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**Hours:**  
Monday- Friday  
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 27, 2007**

Fredericksburg Board Meeting  
6:30 p.m., Fredericksburg Office

**December 4, 2007**

Domestic Adoption Information Meeting  
6:30 p.m., Fredericksburg Office

**January 11, 2008**

Infant Adoption Awareness Training  
9:00 a.m. , Grace Memorial church

**January 20, 2008**

Sanctity of Life Sunday, Speakers Available

**February 5, 2007**

Domestic Adoption Information Meeting  
6:30 p.m., Fredericksburg Office

**April 26, 2008**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Legacy for Life Golf Event and Family  
Carnival  
Pendleton Golf Club  
Ladysmith, VA

## Celebrating God's Faithfulness

If you were unable to attend our annual fund raising banquet, you missed a real evening of blessing. We had the privilege of hearing the story of an adoptive family who received their precious little girl through Bethany's ministry.



Chris and Kathy Pendergraft with daughter, Sarah Ellen - adoptive family.

Our own Kathleen Lewis, case management specialist for the Richmond **Connections** program, shared how God transformed her life as she went through the difficult process of making an adoption plan for her daughter more than 26 years ago. Ron Gallagher shared highlights of how God is using the **Connections** program in the lives of young people.

Gloria Whitley and Dr. Anderson talked about how women in the greater Fredericksburg area are being reached by the pregnancy center ministry. A large percentage of women who received ultrasound services this year (42%) were considering abortion or were vulnerable to that option as a solution to their unplanned pregnancy. Many choose life when they see they are indeed carrying a baby.

Candy Boettcher and her staff prepared the tables with lovely flowers and served us a delicious meal.

**Bethany** also honored George and Marilyn Graves with the Guardian

award for their faithfulness in supporting this ministry.

Last, but not least, Jadiece Burke, Counseling Coordinator, accompanied by her husband, Josh, shared a beautiful song that God had laid on their hearts.



Jadiece and Josh



Joan Richwine presents George and Marilyn Graves the Guardian award.

It was a most encouraging evening for those who attended as we reflected on how God has blessed **Bethany** this past year. We know you will not want to miss this special event in 2008.

Joan Richwine, Director

**Verse for the year: "Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but to your name give glory, because of your mercy, and because of your truth." --Psalm 115:1**

## Year End Report

Overall, this has been a very exciting year at **Bethany**. At the writing of this Newsletter, we had already provided ultrasound examinations for 186 women. It is projected that we will see a minimum of 225 women in 2007, women who are challenged with the reality that they are carrying a life, not just a clump of tissue or cells.

The **Connections** program has trained seven couples to be Healthy Marriage Coaches and 11 unwed expectant parents have been served through this ministry. This year was a year of laying the ground for this program and we expect **Connections** to grow rapidly in 2008.

Thirty-five families have been assisted in some fashion in their adoption journey. Four couples are in the process of exploring the Embryo adoption program. One couple, who has waited 18 years for a child, is now expecting their first baby through this part of **Bethany's** ministry.

God also provided us with a new space at 1616 Stafford Avenue which allows our staff to function more productively. Supporters and clients find this to be a warm and inviting environment. We are thankful for this great location that lends itself to our ministry opportunities.

On the downside, we do need to make all of you aware that this is a critical time financially for **Bethany**, both nationally and locally. While we have minimized expenses and are good stewards of your gifts, at the end of September, Fredericksburg was running a deficit of about \$40,000. We have calculated that the pregnancy center ministry costs a minimum of \$132,000 per year. This includes part of the cost for the space we rent, staff salaries and supplies. Though we provide free ultrasounds to any woman who comes in the door, these services are not free. So far this year we have not received even half of the amount necessary to meet pregnancy center expenses. Without a substantial increase in giving we may have to reduce staff and/or hours of operation.

**How can you help?** Pray that God will sustain this ministry. We are a voice for life in this community and services are greatly needed. Then consider how you can help. We are looking for 10 churches to commit to \$5,000 a year. We would also like to find 10 individuals who could make that

kind of commitment. Perhaps you would like to "Sponsor a Day" (or two or three) at the pregnancy center. That part of the ministry costs about \$365 a day. Maybe you could encourage your youth group to have a car wash or some other fund raiser for **Bethany**. Perhaps you could be one of the 50 people we need to commit to \$1,000 a year in support of Bethany's work. If you believe in promoting life and encouraging women to choose life, it is vital that you help to underwrite the cost of this ministry. Otherwise, there may come a time when it can no longer continue. Please consider what part you are able to play in helping **Bethany** grow to meet the needs of the greater Fredericksburg area.

## Wish List

1. Small full size refrigerator, no larger than 10 cubic ft.
2. Twelve padded folding chairs.

## Prayer and Thanksgiving

**Thank** God for the provision of a high capacity paper shredder.

**Thank** God for Bryan Parker and his Sunday school class for coming to **Bethany** and providing much needed handy man work. They have agreed to check with us monthly to see what our needs are. **Praise** God for the servant hearts of these men.

**Pray** for birth mothers who recently placed their children for adoption and for others who should possibly consider this option for their children.

**Praise** God for the provision of another nurse (pending the availability of funds).

**Pray** that God would meet **Bethany's** significant financial need as this year comes to a close.

**Pray** that the staff will continue to work together for God's glory.

**Praise** God for the lives saved physically and spiritually in 2007.