

He has shown you, O man what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with you God.

MICAH 6:8



Birth Choice
Pregnancy Resource Clinic
of Madison and Gibson Counties
Annual Fundraising Banquet
April 12th and 13th, 2012

Dr. Bruce Wilkinson

**INSIDE:** 

## Courage to Examine our Hearts

Brent Lambert, CEO and Founder

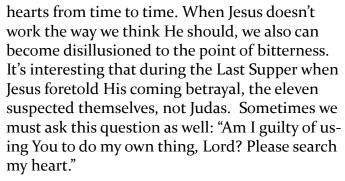
Judas Iscariot grew up in the small town of Carioth. Educated and refined, he began following Jesus when he was in his twenties. Judas was the only disciple from the southern part of the nation. The other eleven came from the north where people were thought to be uncouth, unteachable, unyielding. Maybe that's why Judas was appointed treasurer of the group. No doubt it seemed to some that he would be Jesus' right hand man.

Thinking Jesus would be an earthly king, Ju-

das probably believed one day he would hold a prestigious position in His kingdom, maybe over the treasury. When Jesus began to say that His Kingdom was not of this world, Judas' heart must have sunk. At some point, a disillusioned Judas betrayed Jesus for money.

After realizing he had betrayed innocent blood, Judas threw the now infamous thirty pieces of silver at the feet of those that had bought him. In Matthew 27:10, we read that the money was used to buy a worthless field filled with broken pottery that had accumulated over years called Potter's Field.

While Judas' actions were evil and should have been condemned, we might want to take time to examine our own

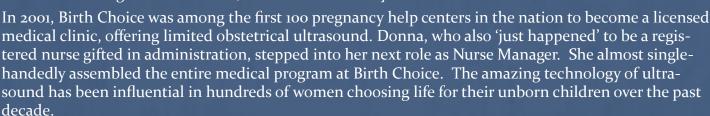


In Jeremiah 18, we learn a wonderful truth; the Master Potter takes lumps of clay and shapes into vessels for His use. If we refuse to respond to the shaping, though, we become worthless pieces of pottery and wind up in a potter's field. Never forget, though, that Christ's betrayal money was used to buy a potter's field filled with cracked pots and marred vessels. More importantly, His precious blood purchased people like us, with all of our nicks, chips, flaws, and failures, and then He reshaped us and made us new. What a wonderful God we serve!

### A Sad Farewell to a Dear Friend

In March of 1989 Birth Choice opened its doors to the public. One of the volunteers who was there to greet our very first clients was a woman named Donna Sipes. She served for years here as a Client Advocate, sharing with hundreds of young women about the humanity of their unborn children, the love of Christ, and the hope of eternal life in Christ.

Later, Donna was one of the first official staff members at Birth Choice, serving as a parttime office manager and then later, as financial secretary.



For almost 23 years, Donna has faithfully worked to promote the sanctity of human life and the gospel of Christ through her ministry at Birth Choice. In December of last year, Donna resigned from her long time service here as she and her husband, Louis, plan to move to Birmingham to be closer to two of their children and grandchildren.

Those of us who have worked by Donna's side over the years are grateful for all she has done for Birth Choice and we will miss her terribly. Knowing her as we do, we're sure it will only be a matter of time before she will once again be using her unique gifts to serve the Lord in her new home.





### 'Change For Life' Baby Bottle Project Coming Soon!

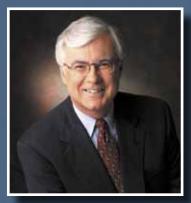
Debbie Bellinghausen, Director of Development

'Change for Life' Baby Bottles will be ready to go out to local churches on Mother's Day, to be returned on Father's Day. If you would like to see your church become involved with this project or if you would like more information, please contact me, Debbie Bellinghausen at 731.664.8443 or email me at debbie@birthchoice.us. I would love to speak with you!



You are cordially invited to the 2012 Fundraising Banquet for Birth Choice of Jackson and Birth Choice of Gibson County

## Becoming Courageous People



Thursday, April 12th and Friday, April 13th Northside Assembly of God Church 27 Oil Well Road Jackson, Tennessee 38305 Seating will begin at 5:30pm Dinner will be served at 6:00pm Our special guest speaker this year will be

## Dr. Bruce Wilkinson

Dr. Bruce Wilkinson is a popular speaker, #1 New York Times best-selling author, leader of various global and humanitarian causes, and media producer. He has written over 60 books in 30 languages, been #1 in New York Times, #1 in the Wall Street Journal, and #1 in USA Today. His is the only book in history to win "Book of the Year" two years in a row. Publisher's Weekly reported *The Prayer of Jabez* as the "fastest selling book of all time" (2001), and the only religious non-fiction to hit the #1 New York Times in the first week was *A Life God Rewards*. He is also the New York Times best-selling author for children and teen books, the Publisher and Executive Editor of ten monthly magazines with over 120,000,000 distributed. Bruce has served on the Overview Committee of the New King James Version of the Bible, as well as is the author of the Outlines of the Books of the Bible for the best-selling *Open Bible*, and is Executive Editor of three Bibles. He is the author of *The Prayer of Jabez, The Secrets of the Vine, A Life God Rewards, Beyond Jabez, Set Apart, Experiencing Spiritual Breakthroughs*, and *The Dream Giver*.

We are expecting a large attendance and seating is limited on both nights.

Please make your reservations early this year!

For individual reservations or for tables of eight, please call Debbie at 664-8443 or go to our website: birthchoice.biz and click on the link to set up your reservations.

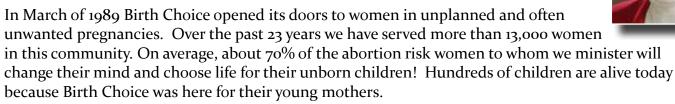
#### **ATTENTION:**

Would you be willing to help set up or take down after this year's banquet? Could you possibly help seat guests on the night of the banquet? It takes many people to make this event successful. If you are interested in helping out in any area, please call me and let me know. We will find an area benefitting your particular gifts and talents. Thank you!

## Jackson Heartbeat

## Courage to Help

Chris Veteto, Clinic Director



We rejoice in the many little lives that have been saved. However, it breaks our hearts to know that only a miniscule number of women considering abortion each year will even come to Birth Choice before heading to the abortion clinics in Memphis. They simply don't know we exist. We are working hard to let women in our community know we are here to serve them, but it's a daunting and costly task.

Birth Choice takes no government funding and as a Christ-centered ministry, we solely rely on the Christian community to support us. Herein lies the 'Catch 22': the money needed to market our life-saving work to those women who don't know we're here can come only from God's people. However, there are many pastors and congregations that aren't aware of who we are and what we do either!

Will you help us get the word out? We would be happy to speak to any church, Sunday school class, missions group, etc. Please call our Director of Development, Debbie Bellinghausen, and she will happy to schedule a time for us to explain how you and your church can help save lives. Call 731.664.8443 today! God bless you for your kindness to His precious unborn children.



# An Inside Look Courage to Stand

Kim Mayer, Nurse Manager



One of my favorite prolife stories in the Bible takes place in Exodus 1:15-17. "The king of Egypt (government) said to the Hebrew midwives, "When you help the Hebrew women in childbirth and observe them on the delivery stool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live."

The midwives however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. They feared God more than the government and He blessed the midwives for honoring life. The midwives showed great courage to stand in defiance of the king's orders. They could have been executed for their disobedience, but God blessed their obedience by saving their lives and blessing them with children.

As Christians we are told to honor those in authority over us (government), but not at the expense of dishonoring God. We are to fear God and show obedience to Him above all else.

Since 1973, over 54 million infants have lost their lives to abortion. How many more must die before we have the courage to stand for their right to live?

#### From One Pastor to Another

Pastor Justin Wainscott of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee

"Fellow Pastors, I know many of your churches already help support Birth Choice, maybe through their baby bottle fundraiser, clothing donations, volunteers, prayers, etc. But if you men have not had the chance to spend any time at their office or around their staff, I would encourage you to give them a call (731.664.8443) and schedule a time to go by there (391 Wallace Road in Jackson).

I had the privilege of being there this morning and I was overwhelmed (spiritually and emotionally) with the realization that literal life and death decisions are made in that office all the time. They are doing battle against darkness and evil everyday with that ministry and they are doing a great job. They are providing an incredible need for our community, a wonderful ministry to pregnant girls and women, and they are rescuing children from abortion.

I hope you'll carve out some time to go by there soon. Encourage them in their work, see first-hand what goes on in that office, ask questions, and consider strategic ways for your churches to help serve them."

### Jackson Staff and Volunteers

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#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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## Courage to Serve

Many people feel inadequate to volunteer at Birth Choice, but actually, inadequate volunteers are the best kind! It is when we're weak that God can show Himself strong. Below are the testimonies of two of our volunteers. They, too, felt inadequate when they started, but they have found that God only asks for willing vessel through which He can love others. Do you have the courage to serve?

"I am a volunteer at Birth Choice. This is a great program offering help to people dealing with unplanned and unwanted pregnancy situations. It is professional, private, and friendly. I look forward to my afternoons there and have made some new Christian friends. When I finish my work at Birth Choice I feel that God is pleased with me for volunteering. If you can volunteer, Birth Choice can use you! Pray about it!"

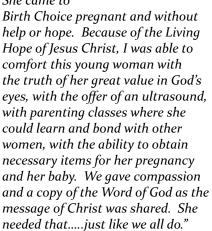
Volunteer Office Aid - Chris Lewis

"Let's admit it; we've all been there. We've all had someone we looked to for what we needed. Especially as a child and a teenager we hoped to find love, acceptance, forgiveness, and kindness from our mother, father, and family. Even if we knew our family wasn't perfect, our greatest longing was to be loved by them, no matter what. It's our nature.

Now imagine you are a young woman just stepping out into this big world. Imagine hearing these words from your father: 'If you get pregnant, I hope you and your baby die." What emptiness from needs mangled and trampled. What hurt and confusion. Where does she go?

Kelly Wall, Clinic Director

Who can she turn to? This exact situation happened to one of our clients. She came to



Client Advocate - Renee Ragon



Tharing our needs with God's People

Our clients work hard in the E.S.T.H.E.R. Parenting Program to learn to be good moms and to provide for their babies. We are currently experiencing a DESPERATE shortage of baby wipes, diapers, shampoo, baby bath, bottles, and other miscellaneous items. If you can help in this area, please let us know!

We are in need of a volunteer receptionist for Mondays, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Thursdays 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. We will provide the needed training. If God is leading you to get involved, please contact the office at 855-2900.

VOLUNTEER CLIENT ADVOCATE TRAINING COMING IN MAY - SEE PAGE 7 FOR DETAILS!!!!!



# Keeping You Posted

### **Our Needs**

- Brent Lambert

'You have not because you ask not.'

**Need No. 1** - The Birth Choice ministry is staffed entirely by women who serve the women in our community. As the only male who works here, I feel a great responsibility to make our buildings safer in a constantly challenging and changing society.

To accomplish this, I would like to install a push button magnetic release on the door that leads from our reception area to the rest of the building. This would need to be done in both our Jackson and Gibson County clinics. A security company has quoted us \$800 per door for a total of \$1,600.00.

We found that we can save \$1,000.00 by purchasing and installing this system ourselves for only \$300 per door, which is a total cost of \$600.00.

If you feel led to help us make our clients and our volunteers safer through this endeavor, please earmark your donation when you give. Need No. 2 - Five years ago Birth Choice was blessed with a wonderful, used minivan which we have relied on heavily in the ministry. It now needs a couple of major repairs which will cost more than it's worth, so alas, after only a quarter of a million miles, we've had to put it out to pasture.

We are now in need of another ministry vehicle. Because we serve a great God, we will dare to be specific with our need:

- We need something which will get 20+ miles per gallon and needs no repair.
- It would be wonderful if the interior and exterior were also in good condition. A small size SUV could serve a dual purpose as we could put a car wrap on it for advertising purposes.

We have experienced the generosity of God's people for 23 years now and are so grateful. If you (or someone you know) have a vehicle you might consider donating, please contact Brent at 616.2993.

Just three or four hours a week of your time can make a difference between life and death for an unborn child....

## VOLUNTEER CLIENT ADVOCATE TRAINING DATES FOR SPRING 2012

For Jackson:

May 1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 22nd Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

For Gibson County:
May 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 22nd, 24th, 29th
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

It is very important for you to attend all 7 sessions of the seminar.

Just pick up an application today and you're on your way!

#### You Can Help Birth Choice Save Lives!



Tennessee's official, state-authorized "Choose Life" specialty license plates are now available at your county clerk's office and can be purchased at a pro-rated cost regardless of your normal plate renewal date!

When you purchase the "Choose Life" specialty plate, you will support the choice of life in two ways:

- First, you're telling everyone who follows you down the highway that you "Choose Life" and they should, too!
- Secondly, the proceeds from the Choose Life plate are used to provide support and assistance to women and families facing difficult or unexpected pregnancies.

Each quarter, Birth Choice will receive a portion of those proceeds. Those donations will grow and grow as pro-life Tennesseans show their support.

What a great way to help save lives!

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