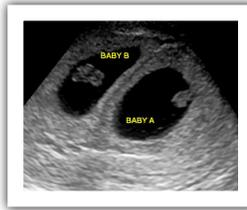


Fall 2013 News Sanctity of Life Ministries

A Time to be Born—Era of the ‘Bridger’ (1980-2000)

Kay Gardner, Center Director of FPHC

In SLM’s ultrasound room were three persons: the nurse, a pregnant client and her boyfriend. The abortion option still weighed heavily on the couple yet they politely listened as the nurse said, “The dark, circular shadow you see is the egg sac.” She then pointed to the unmistakable rhythm of a tiny beating heart. Suddenly, she exclaimed, “And what have we here!” Her trained eye had identified a second egg sac and the rhythm of another tiny heartbeat. A smile appeared on the 23 year old client’s face but no such emotion registered with her boyfriend. Any fatherly protection of the tiny, twin heartbeats was forfeited when he whispered, “It’s your decision.”



In the previous counseling session, the young client shared she had received Christ as her Savior at 7 years of age. But life had taken its unexpected turns and she distanced herself from God. The crisis would invite His return.

Pressure mounted. Campus housing had been secured and graduate school was beginning the next week. Twin babies and attending school seemed catastrophically at odds. Yet the many prayers offered on her behalf were answered when she decided to ‘go forward with the pregnancy.’ Her own single mother became supportive—even as the relationship with her boyfriend ended.

SLM’s most habitual client is 20-24 years old—known as the ‘Bridger’ generation or ‘Millennial’ or ‘Gen Y’ generation. As a group:

- ♥ They have experienced unprecedented divorce rates of parents. (This has led to a reconstruction of views about marriage—and the new norm of cohabitation.)
- ♥ Postponing marriage has sexualized friendly male-female relationships. (This is known as ‘friends with benefits.’)
- ♥ Developing careers take precedence over starting families which means postponing childbearing. (The oft heard mantra is, “I’m too young to have children.”)
- ♥ The Bridgers are wired into technological advancements. (Accessible, ultrasound imagery is conducive to their collective pro-life viewpoint...but sadly, not fast enough.) ¹

So how do we minister to her needs?

In context of discussion, the counselor:

- ♥ Offers information: “Abortion repercussions can include...”
- ♥ Transitions information to knowledge of Truth: “Based on what you have told me, it seems an abortion may set up some inner conflicts for you etc.”
- ♥ Guides to spiritually sound decision making: “You can always return to school but an abortion is so final. Would you be willing to trust God with your situation etc.”

What was the outcome for our client?

After much deliberation, she chose to drop out of graduate school to have her babies—a boy and a girl. One year later, she has returned to school and is dating a new boyfriend who loves the twins. Happily, her choice to give life to her babies has filled her with gratitude for their lives and she recently rededicated her life to Christ. With a smile and the assurance of a woman who knows who she is, she says, “The babies are worth everything I went through. I can’t imagine life without them.”



1 Generation Y, The Millennial Generation, from Generational Learning Styles by Julie Coates, published by Lern Books, 2007.

Is God Calling You to be a Client Advocate?

Do you find that people always seem to be telling you their problems?

Perhaps that is because they find encouragement from you! Exhortation is often called the “gift of encouragement.” The Spirit gives this gift to the church to strengthen and encourage, to uplift and motivate others towards God. To find out more about how to become a Client Advocate see Calendar of Events for dates of Client Advocate Training.



MISSION STATEMENT

Sanctity of Life Ministries exists to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and affirm life in the womb.

We fulfill our mission by offering compassionate support, education and medical services to those who face challenging sexual health decisions.

Life in Christ...Life in the Womb

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A Teen Faces a Double Choice

A seventeen year old senior went to APHC with her boyfriend for a pregnancy test. The test was positive which led to options counseling and a scheduled, free ultrasound. Because the young lady was fearful of sharing the news of pregnancy with her mother, she leaned heavily towards abortion. Counseling intervention had its impact. The teen was open to hearing about Jesus and His love for her which led to a decision for Christ. Later, a follow up meeting revealed she had chosen life for her baby as well!



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Cheap Grace or the Real Gospel



An abortion vulnerable college student told her SLM counselor: "My God is a forgiving God and He will just have to forgive me if I get an abortion!"

The apostle Paul made it very clear that one does not need to be ashamed of the Gospel based on thinking it leads to fleshly indulgence. That is, some believed, similar to our client, 'Why not sin if it's covered under grace?'

This cheapening of the Gospel is not God's plan! The true Gospel is meant to offer His Life and strength that enables dealing with unexpected sufferings and challenges we incur ...even those things brought on by wrong choices. He enables endurance—the same power that raised Christ from the dead! Grace did not come cheaply. Ask our Savior.

Read Romans 6:1-4

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*"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good;
His love endures forever." Psalm 118:29*

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PRAYER

Praise God for

- ♥ The largest Virginia abortion provider, formerly based in Fairfax, shutting its doors June 30th.
- ♥ The new Alexandria PHC office opening this fall.

Pray that

- ♥ Department of Health referrals would grow.
- ♥ The many who have heard the gospel recently will accept Jesus!
- ♥ People would become well-informed and vote their values this fall.



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In our continuing effort to be the best stewards of your sacrificial gifts to SLM, we would like to transfer as many of you that are able to an eNewsletter format.

Please contact us at info@slmpregnancy.org.

September 2013 - December 2013

Centers Closed

Monday, October 14th - Columbus Day
Thursday-Friday, November 28th-29th - Thanksgiving
December 24th - January 1st - Christmas

Fall Baby Bottle Campaigns

Starts Sunday, September 9th

Client Advocate Training

Friday, October 18th, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday, October 19th, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

CALENDAR



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