

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

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January 23, 2022

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Pregnancy Care Centers across Arkansas provide help to women with an unexpected or unwanted pregnancy. There are twenty-five centers that receive funding through Arkansas Baptists giving to the Dixie Jackson State Missions Offering. These centers provide physical, emotional, and spiritual support for women in crisis. While encouraging a mother to choose life, volunteers also begin a relationship with each woman to support them through the pregnancy and the many "firsts" that come after a child's birth. Parenting classes are very popular at each center.

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 - Most abortion patients are in their 20s and have already had at least one previous child. African-American women were 2.7x more likely to experience abortion than white women. Additionally, almost half of women experiencing abortion are below the poverty line.
 - About half of millennials support more restricted access to abortion while the majority of younger adults (18 to 29-year-olds) believe abortion should be legal in all or most cases.
 - Fewer Americans are viewing abortion as a moral issue and the percent who consider it morally wrong has also declined.
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Reaching out to the mother can result in saving a child.

PRAY... for women who find themselves in a circumstance they feel there is no way out but abortion... God provides another answer... LIFE!

GIVE... out of the abundance God has given you ... purchase items such as diapers or other items or donate money that can be used for materials, supplies or day to day expenses to run pregnancy centers

REACH OUT...There may be someone in your own church facing this situation or that has been through an abortion and is in need of God's healing

VOLUNTEER...at a pregnancy care center to share the love of Christ with women in need

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