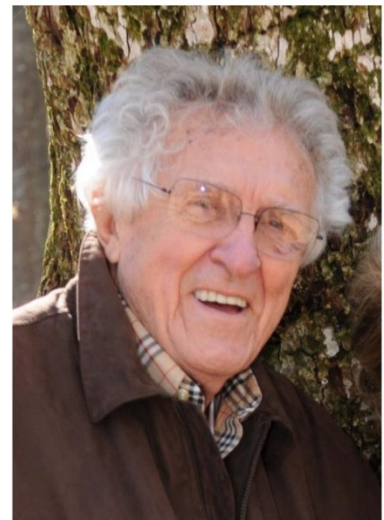




## A Tribute to the Founder



This year marks 30 years since Sav-A-Life, Decatur opened its doors. We have come a long way since then but we would have never gotten started if it hadn't been for the vision of Wales Goebel. In a video testimony sharing about his ministry, Mr. Goebel explained that he started a full time evangelical ministry for troubled teens in 1967. Located in Birmingham, AL, the mission of Wales Goebel Ministry is to present the life changing message of the Gospel to individuals and families. As part of this mission Mr. Goebel visited churches, high schools and universities talking to young people about hard subjects such as drugs, alcohol and even sex while sharing the Gospel. One such visit was to Woodlawn High School in Birmingham, AL where the entire team responded to an altar call and inspired the movie, *Woodlawn*. (The character Hank, played by Sean Astin, is based on a mixture of our own Mr. Goebel and Hank Erwin, who he appointed as Team Chaplain.) The Roe vs Wade court case was going on during this time and outraged Mr. Goebel. Though he became heavily burdened with the abortion issue he initially believed a women's ministry or church was better suited than his small ministry to try to help. That all changed one day when Mr. Goebel travelled to Tuscaloosa to speak to a group of young girls at the University of Alabama. After sharing with the girls about many things including the options they would have if they found themselves in an unplanned pregnancy, he met a young girl crying in the corner. What this young girl said changed his life and ministry forever. He asked her what was wrong and she told him that she was one of those girls that he had talked about. She'd had an abortion and it wrecked her. She felt that if she had had someone like him to talk to that would explain her options to her and tell her what abortion really was then she would have a child in her arms right now. As Goebel and his wife, Jean, left Tuscaloosa, he told her that their ministry was about to change. Soon after, Sav-A-Life was formed. In the video, Mr. Goebel shares about why he called this ministry Sav-A-Life. He said, "We are saving two lives, we are going to save the life of the little baby and save the life of the little girl spiritually." He went on to share that he believes that God is giving us the opportunity to not only save the life of the babies but also to present the gospel of Jesus Christ to the mothers and that if we share the gospel, God will honor the endeavor. God has certainly honored that endeavor, with more than 67 Sav-A-Life Centers being opened in 6 states since the first one began in the office of Wales Goebel Ministry in Birmingham, Alabama in 1981. It is with heartfelt gratitude that we thank Mr. Goebel for his vision. We will faithfully carry on with the endeavor marked before us... saving lives by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



Kimberly Verneti

March 25, 2017



## Meet Our New Nurse, Amy...

Amy joined our Sav-A-Life Family at the beginning of March. After several month's of searching and praying for the nurse that would be a part of our family and do God's work with us at Sav-A-Life, we found Amy. We truly believe that God sent her to us. Amy has been married to her husband, Derek, for 20 years. They have two daughters, ages 15 and 11. Amy has been an RN since 2008. Amy and her family moved to Alabama from Tucson, AZ about 3 1/2 years ago. They attend Walnut Grove Baptist church.

Amy states that she was happy to find a place to serve and use her nursing skills to help others while sharing the love of Christ.

Amy is excited to have the opportunity to help pregnant women and their families through her work at Sav-a-Life. We are excited to have Amy as a part of our family and are excited to see how God will use her to further His kingdom.

## Serving Male Clients...

We have been praying about the possibility of being able to serve male clients, we felt God was leading us in this direction. In early January we had a young gentleman that came into the center and needed some assistance. We took him back and talked with him, shared the gospel with him and was able to assist him with some of the items he needed. We felt that this was confirmation that we were on the right path to expand our services to be able to serve more men. Since this time we have seen a few more men that have come in needing assistance. While we usually think of it being the mom coming in needing help with the children, we are seeing more and more that there are also fathers that are raising small children and need our assistance. We would love to have one or more male volunteers that can hang out in the lobby to minister with the men that come into our center. While the mother is ultimately the one to make the final decision where the pregnancy is concerned we know that the father of the baby can be very influential in that decision. We feel that if we can have someone here to minister to the father's and share the truth with them while we are talking with the mother that we could save even more babies from the hands of abortion. We are excited to see where God takes this new path we are exploring and to see how He will work through this! We covet your prayers as we want to be in God's will in all that we do.



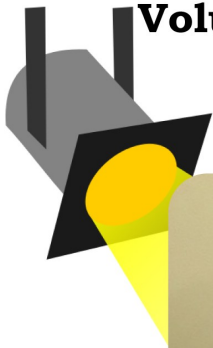
**24** On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.<sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,<sup>3</sup> but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.<sup>4</sup> While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.<sup>5</sup> In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"<sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen!

Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup>'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'<sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words. Luke 24:1-8 (NIV)

*He is not here;  
he has  
Risen!*

*Luke 24:6*

## Volunteer Spotlight...



Our volunteer spotlight is on Janie. Janie is a valuable asset to Sav-A-Life in so many different ways. Janie does an amazing job keeping the baby closet organized and is delighted to go into the counseling room to share with our clients. She has a passion for Sav-A-Life that shines through in everything that she does, but more importantly she has a passion for sharing the love of Jesus Christ! If you don't get fired up or excited about the gospel when Janie shares it, as the old saying goes, "Your wood must be wet".

Janie shares her story about how she became a volunteer with Sav-A-Life...SAL was not something I thought about. Volunteering was not something I thought about either but God has a funny way of getting you to do what He needs ☺ I was asked to get our church involved with the artisan festival. I had just stepped down from my children's director position at our church and was "waiting" for God to tell me what He wanted me to do next. I agreed to help, not out of a passion for SAL but I just didn't want to say no and let anyone down. As I started helping, I was asked if I had ever thought about volunteering and I

said no. This question wouldn't go away. I kept thinking, "I really don't want to give up my time but why can't I stop thinking about it?" So I decided to go ahead and start with the intention of washing clothes ☺ The day I went in for training, I was immediately put in a room to observe a counseling session. I thought "why do I have to go through a counseling session if I'm just going to work in the clothes closet?" Well, when I walked out I was speechless and told one of the staff "I think I want to counsel instead of doing clothes". She said "I just assumed you were going to counsel and that is why we had you observe." That was not my plan but it was God's. I got home and started to pray that God would give me a heart for the unborn. A real heart for what His Word says about life. He did that but even more, He gave me a heart for each woman that enters our doors. Each woman I have counseled and ministered to, I can see a little part of me in each of them. I can relate with them all on some level. I have experienced many things, good and bad, in my life and God is using it ALL. "And we know that in ALL things, God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28. God has given me a passion to share the Gospel with these woman and in the process, has drawn me closer to Him.

## Earn While You Learn classes...

We offer EWYL classes to all of our clients. If they have a positive pregnancy test with us, they earn points for attending the free classes. If a client attends enough classes and does all of their class work they can earn enough points to get all of the large items that they will need for their baby. We offer six different classes for them to choose from. In the fall of 2016, we also began offering the classes in Lawrence County for our clients that live in that area. Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Moulton took training to teach the classes for us in Lawrence County.

When the girls sign up for classes they are given the option to take the classes in Decatur or Moulton. We offer

**Baby Care Workshop:** This class consists of lessons and interactive activities that teach the basics of baby care, including a tour of the maternity floor at Parkway Hospital. We also encourage the father's to attend this class.

**Bible Studies:** This class consists of three Stonecraft Bible studies: "Who Is Jesus?", "What is God Like?", and "Who is The Holy Spirit?"

**Life's Healing Choices:** This class is for women only. It is a series of eight lessons that will help you recover from past and present hurts, bad habits, and hang-ups. It teaches how to make the healing choices needed to become more Christ-like in character.

**Save One:** This class is for ladies with past abortions. This class is highly confidential and offers help in regaining control of stray emotions, freedom from guilt, finding courage, renewal of the mind, and experiencing God's grace. This class is offered to any lady that has had an abortion, not just our pregnancy clients.

**Financial Peace University:** This course, written by Dave Ramsey, teaches God's way of handling money. This plan shows you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, and spend and save wisely. Dad's are encouraged to attend this class, as well.

**40-Minute Study:** This class is for people that are interested in learning more about the Bible but has a limited amount of time.

# SAV-A-LIFE VITAL SIGNS

## YTD Client Report As of February 2017

Client Visits **473**  
 Other Visits (Men/Guests) **11**  
 Children Served **277**  
 Bibles Given **546**  
 Gospel Shared/Spiritual Discussion **203**  
 Received Christ **5**  
 Re-Dedicated **4**  
 Layettes Given **28**  
 Attended "Finding Grace" Class **59**

## Pregnancy Services YTD As of February 2017

Pregnancy Tests **148**  
 Positive Results **119**  
 Ultrasounds Performed **63**  
 Made Life Choice After US **60**

## YTD Financial Report As of February 2017

Income \$ 15,152.89  
 Expense \$ 29,014.09  
 Net Income (\$13,861.20)



Mail Contribution Form to Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Center –801 Bradley Street SW, Decatur, AL 35601

All Contributions to Sav-A-Life are Tax Deductible!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ My Monthly Pledge

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ My Annual Pledge

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ A One-Time Gift

### Credit Card Information

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

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Expiration Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CVV Code \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN MEMORY OF** I contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_

### Person to notify of Memorial Gift:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**IN HONOR OF** I contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Honoree \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_

### Person to notify of Honorarium Gift:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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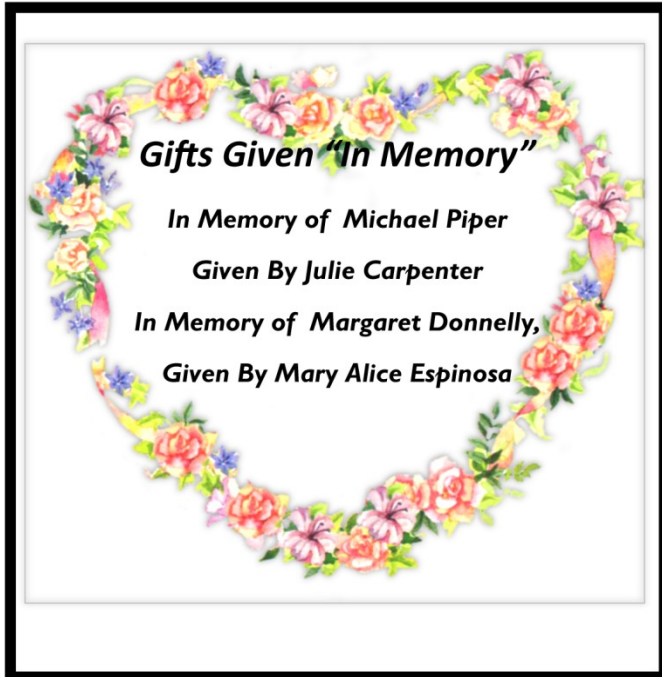
### You can give on-line!

- ◆ Visit our website at [www.decaturnpregnancy.com](http://www.decaturnpregnancy.com)
- ◆ Look for the "Donate" button in the top, right corner
- ◆ Make a one-time donation or set up recurring monthly payments

Your donation, regardless of the amount, is an investment in saving unborn babies from abortion!

## Our Mission Statement

Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Center is a Christian, pro-life ministry proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and providing practical, emotional and spiritual assistance to women, men, and children who face pregnancy related issues, who are threatened by abortion or who suffer harm from abortion.



### **Baby Closet Most Urgent Needs**

#### **New Items**

- Enfamil Infant Formula, Enfamil ProSobee and Similac Soy Formula, Enfamil GentleEase Formula, Nutrimagen Formula (store brands are fine)
- Size 4 & 5 Diapers

#### **Gently Used Baby Closet Needs**

- Boys & Girls Shoes-All Sizes from Newborn up to size 8
- Boys Summer Clothing 18 months-up to 3T
- Girls Summer Clothing 18 month-up to 3T

*We are always in need of Boys items,  
both new and gently used.*

We also accept used baby items such as high chairs, car seats, pack 'n' plays, baby beds, toys, etc.

## Did You Know?

Although there are Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Centers and Pregnancy Resource Centers across Alabama and The United States, we are all individual centers that are responsible for raising our own funds. All of our funding comes from donors just like you. We are very blessed to have churches, businesses and individuals that make monthly donations to us, as well as those of you that make one-time donations. It takes all of us to keep our ministry going, along with God's bountiful blessings. Any funding that comes into the Decatur Sav-A-Life stays in Decatur. We have realized that some people are under the impression that we receive funding through a national organization and just wanted to clear up any confusion about how we are funded. We pray God's abundant blessings on each of you and are very appreciative for everything that each one of you do to help support our ministry.

### **A letter from one of our donors...**

*Well, I tired to move my giving to a group near me, but I could not find one that presents the Gospel along with other services. An even better thing, next to saving a baby is to save a mother along with the baby. Use this donation to save the babies, moms and maybe some dads.*

*~GM from Stephenville, Texas - March 2017*

We love opening a donation envelope and finding an encouraging note written inside from the donor. Sometimes it's the little things that mean the most to us or that brightens our day!

# Baby Bottle Boomerang



The Baby Bottle Boomerang is an ongoing fundraiser that can be done at any time throughout the year. We would love for your church group or organization to jump on board with us and give the BBB a try this year!

You decide on a date that works for your group, we bring you the baby bottles and you distribute them to your group. They collect coins, currency or checks to fill the bottles and then you return the filled bottles to Sav-A-Life.

It's a fundraising event that everyone can participate in-from the youngest child to the oldest adult!

Call us at (256)355-3828 today to learn more about the Baby Bottle Boomerang, reserve your date to get bottles and do a fundraising event for Sav-A-Life.

Our Director would love to come speak to your church and share more about what we do at Sav-A-Life and kick off your fundraiser!