



# Christmas 2013

**For unto us a child is born  
unto us a son is given**

For as far back as I can remember Christmas has been my favorite time of the year. I love everything about it – the music, the lights, the smell of cookies and cinnamon wafting, giving gifts, yes and even the cold & snow.

I just heard a Christmas song called “I Believe” by Natalie Grant. The last verse is so powerful :

*I believe in a cross, I believe He came for one, He came for all  
Heaven's Child became a plan, gave His life for me in spite of all I am  
I believe, I believe, oh I believe*

*Christmas lives in me  
I believe*

It got me to thinking though – do we really understand what it means to “believe” – this is an active verb meaning to “trust in, rely on, adhere to”. If we truly grasp the concept of “trusting in, relying on, adhering to”, we will capture the idea that Jesus was trying to convey throughout His entire ministry on Earth – that relationship with Jesus is about trusting in Him not only for salvation; but for daily wisdom, for direction.

Relying on Him is about setting aside any thoughts that we have and asking, “What is Jesus’ focus for this particular situation?” Adhering to Him is sticking so close to Him that wherever He goes, we go as well. When we are truly *following* we don’t have time to make decisions on our own and create our own paths because we are too busy focusing on the back of Jesus’ sandals.

At ACC we are about creating a culture of LIFE – physically, emotionally and spiritually. So when a client tells us that she (or he) loves Jesus or believes in God but sees no disconnect between that statement and their lifestyle we – in a loving way – strive to lead them towards considering what “believe” really is – trusting in, adhering to, relying on, and.....Following. And for those who claim no faith at all, we may be able to introduce them to Jesus. Through the idea of believing, perhaps they might begin to see Jesus as a man worth following. Believing leads to following and following leads to a powerful relationship with Jesus Christ.

Reaching our clients for Christ starts with us at ACC practicing active belief in Christ and truly understanding the power behind “trusting in, relying on and adhering to”. I think we’re onto something big. Because when we do this we will:

Trust Him to blaze the path before us  
Rely on Him for our every provision  
Adhere to every Biblical principle as we minister  
Follow Him so closely that His plans become our plans

I am asking you to partner with us in this journey of faith and active belief through:

**Prayer** – Pray for our Board, staff and volunteers that we trust, rely, adhere and follow Christ. Pray for our clients that they would choose life for their children and life eternal for themselves

**Giving** – As the Lord has prospered you I am asking you to consider an extra year-end gift towards this ministry. Will you join us in simply asking God what He would have you to give? Your gift could make a major difference in funding our vision for 2014! To donate, just click on the link in the main body of the email.

Merry Christmas! May this be a tremendous time of celebration for you as we celebrate the Christ Child who gives us the precious gift of eternal life if only we believe. It would be a joy to hear from you anytime. Call me with questions, comments or ideas at 419.281.1111.

Together for LIFE,

*Ducia*



# Life Lines

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*"For I know the plans I have for you,  
plans to prosper you and not to harm  
you, plans to give you hope and a  
future."*

*Jeremiah 29:11*

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### **Our Vision:**

Ashland Care Center is a Christ-centered ministry seeking to create a network of resources and education that affirms the Bible and the sanctity of human life.

# Merry Christmas



# from Ashland Care Center



# LIFEWALK 2013



## 2013 BUSINESS SPONSORS

Geyer-Hawkins Mkt - Granola Bars  
Mark Hamilton & Barb Queer - Bottled Water  
Mitchell's Orchard - Apples  
Ted & Kathy Smetzer - T shirts  
Wendy's-Wenco - Cups

## 2013 TOP WALKERS

Ann Kline  
Ruby Murphy  
The Halavaty Family

## 2013 SUPPORTING CHURCHES WITH MOST WALKERS

Grace Brethren  
Providence  
Bethel Baptist  
Christ Community  
Evangelical Free



# THANK YOU!!



## CLIENT SERVICES MEET NEEDS



### PARENT BOOT CAMP—"The Father Factor"

At Parent Boot Camp everyone learns they have a job to do when baby arrives - and everyone learns how to do their part. The "camp" and its hands-on methods prove that experience is the best teacher as fathers-to-be get the practice they need to prepare them for the challenges and joys of parenthood that are awaiting them.



Apprehensive rookies learn to attack the challenges of dressing, undressing, bathing, changing dirty diapers, and swaddling their baby with gusto, determination, and lot of humor.

When asked if the boot camp helped after his baby boy was born, new father Cody responded, "The class is helping me right now! Swaddling - it works!"

Father-to-be Shawn was really looking ahead when he said, "It gives a real perspective and gets rid of the jitters."



### M & M PROGRAM UNDER (RE)CONSTRUCTION

Recently the Care Center has been advised to change our M & M (Moms to Moms) meal program because of the liability risk to our ministry. We are making the necessary changes to keep the program active because we know it has been a blessing to many of our new mothers.

In the past we have asked our volunteers to deliver a home-cooked meal directly to the client's home after the baby's delivery. With the change instituted, we now will ask our volunteers to donate restaurant gift cards to the new family along with an attached card or note of encouragement and blessing.

Only the women who have been active in our educational program "Baby Bucks" will be eligible for the gift cards.

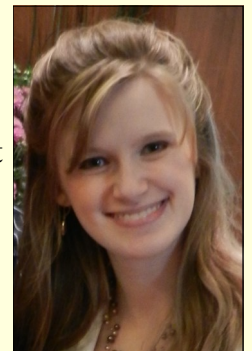


The gift cards can be for any restaurant in the Ashland area. We suggest a pizza shop that delivers, Wendy's, KFC, Lynn Way, Arby's, Burger King, or McDonalds. While we are not endorsing fast food, we hope our clients will take advantage of the many healthy choices at most of these restaurants. We also want the gift cards to stretch for as many meals as possible. A gift card in the amount of \$10-\$20 would be appropriate.

### INTRODUCING OUR NEW M&M COORDINATOR

As the above changes are being made, we welcome Sylvia Keller as the new volunteer coordinator for the M&M program. Sylvia hails from Texas where she was a staff RN in labor and delivery. She recently relocated to Loudonville where she and her husband Jonathan just had their first child, Luke. She is an active member of the Vermillion Baptist Church.

We want to thank those who have participated in the M&M program by providing home-cooked meals for our clients. It is so encouraging to see the joy and appreciation of the families we are able to serve through your hands! Please contact Sylvia at (281)615-1755 with any suggestions you may have or if you would like to donate a gift card.



# SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY

## January 26, 2014

6 PM

Join Us:

*Worship • Testimonies • Communion • Fellowship*  
*• Call to Action •*  
*• Special Memorial Service for Lives Lost to Abortion •*

Southview Grace Brethren Church  
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Ashland., Ohio  
(across from Ashland High School)

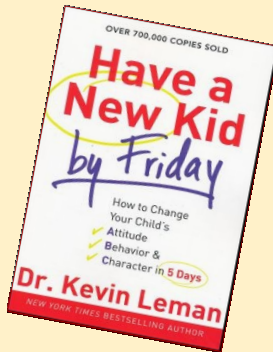


### ASHLAND CARE CENTER'S CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

The boutique is in **desperate need of baby wipes & diapers, especially newborn and size 3 diapers**. Please add this to your shopping list so we can help our clients have a merrier (and drier!) Christmas season.

### A NEW WAY TO EARN BABY BUCKS!!

We're always looking for new ways to help our clients earn their "Baby Bucks" so we are offering a new video-book study, using Dr. Kevin Leman's book "Have a New Kid by Friday - How to Change Your Kid's Attitude, Behavior, and Character in 5 Days." To quote the book's inside flap - "Today's kids are unionized and they've got a game plan to drive you up the wall. But you don't have to let them call the shots." We want to help our clients get a head start on loving discipline so this eight session study will focus on helping parents learn take-charge parenting strategies. For our purpose, clients will read a chapter and then we will watch a video and discuss what they learned. This six-week read/video study process will conclude with two more sessions to look at and discuss some specific areas of discipline.



### MEET OUR NEW OFFICE MANAGER

The Care Center is pleased to introduce Becky Gray who has taken over the reins as our new office manager. Becky comes to us with a vast array of experiences ranging from doctors' offices to care centers to private business.

She is a graduate of Loudonville-Perrysville schools and lives in the Perrysville area with her husband, Wayne. They have three adult children and five grandchildren. Becky loves the part-time aspect of the job and says she considers it to be a perfect fit. While as the "newbie" she says she has moments of feeling overwhelmed, she says her co-workers are "awesome." "I think this is going to be fun," she added.

**Welcome Becky!!**

