

Words Of Life

May 2019

“Love Covers a Multitude of Sin”

There have been some angry girls to come through our clinic but this particular girl may have been the angriest.

Having been told she could never get pregnant due to a medical issue, she was angry to now be pregnant. She didn't want to have children and she did not think she could afford them. Besides, her relationship with the father of her baby was still new and her heart was set on a new career and traveling. She just could not believe she was really pregnant.

Her boyfriend seemed excited about the pregnancy and doted over her during the ultrasound. She did not want him to know she was considering abortion because he would not be in agreement with her at all. She confided to us that if she aborted, she would just tell him she miscarried.

We talked with her about her relationship with him and becoming a mother but it was hard due to her anger. She was more focused on what she wanted in life. She did not have any spiritual beliefs and refused prayer when we offered to pray with her.

You know, in any situation, love always covers a multitude of sin.

As angry as she was, she still came back to us for three different appointments. The last time she came to our clinic she was by herself. She begrudgingly told us she planned on parenting. She said she felt forced to have the baby because during the ultrasound she saw for herself that it was a “real baby”.

We reached out in love to her again and did what we could to show her she and her baby have value.

Upon follow-up by phone, we learned that she had an OB appointment and was taking prenatal vitamins. She realized and owned the truth that her baby is more than a clump of cells.

Even in the midst of her anger, she continued to say good things about her visit with us, calling us caring and understanding. Only God can change an angry heart in a seemingly impossible situation. Yes, love covers a multitude of sin.

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

1st Peter 4:8

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From a Director's Heart



Greetings from Agape House!

These are exciting days to be living in America! Before our very eyes we are seeing fellow Americans rise up and defend the unborn, hence legislation recently passed by neighboring states with more to come. I believe we will see Roe overturned in our life time as abortion is becoming unthinkable in the hearts and minds of our people.

Thank you for coming alongside us and taking your stand in this fight for life. With your help Agape House will continue to strategically engage our mission on a local level.

The numbers are in and we are most pleased to report that 2,983 sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth grade students in 27 schools participated in our sexual risk avoidance educational program this past school year.

Another 587 high school juniors attended our one day event held on the University of Tennessee Martin campus. Prevention at it's best and fully engaged!

The struggle is real on a personal level for six of our patients who are currently struggling with their own crisis pregnancies. This is a physical, emotional and spiritual battle for them. They are in the process of making a permanent decision with lifetime consequences.

And finally, as a healing balm, we have launched a brand new website fully devoted to reaching those who are hurting from a past sexual health experience or decision. If you would like to secure one of our attractive displays for your church please contact us for more information.

Yes, these are exciting times. We have been entrusted to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. It is an honor to remain steadfast alongside you in this battle for life!

Yours for LIFE,
Linda DeBoard, CEO
Psalm 139

WHY I SERVE.



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your computer or
mobile device.

We are Larry and Wanda Mullins. This May we will be married 52 years! We have 2 married sons, 7 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. We live in Dresden, TN and have been members of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Dresden for 43 years.

We had been introduced to Agape House a long time ago. Our understanding then was it provided confidential and free services to pregnant women.

Then Barbara Mullins, our daughter-in-law, started working at Agape and she told us of the many services they provided. If the woman mentioned abortion as an option, Agape House would provide information on what an abortion involves.

We knew abortion was wrong and often gave to Pro-Life organizations.

After learning of the work of the Agape House we felt led to support their work. Becoming a volunteer was a way we could give. We are the ones who receive a blessing every time we go. We love the Lord and praise Him for His amazing grace. He is the one who has brought us to where we are today.





Ron & Wanda Gray

First Church of God Union City, TN

What is your favorite part of being a pastor?

My favorite part of being a pastor is helping people come into and live in a personal relationship with Jesus.

How long have you served as a pastor?

I have been in the ministry since 1975, it will be 44 years in October 2019.

What does Sanctity of Human Life mean to you?

The Sanctity of Life is very important to me. God created man, ALL OF US, in His image and He breathed into him the breath of Life. Life is a gift from God and should be treasured and protected.

Why do you make it a priority to support Agape House?

Wanda, my wife, and I support Agape House because of our conviction that every unborn child is a gift from God and should have a chance to live. We have experienced having a grandchild born out of wedlock, who is a blessing to us. We have experienced losing a grandchild to a miscarriage and the pain that brought to our son and daughter-in-law. We have also experienced losing an adult son to Type 1 Diabetes. We support with prayer, donating at the spring event, and when possible attending the Walk for Life. We encourage others to attend as well.

Do you have any advice for individuals or organizations thinking of partnering with Agape House?

I would encourage everyone and every organization to support Agape House in some way. The First Church of God supports with a small monthly gift and participates in the Baby Bottle Project each year. If everyone/organization would do a 'little' - together we would do a 'lot'.

Is there anything about you or your life you would like to share?

I love the Lord with all my heart and I love my family. My hobby is working in our yard. In memory of our son, Daren, who died from T1D, we started the KEN-TEN WALK/5K TO CURE TYPE 1 DIABETES and will have our 6th event the 3rd Saturday in October at Graham Park in Union City.

Is there anything about First Church of God Union City you would like people to know?

The First Church of God in Union City is a family of believers who not only love God but one another and the community. We are a small church numerically but we strive to serve the community by partnering with other churches. We are involved in Soul Food Cafe, Feeding of the 5,000 and the Hometown Walk of Hope. In addition, we financially support other area ministries each month.

BABY BOTTLE UPDATE



With the help of our church partners and individuals this year, we were able to raise over **\$29,900** with our annual baby bottle fund-raiser!

Praise and glory be to God!

Thank you so much for your support this year!

Adams Chapel Baptist Church
Alamo Baptist Church
Beech Springs Baptist Church
Beech Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Bethel Baptist Church
Bethlehem Baptist Church
Bible Union Baptist Church
Cayce Baptist Church
Calvary Baptist Church
Central Baptist Church

Corinth Baptist Church
Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Eastside Baptist Church
Exchange St. Church of Christ
First Baptist Church - Dresden
First Baptist Church - Fulton
First Baptist Church - Gleason
First Baptist Church - Greenfield
First Baptist Church - Martin
First Baptist Church - Troy
First Baptist Church - Union City
First Assembly of God - Martin
First Church of God - Union City
First Presbyterian Church - Greenfield
First United Methodist Church -

Martin
First United Methodist Church - Gleason
Gardner United Methodist Church
Harris Station Baptist Church
Hodges Chapel Baptist Church
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Long Heights Baptist Church
Mack's Grove Baptist Church
Mt. Pelia Baptist Church
New Concord Baptist Church
New Home Baptist Church
Oak Grove Baptist Church
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church - Martin
Pleasant Valley United Methodist

Church
Pleasant View Baptist Church
Public Wells Baptist Church
Ralston Baptist Church
Ruthville Baptist Church
Sidonia Baptist Church
South Fulton Baptist Church
Stanley's Chapel United Methodist Church
St. Edwards Catholic Church
St. Jude Catholic Church
The Mission
Tumbling Creek Baptist Church
West Union Baptist Church

Quarterly Volunteer

Spotlight

We are thankful for your service to the ministry!

1st Quarter

Larry Mullins
Serving 8 Months!

2nd Quarter

Jimmy Carmichael
Serving 8 Months!



Thank
You

Mission Statement

Agape House provides sexual health services through educational and medical services.



Agape House, P.O. Box 473, Martin 38237 ~ 731-588-0339 ~ www.AgapeHouseFriend.com

Current Needs

Double A Batteries	Postal Stamps
Toilet Paper	3 x 5 Index Cards
White Cardstock	Walmart Gift Cards
13 Gallon Trash Bags	Multipurpose Floor Cleaner
4 Gallon Trash Bags	Lysol
Copy Paper	Large Tip Black Sharpies
#6^{3/4} Size Envelopes	Windex
#10 Envelopes	Individually Wrapped Snacks for Clinic Lobby

January - April 2019 Statistics

Initial Patient/ Ongoing Client Visits	102
Pregnancy Tests Given 28 (+); 9 (-)	37
Abortion Risk Patients Reached (pos. & neg)	17
Abortion Risk Patients (with positive test)	14
Abortion Risk Patients with Final Stated Intentions to Carry	6
Abortion Risk Patients who Aborted	2
Abortion Risk Patients who Miscarried	0
Abortion Risk Patients with Unknown Outcomes	6
Patients Receiving STI Testing	31
Spiritual Discussions with Patients	69
Bibles Given	6
Students Attending Abstinence Education Program	1658

Interested in Volunteering?

If you would like to know more about volunteer opportunities contact

Barbara Mullins at 731-588-0339 or
barbara@agapehousefriend.com

Financial Gifts

In Memory of:

Mrs. Treva Wren	By Anonymous
Dr. Robert Young	By Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Bruff
Mr. Paul Hopkins	By Exchange St. Church of Christ
Mr. Don Ladd	By Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hancock
Mr. Randall Ricketts	By Ms. Anitra Muse
Mrs. Clarice Goodlow	By Mr. & Mrs. Keith Fowler
Mrs. Neda Jo Campbell	By Mr. & Mrs. Keith Fowler

In Honor of:

Mrs. Kristin Pleasant	By Mr. & Mrs. David Lewis
Mr. Tanner Cole	By Mr. & Mrs. Bill Prather
Ms. Naomi Cole	By Mr. & Mrs. Bill Prather
Ms. Pyper Prather	By Mr. & Mrs. Bill Prather
Mr. Kyzer Prather	By Mr. & Mrs. Bill Prather
Mrs. Kristin Pleasant	By Mr. & Mrs. David Lewis



Medical Director

Dr. Karen Davidson, MD

Clinic Staff

Linda DeBoard - CEO
 Amanda Hicks, RDMS - Clinic Services Director
 Barbara Mullins, RT (R) - Client Services Director
 Kristin Pleasant - Clinic Receptionist
 Autumn Rain Smith - Director of Development
 Maci Reaves - Director of Finance
 John Hamrick - Education Team Director
 Donna Middlebrook - Education Presenter

Board of Directors

Pamela Adams - Chairman
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Medical Volunteers

Dr. John Howard, MD
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Office Support

Wanda Mullins

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