



Life in Christ.
Life in the womb.

Winter Newsletter 2018

Stand Still and Watch the Lord's Victory

The door had been closed to the 'solution' of abortion. Then it reopened. Then it closed again—the back and forth relentlessly traveled the endless pros and cons. Our client recalled her fiancé's angry insistence: "It's NOT the right timing for a pregnancy!"

Although the words rang true, they sparred with the haunting memory of a past abortion. She didn't want to end this baby's life. Like the ancient Chinese proverb, 'Same bed, different dreams,' the couple's vision for their child dramatically differed.

In her mid-twenties the client's childhood faith began to reconnect with a growing need for God. Like never before, she needed His strength and courage to trample the fear of losing her fiancé. Her face brightened into a smile when she heard the reassuring words:

"Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 NKJV

The Spirit was wooing her...and she was responding. That day she rededicated her life to trusting God. It was time to take a stand with her fiancé. The Lord would see her through.

"But you will not even need to fight. Take your positions; then stand still and watch the Lord's victory." 2 Chronicles 20:17a

The counseling session ended with a word of encouragement. 'God can change hearts! Let's pray for your fiancé.' The final words of the prayer... "Lord, speak to him, even through a dream..."

Three days later, the client returned for an ultrasound with unmistakable exuberance. "Everything has changed!" She said, "My fiancé had a dream and God appeared to him. He said that when he woke up, he knew that the pregnancy would continue and he even apologized for being selfish."

Our hope and prayers continue for this couple—that the fiancé will come into a personal and saving knowledge of Truth, and that the couple would enter into marriage to share God’s plan for their lives... and, yes, the life of their baby!



ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP DINNER

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018

Fairview Park Marriott | Falls Church, VA 22042

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." - John 10:10b

The Dinner is Coming Soon: Friday, April 6

[Register to Attend!](#)

Hear Stories to Celebrate Life!

We are very excited to welcome **our Keynote Speaker, Melissa Ohden!** Melissa is the survivor of a saline infusion abortion attempt in 1977. Despite concerns for Melissa's chances for surviving past infancy and living a 'normal' life, she was adopted as a baby by a family in the Midwest, and God continued to write her story. Today, Melissa shares her story of abortion survival, her adoption, her search for her biological family, and how God has brought her life full circle.



**Will you join us by inviting friends & family?
Become a Table Host!**

Do you have a heart for the work of our ministry? We're still in need of table hosts for this year's dinner. **Would you consider joining us by inviting your friends, family and fellow church members to fill a table of 10 at our dinner?** Our Dinner would not happen without the faithful support of our hosts - thank you so much to those who have already registered! To sign up to host a table or to learn more, please contact Jenna at jenna.tabelon@slmpregnancy.org, or click the button below!

Register for the Dinner

Contact Us to Host a Table

Give to Underwrite the Dinner

CEO Corner



Our theme verse for this year's Annual Fellowship Dinner on Friday, April 6, 2018 is John 10:10b says "I came that they might have life and have it abundantly" which sums up the heart of our ministry - *Life in Christ...Life in the Womb* which occurs through Gospel transformation. We witness a miracle every time we see a client open their heart to Jesus. Walking through a most challenging time of decision, our clients' lives are redirected by the hope Jesus gives freely to every woman and man whose heart is softened by the Holy Spirit. Abundance comes from a Savior who offers eternal love and transformation through His work in changing us from the inside out. Trusting Him wholeheartedly in faith and not through the lens of circumstances - that is the work of the Holy Spirit!

Sixty-seven of our clients met Jesus this past year! And more than 170 babies were born. Clients' lives changed for eternity that will impact their babies, their families...and generations to come. That is our heart and our hope at Sanctity of Life Ministries and the work we do daily at our two centers. Abundant life created by seeking depth of relationship with a Savior who wants to provide refuge and sustenance. The Shepherd tends his sheep with love and care to continually provide green pastures to feed his flock. Come to our Fellowship Dinner and hear some of the stories of lives transformed by God. Our clients' personal testimonies are the highlight of our Annual Fellowship Dinner every year and this year will be special!

Thank you for partnering with us! Your involvement in our mission is transformative. Please pray that in 2018 we will be bolder in faith and will expand the imprint for *Life in Christ...Life in the Womb* in the Northern Virginia community!

Blessings,



Margery Williams, CEO

Good News for the City: SLM on the Radio

Recently Margery Williams and Kay Gardner were privileged to be guest speakers on WAVA 105.1. Our mission at SLM was highlighted on a show called, 'Good News for the City' on Saturday, February 24th at 5:30 pm and February 25th at 9:00 pm. As a follow up, a second program is scheduled for airing on March 3rd and March 4th (same time frame). This interview features stories of SLM's powerful Gospel outreach in the lives of clients. What is Good News for SLM—through sharing the life-transforming message of Jesus Christ—is also 'Good News for the City!'



[Click here to Listen Online](#)
on Saturday at 5:30pm or Sunday at 9:00pm!

Calendar Updates

March 12 - Prayer In-service for Staff & Volunteers

April 6 - Annual Fellowship Dinner at the Fairview Park Marriott

April 17 - Post-Abortion Bible Study begins on Tuesday evenings - call for more information

Want to donate baby items, but aren't sure what to get? Check out our Amazon Wishlist!

We've created a wishlist on Amazon of the most needed items for our Earn While You Learn boutique. Clients can pick from these items after attending prenatal and parenting education classes to help them prepare for their baby's arrival! These donations have a direct impact on a client's life and the life of her baby.



Our needs are sometimes specific, and sometimes we actually have too much of particular items! (For instance: please don't send us more baby blankets - we're swimming in them! Send them to another pregnancy center in need.) This list is comprehensive as to our current needs, and they get shipped directly to our center, so you don't have to worry about transporting them! Thank you for considering these donated items that will directly impact new moms in need!

[Check out our Amazon Wishlist](#)

Pro tip: Bookmark this webpage for future reference!!

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

On Sunday, January 21st, we joined with many local churches in celebrating the sanctity of human life. We are so grateful that so many of our church partners in the area chose to engage with their congregations on this topic! Staff members had the privilege of speaking or sharing information on our ministry at 7 churches in the area. A huge thanks to our church partners who welcomed us! Many other



churches uplifted the sanctity of life by hosting Baby Bottle Campaigns to support the work of SLM and Nova Pregnancy Help Centers. Thank you so much to our partner churches!!

Want to get your church plugged into the work of Sanctity of Life Ministries? Want to hear more? Inquire about how to start a Baby Bottle Campaign, or invite us to come speak at your church! Click the button below to contact us.

[Get your church involved](#)

Ask us to present at your church!



Staff Member Jenna recently attended the Missions Fair at First Baptist Church of Alexandria to talk about the work of the ministry and how to get involved. Want to learn more about SLM? Ask us to come to your next church event!

[Visit our website](#)

