthday,  
9/22"  
Russell, Shannon, Stuart,  
Anna Page, David, & Lily Grace  
**Gene McDonald**  
Norma Kay  
**Jack McLemore**  
Jerry & Sheila Mitchell  
The Greg Wren Bible Study Class  
**Dustin McMaster**  
Charles & Nancy Frazier  
**David Dixon McPhillips**  
Julian & Leslie McPhillips  
**Joseph D. Phelps**  
Peggy Phelps  
**Lavina Ray**  
Rebecca Culver  
**George Sanders**  
Tom Munson  
Landmark Life Insurance Co.  
**Mrs. Sanders**  
Raymond & Ethel Boykin

**Marie Gish Sellers**  
John & Teresa Stanley  
**Helga Stephens**  
Charles & Susan Goodyear  
**Cliff Trexler**  
Ethel W. Harris  
**Diane Wilson**  
Carrie Phillips & Teresa Stanley  
**Anthony Winston**  
Leah Winston

## HONORARIUM

**Mrs. June Carter**  
**Mrs. Toni Cottle**  
**Mrs. Nell Gadilhe**  
**Mr. & Mrs. Meade Guy**  
**Miss Hazel McLain**  
**Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Philips**  
**Miss Lois Ann Price**  
**Mr. & Mrs. John Wright**  
Berta Holding  
**Betty Fay Fatzinger**  
Berta Holding, Priscilla,  
Christy, & Melissa  
Jeanne Riley  
**Charles Goodyear**  
**Happy Father's Day!**  
Charlie, Kyana & Torian Goodyear  
**Charles Harold Hatcher**  
(His Birth)  
**Elizabeth Parker Israel**

(Her Birth)  
**Lucy Elizabeth McGowin**  
(Her Birth)  
**Caroline Thompson**  
(Her Birth)  
**John Wesley Queen, IV**  
(His Birth)  
Mr. & Mrs. John W. Collett  
**Mason Hill**  
Jeanne Riley  
**Zion Immanuel Kuchers**  
**His Birth**  
Luther & Katherine Hill  
**David Larson McPhillips**  
Julian & Leslie McPhillips  
**Jennie Sanders**  
Tom Munson  
Landmark Life Insurance Co.  
**Roger & Penny Teel**  
Brad & Pamela Shields

## BIRTHDAY

**Bobbie Ames**  
Jeanne Riley  
**Kyana Goodyear**  
**Happy 30th Birthday!**  
Charlie Goodyear  
**Mrs. Fran Howland**  
Paul & Margaret Mathews