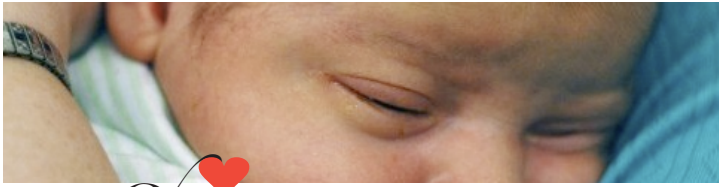


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## A Few Choice Words from your Director

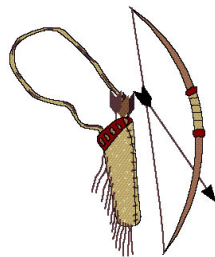
The heading of my NAS Bible for Isaiah Chapter 49 reads, "Salvation Reaches to the End of the Earth." In my case, it reached all the way to Rosewood Road in Harrison County, Indiana. I received Christ on Palm Sunday at Moore's Chapel United Methodist Church at the behest of the Holy Spirit and Rev. Joe Hook. It was quite a few years ago, but the memories are as vivid as a spring sunset. Recently I was drawn back to that time when I heard a speaker quote Colossians 2:6 "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him."

I reflected on "how" I received Christ, the profoundness of His atoning sacrifice, and what exactly was my reaction to this revelation at age 13. In my quiet time I've been reading in Isaiah and Chapter 49 has become one of my favorite pieces of Scripture. This passage speaks of Jesus' ministry, but being in partnership with Him also makes it our calling.

Listen to Me, O islands, and pay attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called Me from the womb; from the body of My mother He named Me. And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He has concealed me, and he has also made Me a select arrow; He has hidden Me in His quiver.

So, how did I receive Christ? In the SHADOW of His hand.

- Surprised by His love
- Humbled by His care
- Amazed by His grace
- Dumbfounded by His sacrifice
- Overwhelmed by His mercy
- Willing to accept His plan



I am sharing this with you to help you get a clear picture of the ministry that happens at Choices for Women five days a week. Young women and men walk through our doors never having the privilege of a Rev. Joe Hook in their lives. Yet within these walls our volunteers share the great love of Christ which we pray draws them to repentance. Their lives are hard and pain and rejection are daily burdens, but we can introduce them to the One Whose salvation has reached their end of the Earth.

**Isaiah 49:25b "For I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your children."**

## Is the Secret Life of a Teenager Really a Secret?

by Shari McCutcheon

My 14 year-old son and I recently watched the TV series, "Secret Life of An American Teenager." This show centered around Amy, a 15 year old, who discovered she was pregnant after having sex for the first time. There were many dynamics in the show. For me and my son, it gave great opportunity for discussion about how the choices you make now determine your future.

I wondered how many parents have or take the opportunity to sit down and openly talk to their children about the pressures they are faced with and the choices they are making. I know for myself, if I wasn't working at Choices for Women, I probably wouldn't have had the information, tools or the courage to speak truth with my son about his sexuality. This is why I am so excited to be a part of the P.U.R.E. (People Upholding Relationships with Encouragement) Group.

P.U.R.E. Group is a partnership with other people and organizations that promote healthy relationship building from choosing our friends wisely, courting, making a decision for sexual purity, risks of STI's, building happy marriages and families. P.U.R.E. Group meets the second Tuesday of every month at 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at Choices for Women. Our goal is to be united in making an impact in our community with a purity message. We realize that not everyone can attend the meetings. However, we want to invite you to be a part of our speaker's bureau. If you, or someone you know, want to help us make an impact by speaking in the schools, youth groups or community groups, consider attending our upcoming training for our curriculum. We've selected a state approved curriculum called CPR (Creating Positive Relationships) to be our standard program to offer to the schools. In order to be a CPR presenter, you must be trained by the CPR trainer.

The CPR Training will be held, July 14, 15, and 16 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The location is to be determined. July 14 and 15 will be the middle school curriculum and July 16 will be the high school curriculum. The cost for the middle school manual is \$50 and the high school manual is \$40. The cost is strictly for the materials that you will receive. The cost of the trainer is being covered through other resources.

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***Secret Life cont.***

We're also looking for places to speak, so if you, or someone you know, are a part of the education system, the PTO, a youth group, or community organization, keep us in mind.

Come help us be a part of speaking truth to the next generation, so there doesn't have to be any more secrets. If you would like more information or to attend any of these events, please call 812-941-0872 and talk to Shari or Rose.

***Our Clients Say***

Our new clients are asked to fill out a short questionnaire to tell us about their visit.

Here are their answers to one question: What did you like best about your visit?

- The spiritual guidance
- I didn't feel like I was being judged
- Learning about being baptized
- How respectful and helpful they are
- Felt accepted and understood, got the help I was needing
- The warmness I got from the staff
- The confidentiality, kindness, and concern
- The worker was very helpful and caring
- Felt like family
- My mentor was so willing to offer help and to get help for me

***CFW 1st Annual Golf Scramble***

Join us for the Choices for Women First Annual Golf Scramble at Valley View Golf Course on Sat., Aug. 8. Shotgun start at 8 am. Your company can be recognized as a supporter of the work of Choices for Women for your tax-deductible hole sponsorship of \$250. Foursomes can register for \$400, individuals at \$100 will be assigned as available. This includes a full 18-holes and complimentary lunch. Come out for a day of fun on the course while supporting the ministry of Choices for Women. All proceeds benefit CFW. Deadline for hole sponsorship and team registration is July 31. For questions or to register, call Rose at 812-941-0872.

***Walk for Life 2009***

Choices for Women is making plans for the Fifth Annual Walk for Life on Saturday, Sept. 19. Preparations are underway to make this the biggest and best Walk ever. Last year 250 of our closest friends showed up to support the work (in spite of the threatening sky). These faithful folks raised over \$14,000. Our underwriters donated over \$2000 to cover the cost of shirts and promotional materials.

This year the Kickoff Breakfast is Saturday, August 1, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Graceland Apex. You'll be fed a hearty meal and then instructed on how to make the Walk a huge success in your congregation or group. You'll be given bulletin inserts (flyers), registration forms and posters. The Kickoff Breakfast is free, but reservations are required. Call Rose at 812-941-0872 or email info@choicesforwomen.org for more information.

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