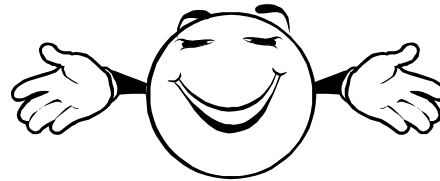


# Anderson Care Pregnancy Clinic Newsletter October 2008

*Please welcome Greg Dixon, he has joined the CPC Board of Directors. Greg is married to Vickie and they have two grown children. They are active members of NewSpring Church and have a heart for this ministry.*

*Also welcome Susan Wiedemer to the Anderson Care Pregnancy Clinic Staff, through God's mercy, grace and faithfulness, He continues to guide & provide for all our needs and those of all His children. Susan has come on board as our new administrative assistant all the way from New York State. She is happy to be reunited with her daughter, son-in-law and 5 grandchildren in sunny warm South Carolina and is looking forward to a winter with "no snow", and is especially grateful for the opportunity to serve and minister to our staff and clients.*



## The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Golf Tournament!

Our proceeds (if the pledges all come through) totaled around \$21,000.

There are so many people who helped make this golf tournament such a huge success

I am afraid to list them for fear of leaving someone out.

***Thank you to All who were involved!***



Dear Donors,

Our next page is a testimony written by parents of an adoption from "one of our girls"! The story is very touching and grabbed my heart as I read it. I wanted to share it with you so that you can see God's hand at work here at the CPC. As I sat down and read it, I could see how God orchestrated every move. I invited you to see how God has woven the threads together to make this story so complete.

I also wanted to let you know how much you – our donors - are so appreciated. It seems as though we have made great strides in "growing" the ministry during the past couple of years. There are many people who have helped us so much in this ministry. Continue to pray for us as we hear the stories, cry with our clients and help meet them where they are in order to reach their lives for Christ.

Also, as a reminder that Christmas is just around the corner; should you or your church, Sunday school class or home groups like to sponsor a family please give our office a call. (231-0077)

# ACPC

## MISSION STATEMENT

To uphold the sanctity of life by promoting sexual purity and sharing the love of Christ with those facing a crisis related to pregnancy through proclaiming needs. We believe that the life of the pre-born is precious—so too, is the life of the mother.

## MEDICAL STAFF

Timothy Duniho, MD  
Susan Wham, RT, RDMS  
Jennifer Lawson, RN

## BOARD of DIRECTORS

Avis Lawson - President  
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Dr. Glenn Taylor - Secretary  
Greg Dixon - Board Member

## ANDERSON CARE PREGNANCY CLINIC

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## HOURS of OPERATION

Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Thursday  
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## Opportunities to Serve !

The wonderful thing about the ministry at the ACPC is that there are so many opportunities to serve and become involved. Young, old, man or woman, you have something to bring to the table. Listed below are a few of the ways in which you can join in this ministry.

☆ Become a prayer Partner

☆ Become a monthly Partner in Giving

☆ Offer one day per week/month to clean the office/yard work

☆ Volunteer to pick up for our Furniture Rescue Mission

☆ Encourage your local civic/church groups to have someone from the ACPC to speak

☆ Become a volunteer counselor

☆ Host a baby shower

☆ Encourage your church youth group to volunteer to participate in yard work



## Our White House Needs

- \* 8 Storage Totes
- \* 6 laundry Baskets
- \* 8 Throw Rugs (5x7)



## Items Needed:

- Furniture (household items)
- High Chairs
- Strollers
- Baby Swings & Beds
- Walmart Gift Cards

**\*\*Enclosed is Christmas Fundraiser for ACPC – Get gift certificates – and a wonderful way to support ACPC please call Frieda Mitchell at (864) 933-1160 for details\*\*\***



## Things God Did

So here goes the story!!! Russ and I had decided to have children and had started the process of trying whatever that means. Nine months later there was no luck, we talked with our doctor and at that nine month point we decided we would take the roller coaster ride of adoption. (We are in the first week of August by this point). We had been calling people, asking questions just trying to learn who had used what agency and lawyers, etc. A friend of Russ' family, who he went to church in Anderson as a child, works at the Anderson Crisis Pregnancy Center. We called her after me bugging him to call her for 3 weeks just to find out they have only had 5-6 adoptions in the past 3 years. So we thought this pathway was out! We also looked into DSS adoption services but were afraid that we would get a child and then lose them back to their parents or other family members. So we decided to put in our application to Bethany Adoption agency at the first of September and our first general meeting in Columbia would take place October 10<sup>th</sup>. (God's plan was better)

Last Wednesday afternoon about 2:30pm Russ called me right before we were about to start the next heart cath at Anmed to see if I could leave work right then and go interview for a baby. Inside I am like "seriously?" We got to the pregnancy center and the mom was sitting patiently waiting. She had already interviewed with two other families, but did not feel comfortable with them. One of the families had driven all the way from Charleston because the birth mother had seen their scrapbook that we had never created. But God was in control and had used our friend Julie to tell our story for us. Needless to say we didn't have all the right things or had asked all the right questions before getting to this point. But within five minutes the birth mother had made up our mind and said that she wanted us to be the parents of her little girl. We were floored! We said that we would have to pray about it and talk with our parents. God was moving so fast we could not keep up. Our plan was that we would tell our parents at Christmas because the normal adoption stuff takes about a year not 7 days. So we called and shocked our parents who began praying and asking all the parental questions which was great and funny at the same time.

Eight the next day which was Thursday last week we called to say that we would adopt her. Now it was the mom's turn to make sure this is what she wanted to do. Then things got tricky because of the legal stuff and transportation issues and all the other stuff involved. Long story short it turned out to be a long weekend and we were trying to guard our hearts because we did not want to get our hopes up too soon. Thankfully we were able to schedule an emergency home study Friday night and we had our closet family and friends praying. It still however was a long, long, long, long weekend. On Monday we contacted the mom at lunch because the process was at a stand still. She wanted us to discuss the visitation agreement before she signed and it had not been covered by the lawyers. So we planned to get together the next day on October 7 at 5:30pm to do all the signing. We were excited but it was a long day because Russ' uncle was having surgery and it was my B-day. But God changed the time to an hour earlier so Russ and I were rushing to get ready with knots in our stomach. We made it to the lawyer's office with two minutes to spare and met our daughter for the first time. The mom had a close friend there with her, some one who she could go to for advice; she was a pastor's wife at a church in her home town. The mom was going to be signing over her rights and this little girl would be ours. The birth mother didn't realize once we signed the paper work that we got to bring her home with us yet she pushed through and was willing to sign. I have never met such a hero. In order to help her we set it up to let her go home with the baby and say all the good buys to her family and then the birth mother's friend could pick her and the baby up and meet us at an agreeable meeting place. (We got our baby from CVS how many people could say that!!)

So before we got her we went to Wal-Mart and picked out some essentials and when we got home there was double what we had bought on our porch, people had blessed the socks off of us! We went out to dinner near the meeting place and filled our stomachs just to over up the butterflies. When we got to CVS and put the baby in our car, mom and I went over her routine so I would have an idea what to do. She took really good care of her. Mom and baby said good bye and we all prayed together. This mom is so brave in our eyes, she has 3 other children and shared that she just wants better for this little girl and by placing here with us it will free her to be a better mom to her other three children. So with our hearts glowing and Russ' hands gripped on the steering wheel we drove our new daughter home.

So the baby... She is 9 weeks old born on August 6, 2008 and she is gorgeous!! Her name is Addison May Bennett and she has a full head of beautiful brown hair and light brown eyes. She is sleeping through the night and is one of the happiest babies you will meet. She is a huge blessing to Russ and me God has been so gracious. We have also been blessed by people really helping us out with seats, diapers, and etc. We went from not having the first baby thing to having a baby girl in the house with us! She has a room that was pink when we bought our house and of course we painted it blue, go figure! But what she does have are two parents who are absolutely crazy about her!!

### Things God Did:

- **Made this adoption almost completely free in comparison to the \$16,000 to \$30,000 dollar cost.**
- **Spoke through a close friend instead of a portfolio or process**
- **Placed a love in the heart of the birth mother for us and not two other couples**
- **Gave our parents understanding and the power to pray.**
- **Addison was conceived the same week we started trying to have children and praying God would answer that prayer.**
- **Worked out an adoption in 4 days if you do not count the weekend.**
- **Gave us a little girl who we love and who is a blessing to love.**
- **Gave us friends who poured out their love on us.**
- **Kept our guarded hearts from being hurt and giving us more than we could ask for.**
- **Provided time off for us both to be with our new daughter**
- **He also taught us that when we pray he listens and answers on His time line not our own.**

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