

# The Heartbeat



*Monthly Newsletter of Life Saver Ministries/January 2018  
Sanctity of Human Life Month*

## Light bearers & Life changers

Ask 100 different people what the words “sanctity of human life” means to them and you’ll likely get 100 different responses—or more! What does it mean to be a bearer of light, a steward of the great mysteries, a follower of the risen Christ? Ask 100 people this and you’ll likely receive just as many widely varying responses. So, my friends, what does it mean to us, the children of the God of all creation, with His eternal heritage coursing through our very being, to be those who honor life, those who defend the defenseless, those who live sacrificially as He did? I think what it means is, when united in purpose, we are an enormous threat to the evil that is actively destroying lives everywhere we turn. I think what it also means is that our counter attack on the evil that is all around must be multi-faceted, proactive and unrelenting. I believe in this year to come, we will have opportunities sent our way that we could easily miss unless we are vigilant, watching in eager anticipation for what and who God would send our way.

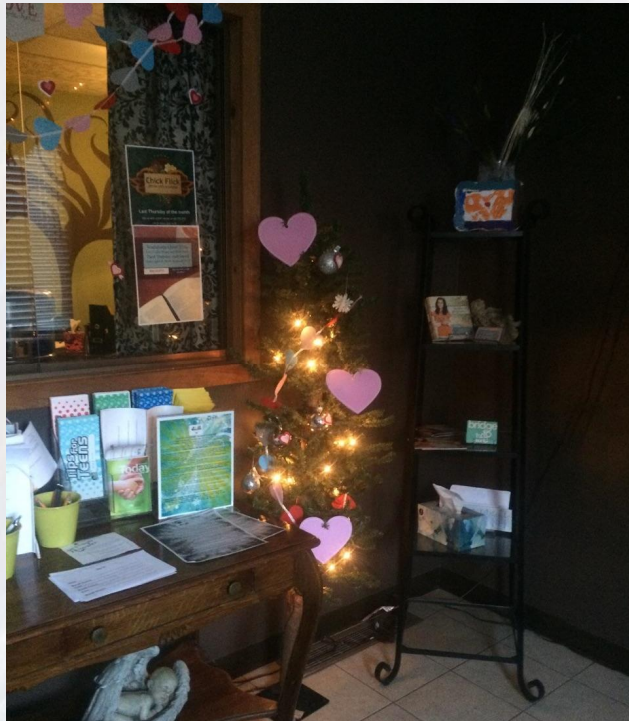
Having the privilege of being part of the “inside” of Life Saver Ministries, I can assure you that there are literally hundreds of people here in our immediate communities whom we have come into contact with this past year alone who are seeking and searching, who are being targeted by evil because they lack the godly leadership and protection of faith and family; there are children of all ages who are in need of the truth as they are navigating a world of virtual, electronic meaning and affection while unaware of very real threats to their wellbeing. There are adults who are yearning for the direction to get their lives on track for possibly the very first time as they have followed the unpredictable, treacherous paths of emotions, broken relationships, addictions and abuse. There are unborn babies who need a safe home to be born into and need someone to lovingly guide their family into the light of the Gospel as the shadow of generational abuse hovers over them. There are young teens who are grasping for meaning and significance in all the wrong places and would give anything to feel wanted and cared for. There are people of all ages being tempted by the lure of addiction to just escape the pain, dull the ache, fill the void, without realizing that it will cost them their very lives and leave a path of incomprehensible collateral damage in the lives of those left behind.

**Friends, we are in a dark, dark age.** We are in a battlefield and there are casualties all around. As we move into 2018 together, we need to be light bearers and life protectors more than ever. I promise you that this ministry can be a means by which God brings you in contact with a person or family of His choosing who He will use you to impact for generations to come. He might send a few your way who will break your heart a bit---all in preparation for having a more God-shaped heart; but don’t let that deter you! Often it takes steadfastness and heartbreak to make real relationships that bring about real change in the people we are trying to reach. Think of the ways His heart is broken every moment of every day. The ultimate sacrifice, the ultimate gift, and it is trampled under the stampede of apathy, counterfeit significance and cheap, knock-off versions of the beautiful love of our Heavenly Father. I am so incredibly thankful to be a part of this ministry of life saving and life changing work; whether we are part of the God’s bounty of salvation in the tilling phase, the planting phase, the watering phase or the harvesting phase of the lives we are serving I am reminded that in everything we do we are being pro-life in the truest, realest, highest calling of the words. With this amazing Solutions center planted in a tremendously high risk area, you and I have a doorway into broken lives that gives each of us beautiful opportunities to get involved, to get messy in the lives of those we serve. Our door is wide open to you to come in and get involved as we need you more than ever because they need **Him** more than ever. In opening our lives to others, we are proving that in being true to God’s mandate to us as His children, we are love in action for the unborn baby, the mother and the family as a whole. Thank you for being the support by which we can share the Gospel message by showing love in action. We are truly giving the very best we have to give to a community in need of saved lives and changed lives and as we embark on a new year, may the One Who has saved and changed each of our own lives shine brighter as we reflect Him to a world blanketed in darkness. To Him be the glory forever as we run toward the eternity that awaits, basking in His love and light. —Abbey Ballard, Ministry Director



# ~~New Year, New you!~~ *New Year, more of You!*

It's that time.....new year's resolutions, gym memberships, workout and eating plans, self care tutorials, relationship goals, new linens, debt reduction plans, household budget revamping, the list goes on as many of us put pen to paper, or stylus to tablet, and lay out the vision for the next year starting with all the changes that are needed to bring these goals to fruition. What an awesome thing it is to have the desire to better one's life and the knowledge to be able to determine what changes need to occur to bring about these changes in our existence. The prayer of our heart here at Life Saver Ministries both individually and corporately for the families we serve is for this upcoming year to have less of us and more of Him. More of the perspective that only His Living Word can bring. More of the realization that we are all completely and wholly loved and enough in the eyes of our Savior. That we hold the power of the resurrection—the ability to bring life from death because of Christ's redeeming love. What an awesome gift as we step into a new year with unlimited promise as long as there's less of me and more of You. May that be the prayer of our hearts and the realization made by those we are serving with the light of the Gospel. Every good and perfect gift is from Him, so we know that every real and significant change in a heart, in a life is from Him, as well. Please pray for the hearts who will be hearing these messages of hope whether it be for the first or the eight hundred and fifty first time! May they be readied by the Holy Spirit to receive and live the message of life! More of You, less of me, Lord we pray.



## *Help Wanted!*

With January being both the start of the New Year and Sanctity of Human Life month, we need your help! We are in need of individuals willing to:

Promote and pray for Life Saver Ministries and any current needs we have to your church congregation and church leadership. Schedule a Sunday for a missions update from Life Saver Ministries at your church.

Sign up to be on our e-mail newsletter list if you aren't already via [lifesaverheartbeat@gmail.com](mailto:lifesaverheartbeat@gmail.com).

Be the messenger and be sure our e-mail newsletter is circulating to your congregation's email list.

Be willing to host a diaper drive or baby supply collection at your church or workplace.

Be willing to come in and lead a ladies Bible Study, art or craft class, cooking class, or workshop to engage the ladies we serve with some additional life skills!

Help us in promoting Foster Care trainings to equip the church to meet the growing need of care for children and families in crisis on a temporary or long term basis.

Become a Life Supporter by setting up monthly giving at [lifesaverheartbeat.com](http://lifesaverheartbeat.com)!

All of the ways to listed above to help and get involved in Life Saver Ministries are strategies that any effective team has to put into place in order for a successful mission; with our mission being to promote life and point people in desperate need of hope to Christ, please know that whether you are surrounding the ministry in prayer, reinforcing with supplies from the back line, actively engaged in the combat of the front lines or rallying additional troops and supplies from afar, we are all in this important mission together and we couldn't do what we do without the consistent, sacrificial love, support and effort from every one of our team members—and there are hundreds of you! Thank you so much for standing by Life Saver Ministries as we head into our 33<sup>rd</sup> year ; may our Lord and Savior whose earthly life spanned that same amount of years, use us in ways beyond expectation and comprehension to turn our corner of the world upside down for Him and for His Kingdom that is completely contrary to the value and governing systems of this broken world. May the weak become strong, may death turn to life, and may the orphan become part of a family, and all the while, may they know we are Christians by our love.

If you would be interested in promoting the ministry at your church, we would be happy to send you our new ministry promotional video that is 3 minutes in length and a great way to introduce or re-introduce people to the current work of Life Saver Ministries. Contact Abbey at [lifesaverheartbeat@gmail.com](mailto:lifesaverheartbeat@gmail.com) or 518.725.5777 if you'd like to help in this way!

*Keep in touch!*

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