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“There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven...a time to tear down and a time to build.”

Ecc. 3:1&3

## **Fall Fundraising Banquet**

Mark your calendars for November 8, 2012, for our Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet. This year our featured speaker will be Pam Tebow.

As the daughter of an army colonel, Pam has lived all over the world. She graduated with honors from the College of Journalism and Communications at University of Florida. While in college, Pam met Bob Tebow, and they were married upon graduation in 1971. The Tebows have five children and four grandchildren. Each of the children and their spouses are active in various ministries!



Pam and Bob have been called “homeschool pioneers.” They began homeschooling in 1982. All five of their children were homeschooled from kindergarten through high school and every one of them received college scholarships.

The Tebows were missionaries in the Philippines where Bob continues to have an ongoing ministry, the Bob Tebow Evangelistic Association. BTEA supports 50 nationals who preach the gospel throughout the Philippines and stimulate church planting. Through the preaching of the national evangelists and the Americans who accompany Bob on numerous mission trips, over one million people a year are professing their faith in Jesus Christ. Bob and Pam also run an orphanage (Uncle Dick’s Home) in the Philippines, which has been home to scores of orphans since 1992. Pam is very involved in her husband’s ministry and coordinates numerous projects and personnel.

The notoriety of the Tebow family increased when their youngest son, Tim, won the Heisman Trophy following his sophomore football season with the Florida Gators. Because ESPN aired the portion of the interview with Pam that focused on her refusal to abort “Timmy” when she was advised to do so, she has been given a national platform to encourage the pro-life message. In 2010, Pam and Tim were in a Super Bowl commercial that celebrated family and life, which, according to a Barna survey, resulted in 5.5 million people “having cause to rethink their stand on abortion.”

Banquet tickets will become available after Labor Day.



## **Find us on Facebook!**

Get up-to-date information about upcoming events on the “Modesto Pregnancy Center” page.



Delores Wolterstorff  
Executive Director

## Our Mission Statement

To affirm and promote the value of human life to our community through a network of care with the love of Jesus Christ

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## A thankful heart

The month of July marks two significant events in my life. Eight years ago I assumed the position of "interim" director being assured by the Board they would find a replacement soon. God's plan was made evident the following January when I was asked to accept the position of Executive Director! Secondly, one year ago Modesto Pregnancy Center moved into its permanent home at 2801 Coffee Rd., Suite A5 in Modesto.

As I reflected on these two momentous events, I felt a wave of thankfulness come over me. Certain groups of people coursed through my mind and I take this opportunity to thank them. All of them have donated time, money or labor in some form or another.

The Board of Directors stood behind me from the very first day until now. For several years two of them faithfully met with me every week to pray with me, encourage me and give me direction. They are a group of individuals definitely called by God with specific talents and a unified purpose to fulfill our mission statement. They were focused on searching for God's will regarding the purchase of our building. They and their spouses have given many hours of their time in remodeling both at our office on McHenry Ave. and now our office on Coffee Road. We bid farewell and pray blessings on Chad Renicker, former Vice President, who has moved to North Dakota. Chad donated his time and labor as one of the general contractors for the Coffee Road remodel.

### Our Volunteers:

- Peer counselors and office help who come in weekly.
- Medical personnel who come once a month and give of their time in the medical clinic.
- Speakers who help with fetal development and STD presentations to the youth in our schools.
- Those with demolition and construction talents who gave untold hours remodeling both McHenry and Coffee Rd. A lot of "sweat" equity was poured into these projects! These volunteers were from all ages: youth groups to senior citizens.
- Residents of Beth Haven who put the labels on our Newsletter.
- Volunteers who prepare the newsletters and other letters for mailing which includes stuffing and sealing, but along with it goes lots of good fellowship around coffee and goodies!
- Ted who willingly comes to "bail us out" when we have computer problems!
- Dr. Daryl Dutter who has served as our Medical Director since 2003.
- Our Donors and Prayer Partners who share their God-given resources and talents to uphold and promote the value of human life to our community through a network of care with the love of Jesus Christ.

The apostle Paul often stated in his letters, "I thank my God for you." That also expresses my thoughts when I think about all of the hours of love that have been poured into Modesto Pregnancy Center!

*Serving Him together,  
Delores Wolterstorff  
Executive Director*

## Special thanks to

Modesto Pregnancy Center and its Executive Director, Delores Wolterstorff would like to take this opportunity to extend their appreciation to Janet Spyksma for her tremendous contribution personally as our Nurse Manager for seven years and financially as a generous benefactor. Through Janet's financial contributions, the Center was able to purchase its first sonogram machine in 2003 which she used as the Nurse Manager until 2007. Janet's efforts resulted in the birth of many babies who otherwise may have been aborted. Thank you Janet, for helping the Center grow to save many more babies' lives! God bless you, Janet.

## PACE UPDATE—(Post-Abortion Bible Study)

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It has been quite the journey over the last 12 weeks as we met weekly to go through the “Forgiven and Set Free” Bible study. We had two wonderful ladies who began their healing journey. On our final night together each shared something of God's amazing power to heal and I wanted to share that with you. One of the ladies shared a beautiful song entitled: “For those tears I died” which she sang beautifully! The other lady shared the following letter:

*“To my little ones: Autumn, Michael, David and Leah, I have missed out on developing a life with you here on earth. For twenty one years ago, I allowed myself to begin having premarital sex and to become pregnant four times. Each time I covered up my indiscretion by killing one of you and pretending everything was ok.*

*“The grief of having conceived my four precious children then paying someone to murder them took a toll on me. Lacking a personal relationship with my heavenly father, I sought other avenues for relief from my heavy heart. I dove into pills, alcohol, food and premarital sex. However, after each excursion I discovered my grief, guilt and shame had grown.*

*“Through this entire time God has kept all of you safe and happy in heaven. God has also been with me through this journey. God has provided me with two wonderful Bible studies. The first one let me know I am not the only mother who has aborted her children, and that it is ok to stop keeping you guys a secret and has allowed myself to nurture my relationship with each of you.*

*“The second Bible study has taught me by being honest, owning my part of your deaths and repenting, God makes forgiveness available to me. So I am accepting God's forgiveness and I am tearing down my walls of guilt and shame. So I have room to live a full life for God and to ultimately live in heaven with all four of you. I can't wait for the moment when our eyes finally meet and God places your hands in mine.*

*“Until that day I want you to know you are always in my heart and that I love all of you.”*

*Your Mom*



### Client story

This month we are featuring our client, April Lopez. April found Modesto Pregnancy Center when she was in need of a pregnancy test and information about being pregnant. She came to The Center with her boyfriend and they were excited about the possibility of being pregnant. They both love God and knew that abortion

would not be an option for them. They were committed to staying together and raising this child.

When they walked through the doors of the Center they didn't know what to expect. They found that those they encountered were wonderful. April stated, “The counselors were absolutely amazing! They don't judge or put you down. They are up-lifting, positive and very caring. My family is blessed because of people like them.”

April commented on the Center being very helpful in supplying them with diapers, wipes and most everything they needed for their son.

Since the first initial visit to the Pregnancy Center, April and her boyfriend have been married and they are raising their son together with God as the foundation of their home. April feels as if her life is truly blessed and she is so thankful for this organization for mothers like herself.

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### A picture is worth a thousand words

Recently I was blessed with two situations on the same day that validate the very reason Modesto Pregnancy Center is here.

One client was brought to us by a sidewalk counselor from in front of the Family Planning Medical Group where abortions are performed, six blocks south of our Center. This client had been sent to the clinic for an abortion by Planned Parenthood who had diagnosed her with an ectopic pregnancy based on her symptoms. The patient was against abortion and did not want the procedure. Our ultrasound confirmed that she had a normal pregnancy in the uterus. The symptoms she was experiencing were probably due to an infection which Planned Parenthood had diagnosed from lab tests and had given her a prescription.

Another patient was planning on abortion prior to the ultrasound but after she viewed the baby on the ultrasound she stated that now she could not go through with the abortion. God is good!!!!

*Charlotte Brewer  
Nurse Manager*

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fundraising Banquet**  
**Thursday November 8, 2012**  
**CrossPoint Community Church, Modesto**



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