

The Pregnancy Care Center of New York

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Pregnancy Care Center Mission:

Acknowledging that every human life begins at conception and is worthy of protection, the mission of the PCC of NY is to offer servant hearted love, hope, and help to anyone considering abortion by presenting them with realistic alternatives and Christ-centered support through our life affirming network of counselors, churches, and individuals.

Board of Directors' Message

Dear friends,

Happy December, the month we celebrate the miracle of God taking on flesh in the womb of the virgin Mary! How near and dear is the incarnation to us, especially as we declare life at conception and the inherent value of that life.

It is exciting the way God has been building connections over the last year. The PCC has been able to be present at 18 Community Outreach events in 2022. The word is getting out that we are here to help and to provide for young moms.

Also, there is been a great work done together with local churches, strengthening our connection. This month Salem Bay Church hosted a Christmas party for our clients. What could be better than the churches working together to care for the people that God has given to us.

We want to see every life in the womb protected and provided for. The more people see the care of the Pregnancy Care Center; we pray the more God will open the minds of our culture to protect unborn lives. May the Lord use us for His glory and the benefit of our neighbors as 2022 comes to a close!

Outreach Coordinator — Jessica Bocaya

I just left Staten Island University Hospital where I met with Sabrina and rescued a baby that needed an emergency car seat!!! Mommy gave birth, was discharged and couldn't leave, and we came to the rescue!!

Executive Director's Message



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The story of Christmas is the story of the Light coming into the world. In John's version of the Christmas story, he uses the word "light" to describe Jesus five times (John 1:4-5, 7-9). Jesus himself made the great pronouncement, "*I am the light of the world, whoever follow me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life*" (John 8:12).

The Light came into the world to show us our sinfulness, but also to reveal the way of salvation, to bring us out of the darkness of sin and death and into His Kingdom of light (Colossians 1:13).

So how do we point people to the true Light during this Christmas season?

The Pregnancy Care Center hosted a joint Christmas party with Salem Bay Church on December 3rd for clients we have served this past year. Seventy-seven children and forty parents registered. Imagine the

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And guess what! As soon as I got out of my car, who do we see? Larissa’s boyfriend, Jonathan — the very first couple I ministered to at an outreach!! Larissa just gave birth today also!! So I was able to visit her and meet her baby and I was able to meet the client and bring her the car seat also, at the same time. Leo installed the car seat for her and her husband, and I carried the baby and snuggled him in there!!!



Jonathan with Leo and Sabrina

What a night of blessings. Only God can make these moments so perfect like these!!



Leo installing the car seat



Bianca’s baby in his new car seat



Larissa and Jonathan’s baby

smiles as our Outreach Coordinator Jessica greeted them at the door.

Each child had a wonderful time making cookies, singing, dancing and each child received a Christmas gift, but the most important gift they received this year was that Pastor Dan introduced them to the **Light of the World, Jesus Christ**.

Please join me to continue to pray for these dear children and for the children and families that the Lord will bring to the PCC in 2023!!

Merry Christmas!

In Him,
Arlene



Featured Pastor’s Corner *(We will be highlighting a different pastor every month)*



Pastor Dave Watson
Calvary Chapel

Greetings in the name of our Lord. I trust you are well at this Christmas season. The other day as I was thinking about the story of our Lord’s birth, I was struck by the number of pro-life lessons we find in the nativity story. This shouldn’t be unexpected. Mary was surprised by the news she was pregnant. She was expecting unexpectedly. Though Mary was a virgin carrying the Savior of the world, we can still draw some parallels from her experience. Here are a few pro-life lessons we learn from the Nativity.

Lesson #1 — Unplanned babies are planned by God. Mary was by all accounts a teenager who was engaged to a man names Joseph. She found herself unexpectedly dealing with an unplanned pregnancy. The ramifications of this news are almost beyond our comprehension. She had to explain it to her family, her fiancée and her community. She would have been shamed by so many people. However, this baby was part of God’s plan. That is what our PCC staff and volunteers share with our clients at every opportunity.



Lesson #2 — Unplanned babies often times require outside help. Mary, having been told the news of her pregnancy flees to the home of her cousin Elizabeth who is also pregnant. Interestingly, Elizabeth was married to a priest named Zechariah. Together, they lived in a town in the hill country of Judea which may have been a City of Refuge. Elizabeth wound up acting as a surrogate mother for Mary for five months. Her and Zechariah's house provided a haven for Mary. Our PCC seeks to be such a haven as well.

Lesson #3 — Unplanned babies are people from conception. It is interesting that when Mary arrives at Elizabeth's, she is probably 4-6 weeks pregnant. At Zechariah and Elizabeth's house, Elizabeth's baby leaped in her womb. Elizabeth calls the baby in Mary's womb, the six-week-old fetus, her Lord. This give us the Biblical worldview of babies. In the mind of God, babies are people whether they are in or out of the womb (the Greek word for baby is "brephos". It is used of a child in the womb — Luke 1:44, and out of the womb — Luke 2:12). This too is a message that our trained staff and volunteers share with women regarding their babies.

Lesson #4 — Unplanned babies often face difficult and harsh circumstances. Mary, being great with child, the gospel writer tells us (Luke 2:5-8) makes the rip from Nazareth to Bethlehem (over 80 miles). She gave birth to her baby and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn. Our PCC's staff and volunteers are there, each step of the way, to hopefully blunt the hardness of the circumstances these women and their babies face.

Lesson #6 — Unplanned babies need support after their birth. As you recall, the Magi presented three gifts to the baby Jesus: gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. When the Magi left, Joseph was supernaturally instructed to flee with Mary and baby Jesus to Egypt, where they stayed for some time. In all likelihood, they lived off the sale of the expensive gifts of the Magi. Our PCC doesn't see its job as done when one of our clients give birth. We are there for this new family for as long as they need us to be.

Lesson #7 — Unplanned babies can be the targets of self-serving politicians. Herod the great feared the Child the Magi spoke of, who would cost him political power. So he ordered all the babies under two years old born in the Bethlehem region to be killed. It was an angel that warned Joseph to take his baby out of Israel to Egypt. In fact, throughout the nativity story we find angels helping Mary and Joseph and their baby. At the PCC we try to be the pro-life "angels" our clients need in spite of the political climate.

In closing, let me say that God uses the pro-life "angels" of our Pregnancy Care Center and those who support their endeavors to regularly save babies and minister to their moms. God calls people like you and me to help these women and their unplanned babies. Please join this band of pro-life "angels" by volunteering and/or by financially supporting their efforts for the unborn and their mothers. Your financial partnership with the PCC is a special Christmas gift that changes a mom's mind, saves a baby's life, transforms a dad's heart and provides resources for a new family as they choose life.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Food for thought:

“She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21

What a gift to be called “his people,” to be forgiven!!
This good news should cause us, his people, great Joy! Merry Christmas!

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