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THE PAIN OF GUILT AND THE POWER OF REGRET

BRENT LAMBERT
Founder & CEO

This is a picture of one of two bricks that I dug up with a backhoe over 20 years ago. Intrigued by their unusual shape and crudeness, I asked several people why they looked like this. I was told that most likely they were bricks made by slaves before the civil war. I've kept one all these years, not because it was a collector's item, but rather as a reminder of how slaves were treated in this country.

Bessie Mae Salter was a black lady who raised my brother and me for the first ten years of our lives. In my youthful innocence I once asked her if she had ever been a slave. She just smiled and said no, but said her grandparents and those before them had been. So I keep the brick for Bessie. I don't keep it out of guilt, because I had nothing to do with slavery. I keep it as a powerful reminder of how slaves were forced to live and for that I have something greater than guilt; I have regret.

Regret is a powerful emotion that causes me to never forget the horrors of slavery and causes me to never forget Bessie and her family. Most importantly, regret reminds me how evil human beings can be when they determine that someone else is less important and without rights. Whether that discrimination is based on a person's skin color or the fact that person is unborn and unwanted, we all need to have regret for this evil.



It is regret over sin that serves as a powerful reminder to Christians to remain vigilant so we don't enter into sin again. Regret reminds me "...but for the grace of God" I would still be under the penalty of my sin. Regret also impassions those of us who work at Birth Choice to share the power and the hope of the gospel with all the people who come to Birth Choice. Sadly the majority of them live under the penalty of their sin and the painful guilt of it weighs them down. So far this year the gospel has been shared 542 times with the men and women whom God has entrusted to us. We plant the seed and God gives the increase; so let's never forget the power of regret.

MOBILE UNIT UPDATE

Our Mobile Medical Unit was ordered a few weeks back and today we finalized the colors and design of the "wrap" that will go on it. We are expecting it to be completed and delivered in the next 3 to 5 months.

In the meantime before our Mobile Unit arrives, we will be very busy putting together our staff and volunteer teams that will serve our new clients in Hardeman, Fayette, and Haywood counties.

We have also begun meeting with churches from those underserved areas, explaining how the Mobile Unit will operate. It is our hope that they, too, will catch the vision of bringing ultrasound to women considering abortion in their own communities.



WALK FOR LIFE!

SEE ENCLOSED THE OFFICIAL WALK SPONSOR FORM FOR MORE DETAILS!

Join the fight – Walk for Life! These past couple of years have probably been the most exciting time to get involved in the pro-life movement. We have seen horrendous laws passed like the New York abortion law, and we have seen wonderful things like Abby Johnson's *Unplanned* movie generate more interest in pro-life volunteering nationwide.

If you are looking for a way to take a stand for the right to life and make a positive difference in the lives of preborn babies and moms in our community, then our 'Walk' is right for you! It uses peer-to-peer fundraising, so you will ask friends and family to sponsor your walk by donating or pledging to Birth Choice. Register at birthchoice.biz and get all the fundraising tools you need! The walk is fun for all ages.

At the event, you can expect an easy two-mile walk, food, music, games, jumpers, other family-friendly activities, and prizes for raising \$250 or more. The first 100 walkers to check-in that morning will receive a Zaxby's coupon for free chicken wings or Fingerz!



The Holy Smokers will be selling hickory smoked spare ribs and whole chickens at our Walk for Life. Order no later than October 1st at birthchoice.biz then pick up your order at the 'Walk for Life'!

TOTALS ARE IN FOR THE 2019 CHANGE FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN!

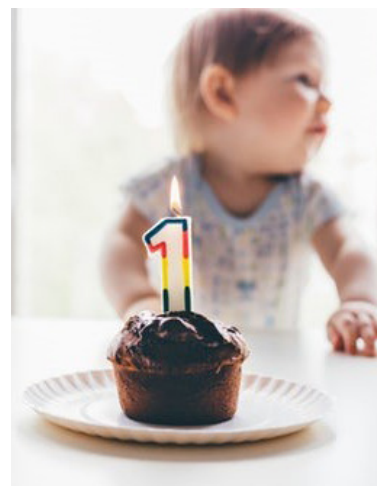
A huge thank you to all the participating churches, liaisons, and sponsors for taking part in our Baby Bottle Campaign! Putting your spare change in a bottle may not have seemed like a lot to you, but when the Body of Christ works together, big things happen! If your church missed out but is interested in participating next year, call or email Tiffany at 731-453-8159 or tiffany@birthchoice.us.

45 participating churches raised over \$48,500!

30 participating churches raised over \$15,500!

75 churches together raised just over \$64,000!

DONATE YOUR BIRTHDAY ON FACEBOOK . . .



... so an Unborn Child can Celebrate his First!

Many friends of this ministry have been helping us raise funds simply by donating their birthdays to Birth Choice. To date \$11,592 has been raised to help us save precious little lives! Our goal for this year is \$20,000. It's really easy! A few weeks before your birthday,

Facebook will notify you that you may raise funds for a nonprofit of your choice. Click on it and select Birth Choice of West TN. It will post on your timeline and friends and family can donate to Birth Choice in your honor. Thanks for helping BC save lives!



FROM THE HEART OF A VOLUNTEER NURSE

MARY YATES, RN
Ultrasound Nurse

I started volunteering at Birth Choice as a Client Advocate in the 90's. When Birth Choice began offering medical services in 2000 I was excited to begin performing ultrasounds since I was a registered nurse.

I have seen time and time again how God has used the technology of ultrasound to show a young lady the precious life inside of her. I have seen girls stare at the image of their tiny babies with tears flowing down their cheeks. Sadly, sometimes they explain

that their tears are from the memory of a child they aborted in their past. Other times it is because they have made up their minds that they will abort their child they are seeing on ultrasound. But Praise God the majority of times the women tell me they are crying tears of joy from realizing that there is a "real baby" inside of them, not just "a blob of tissue." Others are simply in awe of the little life that is growing inside of them. As a result close to 80% of abortion-minded women choose Life for their children! What a blessing and privilege it is to be a volunteer nurse at Birth Choice.



FROM THE HEART OF A VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE

LAUREN THOMAS
Client Advocate

I started training at Birth Choice in May 2018. My heart for women's ministry and advocating for the unborn was what led me to volunteer, but I could not have anticipated how blessed I would feel by serving at Birth Choice. From my first encounter with the staff and volunteers, I realized that these folks are not just ambassadors for a worthy "cause," but for Christ Himself. These women and men love the Lord passionately and their personal walk with Jesus drives them toward compassionate care for those who walk through our doors. Clients have told me that it feels like "love" or "home" or "cozy" inside Birth Choice. It feels like that to me as well.

I was integrated into the ministry immediately and effortlessly. I love that we pray for each other and encourage each other as we are ministering together. I have been privileged to serve in numerous ministry roles over

the years, but I can honestly say that Birth Choice cultivates a family atmosphere in a way I have never experienced.

Another way I have been blessed has been in serving the clients themselves. My favorite part is reminding women and those accompanying them that they are loved; they have dignity and value and purpose, and so do their unborn babies. What an honor to be able to share the gospel and pray for each client we see! This has given me greater boldness and compassion as I am reliant on the Holy Spirit more than ever to give me the words to say. Birth Choice is a gift to me!



FALL TRAINING SEMINAR

for New Volunteer Client Advocates and Nurses

Just three or four hours of your time once a week can make a difference between life and death for an unborn child.

Our fall training dates will be **October 1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 24th**
Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

It's important for you to attend all sessions if possible.
(Dates are for both the Jackson and Gibson County Locations)

Request an application today! Contact our Clinic Directors
in Jackson, Chris Veteto at chris@birthchoice.us
in Gibson County, Kelly Wall at kelly@birthchoice.us



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OF RN'S OR REGISTERED
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TO SERVE AT OUR
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PLEASE CONTACT KELLY AT
[KELLY@BIRTHCHOICE.US!](mailto:kelly@birthchoice.us)**

FROM THE HEARTS OF OUR CLIENTS

When our clients leave our office they are asked to fill out an exit survey. These are several comments they shared:

“[My nurse] explained the ultrasound where I could understand it and it just made me happy. The people at Birth Choice are very kind and considerate..... they show that they really care.”

“This was my first ultrasound so [it made me realize] that there is really a baby [inside me]. [The people at Birth Choice] are very caring and respectful of your decisions. You get all the information you need about you and your baby.”

This abortion-determined client was shocked when her ultrasound revealed twins. She said, “There are two to think about instead of one.” She changed her mind and chose life for her babies.

“Everyone [at Birth Choice] was very nice. Getting to see my little baby just excited me!” This client changed her mind after ultrasound and chose life.

“Coming to Birth Choice made me feel so much better about bringing my baby into this world.”

This client saw her baby on ultrasound and said, “It helped me a lot on making my decision. I liked [that there was] no judgment and just a good listening ear.” She changed her mind and chose life for her baby.



After her ultrasound, this client said,

“I thought about abortion a few times, but seeing him/her moving around, how could I? I loved the way the [ladies at Birth Choice] made me feel important. They talked to me and listened and also encouraged me and made me feel that everything would be okay. Everyone I dealt with was friendly and genuine.”



pictured above: children from the Fitts, Lagares, and Rasnic's families

LEMONADE FOR BABIES

What could be better than a cold glass of lemonade on a hot day and all it cost was a donation to help save babies? Now that's a win/win combination!

On June 4th, these kiddos decided to set up a lemonade stand to raise money to save babies. A glass of delicious lemonade only cost their customers a donation to Birth Choice. Together they raised \$224.62! After a tour through our clinic, one little girl decided to give even more. She added \$3 of her own birthday money, bringing the total to \$227.62. Thanks to all the kids and their moms for their hard work to help Birth Choice in the fight for life.



Choose Life

**WHAT A GREAT WAY TO HELP
BIRTH CHOICE SAVE LIVES!**

Tennessee's official, state-authorized "Choose Life" specialty license plates are available at your county clerk's office and can be purchased at a pro-rated cost regardless of your normal plate renewal date!

Each quarter, Birth Choice will receive a portion of the proceeds raised by the sale of "choose life" license plates! Those donations will grow and grow as pro-life Tennesseans show their support.



When you purchase the "Choose Life" specialty plate, you will support the choice of life in two ways:

- First, you're telling everyone who follows you down the highway that you "Choose Life" and they should, too!
- Secondly, the proceeds from the Choose Life plate are used to provide support and assistance to women and families facing difficult or unexpected pregnancies.



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*Faith Baptist Church,
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FROM THE HEART OF A PASTOR

Do you recall the book entitled *To Kill a Mockingbird*? It was published in 1960 by Harper Lee. She won a Pulitzer Prize the following year and her novel inspired a film that came out in 1962 starring Gregory Beck as Atticus Finch. The apex of the novel came when a rabid dog was seen in the street and someone had to do something. The sheriff handed Atticus Finch the rifle because the effort required a "one shot job." The strong point being made was that there are some things (civil and social) that society and government cannot solve.

God calls his people to live out the active obedience of Christ and we are called to finish what Jesus began to do and to teach (Acts 1:1). As Jesus' under-shepherd I am to be an example to the flock. It was through the gospel that He rescued me from sin and empowered me to aim to be a "one shot job" for my generation. The violent breakdown of the family which began in the 1960's is the rabid dog of the times to which I was born and to which we are called to labor.

Faith Baptist Church supports Birth Choice because they are a local ministry that assists the church in performing God's will for our times. Because of Birth Choice, families and lives are being rescued from the rabid dog of our local streets. Birth Choice is doing a great "one shot job"!

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FROM A BIRTH CHOICE CLIENT:

"My ultrasound made me realize that I'm really a mom now. I loved it!"