

You're Invited

The Pregnancy Center of Gadsden County

Annual Fundraising Banquet

When: Tuesday May 2, 2017 | 6:30 pm

Where: First Baptist Church Quincy, FL

RSVP: 850-539-1221



Join us for an evening of
FUNdraising with
nationally known guest
speaker, author and
comedian **Mike Williams**.



Every Child Deserves a Birthday

Here at The Pregnancy Center of Gadsden County, we have been faithfully standing on the front lines with you in the battle for life and truth. And now we are ready to celebrate the victories God has brought us this year at our upcoming Fourth Annual Spring Fundraising Banquet!

God continues to use The Pregnancy Center in a mighty way to engage our lost and broken world. We have seen His grace abound in the darkest of places and we believe that every child deserves a birthday. We have many

incredible stories to share and much to rejoice about what He is doing here in the lives of the men and women in Gadsden County.

This special event not only offers us a time of celebration but is our largest fundraiser of the year, raising nearly 50% of our annual budget. It is truly amazing to see how God works through the local church and community to support this ministry. This will be an evening you won't want to miss.

Our dynamic, nationally renowned guest speaker, Mike Williams will share

his incredible story that is both inspiring and hilarious. Mike will move us from tears to laughter as he challenges us to live boldly as Christians in this Ministry for Life.

For everything there is a season and this is the season to celebrate! We are holding our Celebration of Life Banquet on Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017 at the First Baptist Church in Quincy, FL. Doors open at 6 pm for registration. We hope you will join us!

For more information about attending, volunteering, underwriting or reserving tables, please contact us at 850-539-1221.

We Love Them First.....

Then We Open the Doors

Some ask about our ministry, "Why don't you tell these girls to stop getting themselves in this situation? Can't you just sit them down when they have that test and tell them they are living in sin?"

That would be easy, wouldn't it? We could set everyone straight—in a hurry. But it would not be effective, and it might not even be Biblical.

Scripture, in its incredible way offers us an example of how we can engage someone very much like the women we meet everyday at The Pregnancy Center of Gadsden County.

In reading about the Samaritan woman in John 4, we see Jesus approach her much differently. Instead of immediately pointing to her obvious shortcomings, Jesus first offered her living water, which only He could offer. Instead of treating the symptoms, Jesus spoke to the greatest desires of her heart. He knew that she, like all of us, had been "looking for love in all the wrong places". He knew that nothing but God Himself could fill that void.

He strummed the strings of her soul and her heart sang in a way she had never known, but had always longed for. She was amazed and she wanted to hear more from this Man who knew the secrets of her heart.

Only then, after reaching out to

her need, did Jesus ask her to call her husband. We know the story: she had no husband, though she had been a wife to five different men. She—like many we see—was in the midst of yet another dead-end relationship, this time living with a man outside of marriage.

Yet, instead of condemning, Jesus actually *complimented* her for telling the truth about her failed past. Could it be that He was sanctifying her with the washing of the water of the Word? (Eph. 5 25-26) What could have been a terribly humiliating moment for her turned into a life-changing encounter.

John 4 is a powerful picture of what this ministry is about. This moment with the Samaritan woman is like many moments we have here. Many of our clients are like the Samaritan woman, they are women living in shame and easily criticized. They are women resigned to their position in life as lover not wife and who are settling for stolen and fleeting moments of acceptance and love. Our message is modeled after Jesus' message. It is not one of condemnation, but is one of hope and joy as we offer the living water of the Gospel.

We are not here to avoid the truth—Jesus certainly did not. When presented in love, truth unlocks the door of freedom:

freedom from our past; freedom from shame; freedom from regret and guilt. In freedom, we know our true worth and who we are to our Father and Savior. That changes the conversation in a big way. "For the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God" James 1:20. "And you will know the truth and the truth will set you free" John 8:32. "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:36.

When a woman comes to us, we are reminded that while her choices may have put her in a difficult situation, she is not the first. A woman went to a well in Samaria, suffering from a life filled with poor choices.

Jesus could have condemned and He could have sent her on her way, teaching us all a lesson of "righteousness." But without condemning, He offered her living water—a gift that brings life and redemption.

She chose life. And if we keep reading in John 4, we find that others followed her. At her darkest hour, Jesus showed up and a life was changed forever. This is a story worth emulating. At The Pregnancy Center of Gadsden County, we seek to see this story come true again and again.

From the well,
Kimberly



CHANGE FOR LIFE

More than a baby bottle campaign

I love the title "Change for Life". I love everything about it!

We pray constantly at The Center for our community and the issues surrounding life. We pray that the presence and existence of our Center here in Gadsden County will affect a huge "Change for Life".

I also love that these little bottles go out into our community with the words on them "Little ones to Him belong" because those words are so true. It also cracks me up a bit to think that song will be stuck in so many people's heads for a while.

Little ones do belong to Him. They are His first and last and woe to the ones who harm them. We are only their guardians for a while. But guard them we must. We are called to protect the smallest and most helpless among us and I love that over 1000 bottles are received in our community with the intention of taking part in the protection of these "least" among us.

It is a worthy calling and I am proud to be a part of it.

We had wonderful participation from our churches and we thank you for taking a shift on the watch.

Churches Making a Change for Life

Antioch Baptist Church
Antioch Church
Beulah Hill Baptist
Centenary UMC
Christ Town Ministries
Concordia Baptist
Corinth Christian Fellowship
Fellowship at Midway
First Baptist Havana
First Baptist Quincy
First Elizabeth Church
Forest Hills UMC
Grace Baptist Church
Greensboro Baptist
Greenshade AME
Gretna Baptist Church
Mayflower AME
Midway Unity Fellowship
Mt. Moriah Church
New Bethel AME

New Hope Christian Center
New Life Ministries
New Philadelphia Presbyterian Church
New Zion Primitive Baptist
North Florida Baptist Church
Northwoods Baptist Church
Riverside Baptist Church
Salem UMC
Santa Clara Baptist Church
Shiloh Primitive Baptist Quincy
Southwood Baptist Church
St. James AME
Tallavana Community Church
Thomas Memorial Baptist
Thomasville Road Baptist

Other Groups

KUMC Mothers of Preschoolers
Maryland Fried Chicken
Tallahassee Community College
Quality Meats

Honoring Birth-Mothers

This Mother's Day when we are celebrating and remembering the women in our lives we are blessed to call "Mother", would you please take a moment to say a prayer of thanksgiving? Remembering the brave women who on this day, although are mothers, will not be given cards and flowers by a child they too selflessly loved. Many times alone, they faced the seemingly impossible situation of a crisis pregnancy and chose to give life to a precious one they would not raise. These women are courageous heroes and have blessed many lives with their quiet sacrifice.



Legacy of an Adopted Child

Once there were two women who never knew each other,
One you do not remember, the other you call mother.
Two different lives shaped to make your one.
One became your guiding star, the other became your sun.
The first gave you life, and the second taught you to live it.
The first gave you a need for love and the second was there
to give it.
One gave you a nationality; the other gave you a name.
One gave you a seed of talent; the other gave you an aim.
One gave you emotions; the other calmed your fears.
One saw your first sweet smile; the other dried your tears.
One sought for you a home that she could not provide.
The other prayed for a child and her hopes were not denied.
And now you ask me through your tears the age-old
question unanswered through the years;
Heredity or environment - which are you a product of?
Neither, my darling - neither - just two different kinds of
love.

Author Unknown

NEED A SIMPLE REASON TO VOLUNTEER? WE NEED YOU.

We could tell you how meaningful it is to volunteer at The Pregnancy Center of Gadsden County or we could tell you that we have a lot of fun here while at the same time serving God and others. Or, we could tell you that you will see some incredible things here that will change you forever. By simply showing up for a few hours a week you will be a big part of making a huge difference in another person's life and impact eternity.



NEXT VOLUNTEER TRAINING
Saturday, April 29th
Register Now!

We could tell you all of these things because all of these things are true—and we want to share the joy of volunteering with you. And what a joy it is! Still there is another reason and its simple: We need you.

That's right—plain and simple. We need you. Your volunteering could be extremely important to the women and men who come through the door of this ministry.

In fact, we have a saying here about our client and volunteer interactions. We call each visit a "divine appointment". We believe that God orchestrates each meeting with our clients and volunteers— from the first phone call to the volunteer who signs the Baby's First Bible. All that has to take place in heaven and earth to bring

these exact people together, at just this point in time, is incomprehensible. Every one of our volunteers will tell you that, beyond a doubt, God's hand is in it every time.

Yes, we need you. We need your experience and experiences. We need your voice, your perspective, your courage and your faith.

We're looking for receptionists, administrative assistants and peer counselors—all three. And now is the perfect time to join us.

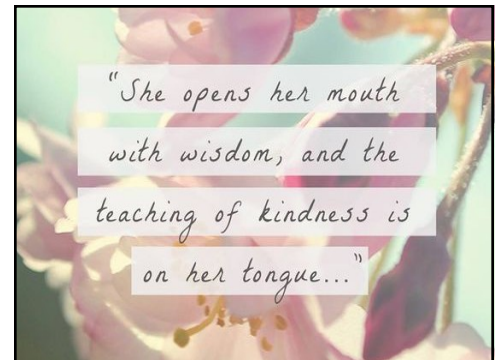
If you get in touch with us now to begin training, you could be active by early May—giving us and you a great start on the summer.

This ministry is growing—getting bigger

and stronger. New faces, new ideas and new energy impacts the team in an exciting way. Volunteers give us added momentum as we reach out and touch lives.

We have a desire to extend our hours and you could be the one who makes that possible. We are adding a late afternoon shift on Mondays- Thursday from 2-6 pm and Saturday mornings from 9-12 pm. In addition we are working toward a second location. So all of this times two!

If you feel like God may be nudging you to get involved, give us a call at



850-539-1221 or email us at 1pcgc@att.net to find out more about how you can make an impact on this community and be a part of the fun lifesaving team here at The Pregnancy Center of Gadsden County. Together, let's see what the Lord has for you here.

Generous Donations made to
The Pregnancy Center of Gadsden County
In memory of
Denise Pafford
by
Michelle Baldrige
AND
In gratitude to
Carol Hutcheson
by the family of
R. D. Edwards

Donations made to The Pregnancy Center of Gadsden County honoring loved ones are very precious to us. We thank you for allowing us to be a part of the legacy of these special individual's lives and thank you for your generosity.