



www.bpcpartners.org
 Facebook: Bakersfield Pregnancy Center
 Twitter: @BakPregCenter
 Instagram: bakersfieldpregnancy

Bakersfield Pregnancy Center
 P.O. Box 1430
 Bakersfield, CA 93302

NONPROFIT ORG
 US Postage
 PAID
 Bakersfield, CA
 Permit #8

Current Resident or

“From the moment I walked in the door I felt at peace. Everyone was so kind, thoughtful, and loving.”
 -- BPC Client

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR BIG BASH -- JANUARY 29 Annual Benefit Banquet featuring Dr. Kevin Leman

“Show me the size of your God, I will show you the size of your opportunity. Big God, big opportunity! Show me the size of your God, I will show you the size of your courage, big God, big courage.” — Pam Farrel

Join us and learn about what our BIG God is doing to bless our ministry! We will be sharing our BIG plans for the future, and testimonies from BPC clients will be highlighted.

The event will feature internationally known Christian psychologist, award-winning and New York Times bestselling author of “Have A New Kid by Friday”, radio and television personality, and speaker, Dr. Kevin Leman. Dr. Leman has taught and entertained audiences worldwide with his wit and common sense psychology.

A best-selling author, Dr. Kevin Leman has made house calls for Focus on the Family with Dr. James Dobson as well as hundreds of radio and television programs including Today, CBS’ The Early Show, Oprah, and The View.

Complimentary dinner reservations will be available in January. Request your seating early! Visit bpcpartners.org to RSVP and request tickets, or contact the center by phone. An opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended. The cost to sponsor a table and reserve seating for up to 8 people is \$600. If you are interested in underwriting the event and attending our VIP Reception with Dr. Leman, please call our office at 661-326-1915.



Though one does not need to be a Christian to believe that children in the womb deserve protection, Gallup tells us that most pro-life people identify as Christians. After all, Jesus Christ said that His disciples were to love “the least of these.” David wrote that God knits us together in our mother’s womb and that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made.”

Though the Gospel is a driving force behind much of the pro-life movement, more and more pro-lifers are questioning its efficacy in pregnancy center ministry. They argue that our time is better spent getting pregnant women to choose life for their babies; salvation can come at a later date. Women considering abortion are in crisis, making pregnancy centers an “emergency room.” You don’t share the gospel in an “emergency room”; you quickly fix the problem and move on to the next problem.

While this argument is correct in its focus on helping women and men choose life, the minimization of the Gospel is not the best way to achieve that goal.

Abortion providers want pregnant women to think they are in need of emergency room-like attention. Why? Because people in crisis go into a “fight or flight” mode in which they often do not make good decisions. In a state of heightened stress, concern, and fear, people put their own needs ahead of those of the weak and vulnerable.

Every day, women walk into [our] Center knowing that the child in their womb is a life, but feeling like their own life is falling apart and that abortion is the only way out of their crisis. It is only when they receive compassion, hope, and help from the caring staff at the Center that their moment of crisis becomes a time of reflection and determination. The Center becomes a refuge – not an emergency room, but a safe room.

Our pro-abortion culture believes every unplanned pregnancy is a crisis. But pro-life people understand that some of the best opportunities for growth and improvement are unplanned. [Unlike abortion providers], we exist to help transform clients so that they become less likely to make the choices that led them to the center in the first place.

And nothing has greater potential to transform a life than the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our sharing of the gospel plays a central role in ensuring that over 80% of the women who visit our Center considering abortion leave choosing life.

For the BPC, this vital work begins with introducing clients to the One who knows them by name, loves them, and has a plan for their lives and their babies’ lives. What better news could there be?

Excerpt from “Does the Gospel Matter When Helping Women and Men Choose Life?” by Ardee Coolidge, © 2015 Care Net.

WE'VE GOT GOOD NEWS

The Lord is not a secret keeper. "I am the Lord, and there is none else. I have not spoken in secret, in some dark land; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, "seek me in a waste place." I the Lord, speak righteousness, declaring things that are upright." Isa. 45:19

When the Lord has something to say, He does not whisper it; He declares it. In the case of the biggest announcement of all, God sent angels and stars to make His "gender reveal" to the shepherds in the field. He declares the arrival of His Son, Jesus, to Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, Shepherds, and Wise Men. Through the prophets, God gave his secret to the Israelites as a promise. In Isaiah 9:6, He tells us that Jesus will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace, there will be no end to his Kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness, from then and forever more."

God is not a secret keeper. He declares His love for you in His Word, through His Son, in all of creation, through the Holy Spirit and in the wonder of the gospel. How about you? Are you a secret keeper? If it is the amazing gospel, I hope not! I hope that you are declaring the good news to all you can. At the Bakersfield Pregnancy Center, we have shared the gospel message over 689 times with 29 individuals making decisions to welcome Jesus into their hearts and lives. We have offered the grace and love of God to 2,893 clients so far in 2017. We have traveled from Wasco to Arvin, Greenfield to Union Avenue with our ICU Mobile Clinic to share the good news of hope.

So, I guess you could say that we are not very good at keeping "good news" to ourselves. I hope that during this wonderful Christmas and New Year season, that you will have the opportunity to share good news with your friends, family and neighbors, and pray for us as we continue to share the gospel with our clients every day. Please plan to join us on Monday, January 29th, 2018 for our Annual Banquet, "The BIG Bash". Our special guest will be Dr. Kevin Leman, a best-selling author and speaker on marriage and family life. It will a night of fun, amazing food and a BIG secret will be revealed. You will not want to miss this!

Honored to serve,

Erin Rogers
Executive Director

BECOME A LIFE ADVOCATE

As our ministry continues to grow rapidly, we are so pleased to welcome 17 new client advocates to the BPC team. Among those who attended the fall training and joined our rank were three nurses and two bilingual volunteers.

This year, fall training took place at Covenant Coffee on North Chester over the course of three Saturdays in September and October. Training topics included abortion education, crisis pregnancy intervention, evangelism, and healthy sexuality. The event was planned by Volunteer Coordinator, Janna Daghli.

Most volunteers are front line workers who answer calls as receptionists, or provide peer counseling as client advocates. Our volunteer nurses perform pregnancy tests and first-trimester ultrasound scans. Male coaches help mentor new fathers. Other behind the scenes roles include serving as a board member or church liaison. We are currently searching for drivers for our mobile medical unit. These volunteers are not required to complete the formal training.

"We have seen a steady increase in the number of men and women we serve. In order to meet the needs of our community, we depend on dedicated volunteers to serve weekly, both in the Center and on our mobile unit. Our staff and volunteers prayed faithfully in the months leading up to our fall training, and God blessed us with an abundance of wonderful new volunteers. We started our training with 15 people and ended up with 17. That is something only God can do. We are so thankful for all who serve and look forward to expanding our volunteer family in the spring!", Janna expressed.

Another training will be made available in the Spring. The cost of training materials is \$40. Contact Janna at volcoord@wehelpyou.org. You can also call 661-326-1915 to sign up or get more information.

Heroes 5K Run & Walk for Life

85
individuals pre-registered online

33
people ran the 5K

200
Chick-Fil-A chicken biscuits were consumed

100
tshirts were donated by Wall Street Imprintables

<20,000
dollars was raised through donations and pledges

CARRYING BABY HOME SAFELY

Consistently, one of the most urgent needs of the center is for new car seats. So far, in 2017, we have given 53 car seats away, but we have many more clients in need. "We want to ensure that our families are able to leave the center with safe transportation for their children," explains Center Director, Debra Tidwell. The BPC is currently seeking donations of brand new infant or convertible car seats, or donations to cover the cost. For more information, please contact Debra at 661-326-1915, or check out these other easy ways to give:

MAIL your donation to P.O. Box 1430, 93302

GIVE ONLINE at www.bpcpartners.org

TEXT 'CENTER' to 41444

