



**PREGNANCY
CARE CENTER**

Speaking Up

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Baptism - part 1

If anyone asked: “What is the purpose of the Pregnancy Care Center,” we might quickly respond: “to help lead a mother to take her baby to full term and give him/her life.” But that statement begs another question: “What do we mean by life?”

Many people talk about “quality of life.” Our mothers might be facing legitimate “quality of life” issues both during and after the pregnancy due to financial and emotional problems. We use the caring support from the center to ease some of the issues usually connected with buying food and clothing when the mother has limited resources. But at the Pregnancy Care Center, we strive to go beyond the obvious. Caring for the *physical* life of a baby is “a bridge” to gain the mother’s confidence to listen to us talk about Jesus’ love for them. We want also to be able to give new *spiritual* life to the babies and mothers we serve.

That’s where Christian baptism comes in. Baptism is the application of water to the baby along with the proclamation of God’s saving Word. Jesus gave a command to His disciples of old and to us: “go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” Matthew 28:19 (EHV)

Now it’s true that Jesus went on to also describe “the gathering of disciples” as occurring when the same people are “taught.” But that will be addressed in a follow up to this article. For now, it is sufficient to note that baptizing will accomplish that “gathering of disciples from all nations.”

Think of your own precious child, grandchild or great-grandchild. You love them. You want what’s truly best for them. You want to see them in heaven with you in eternity. It is just as important for these children we might not know personally to be in heaven with Jesus, too. Your help... your prayers... your donated time... and your financial support for the Pregnancy Care Centers help bring that about.

Pastors! Are you or your congregation interested in having a “life” Sunday? Contact either of the pregnancy care centers below, to ask about having one of the PCC affiliated pastors or a team of laymen come for anything from a short information session to a full service..



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