

FROM THE DIRECTOR

One of the blessings of serving at Crossroads is the joy we share when we see the Lord working in the lives of our clients; and of course we ultimately find that as we serve He is working in our lives as well.

I've had the privilege of working long-term with a young woman in the parenting program. Not long ago she trusted Christ as her Savior and Lord. We currently are having Bible study together and, though she still faces difficult circumstances, she now has hope for her future and the future of her children.

As we talk, I can see that the Lord is building a testimony of His grace in her life. To have come from the place where the Bible was impossible to understand, to the point where it speaks to her heart, directing and teaching her, is a joy to behold!

What's taking place is that little-by-little, she is growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. How we rejoice in that. And it prompts us to take a look at our own hearts and lives and ask if we are experiencing the same grace and growth, knowing that no Christian ever arrives until we see Christ face to face.

*Beloved, now we are children of God;
and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be,
but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him,
for we shall see Him as He is.*

--I John 3:2

And as we think about Christmas, Titus 2:11-14 is a wonderful reminder and exhortation for us:

*"For the grace of God that brings salvation
has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying
ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously,
and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope
and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every
lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people,
zealous for good works."*

Maranatha, Diane Clark

BUT WHEN THE
FULLNESS OF THE
TIME HAD COME,
GOD SENT FORTH
HIS SON, BORN
OF A WOMAN,
BORN UNDER THE
LAW, TO REDEEM
THOSE WHO
WERE UNDER THE
LAW, THAT WE
MIGHT RECEIVE
THE ADOPTION AS
SONS.
— EPHESIANS
4:4-5



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS!!**

THE GREATEST GIFT

One thing the economic downturn may accomplish is to take us back to a deepened focus on the manger in Bethlehem, that starlit place where our Savior was born. Let's face facts, America in general has become increasingly materialistic.

There's one thing no person will ever accomplish: We will never "have it all". Currently running on television is a credit card commercial in which a guy is shopping for a new flat screen TV. The melody's accompanying lyrics are, "I want it all; I want it now." That will never happen but is representative of how many people feel. But there is no material gift, in spite of our appreciation for it, which is able to completely satisfy. "More" is always calling.

This is the exact opposite of what Christmas should be and unfortunately, in our efforts to bring our children the joy of Christmas Morning, we have a tendency to overdo the Christmas gifts. I'm as guilty as anyone.

My prayer this year for all of us is that there will be wonderful peace and contentment as we celebrate Christ's birth—that we come to a quiet place of reflection on the simplicity of Jesus' birth and the magnitude of its purpose.

Enjoy the glorious Christmas hymns, serve those less fortunate, enjoy family, friends and the Christmas meal, even if it isn't quite as bountiful as some you may remember. And let's set our hearts to be thankful. Thank Him for His gift that fully satisfies. Those who know the Lord are truly blessed, and in the extravagance of eternity, we *Have it All*.



PREPARING FOR YEAR-END GIVING

If you are one who makes charitable donations toward the end of the year, here are a few tips to help you make the most of your year-end giving.

CALCULATE YOUR INCOME:

Take some time to calculate your federal income tax liability for the calendar year. Giving now may help you significantly reduce large tax liabilities, as well as support the ministries of the pregnancy center. Your opportunity to obtain current tax deductions will end **December 31, 2008**. If you are mailing in your donation, it will need to be **postmarked** no later than December 31, 2008.

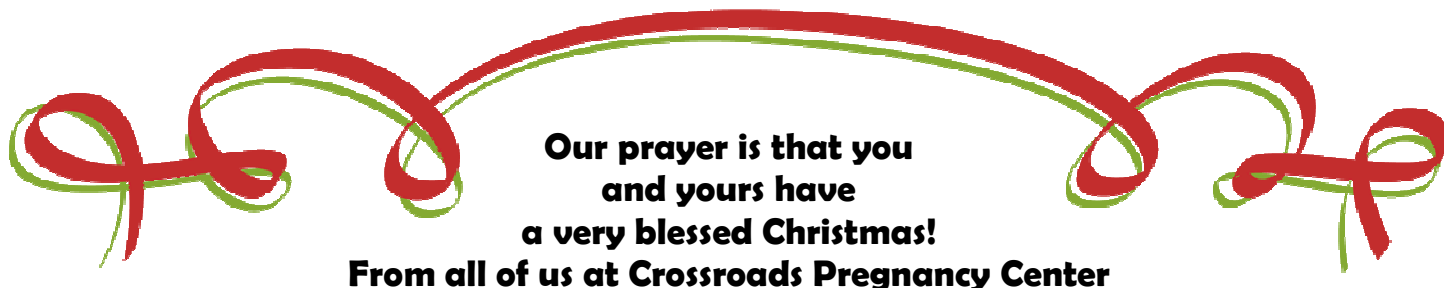
CONSULT YOUR ADVISOR:

Before making a significant gift to any non-profit organization, you should have your CPA or other financial advisor help you understand the impact of your donation on your income tax return and your estate.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE:

For your donation to be eligible for a 2008 tax-deduction, it must be received in our office or postmarked by **December 31, 2008**. Donations can be made in the form of cash or check.





**Our prayer is that you
and yours have
a very blessed Christmas!**
From all of us at Crossroads Pregnancy Center

Jane Avitia, Gwen Bader, Allyn Beauchamp, Debi Bridgford,
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SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

January 18 marks the 36th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Crossroads will provide informative bulletin inserts to local congregations. A spokesperson is available to address churches and we have several copies of a wonderful 6-minute video, *Life Is Sacred*, available to those congregations, Bible study or youth groups who would like to show them. If you're interested, call the Center for more information.

YOU GLADDEN OUR HEARTS! Thanks to the anonymous donor who is paying for gift cards so our neediest clients can buy some clothes.

MOM STORE NEEDS

The Center is completely out of diapers sizes 4 and 5, with size 3 not far behind.

Also needed are diaper wipes. Currently the cupboard is bare. We are also having a lot of women come in with referrals from other agencies for diapers, clothes, and such. We are in short supply of size 4T pajamas, warm pants, & tops. If you see anything at a thrift store or a yard sale, please remember them. Donations of any of these items would be so appreciated and we can give receipts for tax purposes.



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- Working with clients at the Center.
- Providing support services (clerical, housekeeping, Mommy Store).
- Opening my home to a woman in need.
- Committing myself to praying on a regular basis for individual clients.
- As the Lord provides, I would like to pledge \$_____ per month.
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