

Missions Update Life Choices Center

*A safe, confidential place to discuss
options for unplanned pregnancy.*

93 Oak Street, Binghamton



Good Evening,

March 2025

In this month's newsletter, I wanted to share a special client story to remind you of the incredible impact of your support. We are so grateful for every conversation and every opportunity to be love and speak words of life and hope to men and women who come to us in crisis. THANK YOU for your part in making moments like this possible!

From Fear to Confidence: Naomi's Journey

Back in September, we shared Naomi's story—a young woman facing an unplanned pregnancy. Today, we have a special update on her journey.

Naomi came to our Center last summer, feeling overwhelmed and alone. Nervous and withdrawn, she hid behind her sunglasses, reluctant to open up. I had the privilege of walking alongside Naomi that day, and as we talked, she cried as she shared about her two previous abortions, describing them as "traumatizing." She felt like she had no choices back then and didn't think she could go through it again.

She kept repeating, "I can't have a kid...I can barely take care of myself, let alone another human being." With no support from the baby's father and strained family relationships, she felt stuck.

We gently walked through all her options, including adoption, which she considered. During her ultrasound, she told the doctor to turn the monitor away so she wouldn't have to look at the images. The doctor told her she was 9 weeks pregnant. He attached pictures of her baby to the back of her paperwork, just in case she decided to look at them later. Afterward, we gave her space and time to process her emotions, reassuring her that she was not alone, and that support was available.

Fast forward seven months...

One day, during a particularly busy baby store day, I was called downstairs to help. I was surprised to see a very pregnant Naomi shopping for baby clothes! I hardly recognized her—gone was the fearful, withdrawn woman I had met months earlier. Instead, I saw a confident, joyful mom-to-be excitedly preparing for her baby boy's arrival. I hadn't seen Naomi since that initial meeting last summer, but I happily discovered she had taken some of our online parenting classes, and this was her first visit to our baby store.

The following week, Naomi let us know she gave birth to a healthy baby boy! He arrived earlier than expected, and we were able to provide her with some much-needed premie clothing.

This "full circle" story is a beautiful reminder of how God works—turning fear into confidence, uncertainty into joy. We are grateful to have been part of Naomi's journey and to see her transformation. Thank you for making stories like Naomi's possible!

Name changed to protect client confidentiality

What's New at the Center

We are excited to announce the newest addition to our Life Choices Center team, Rebekah Lane, who has joined us as our Smart Choices Director. In her role, she will be working Men's Director, Matthew, and our Office Assistant, Kerri, taking care of our clients working through our programs and services. Additionally, she will oversee our female volunteers. She will contribute to our team and her skills and passion align perfectly with our mission.

Welcome, Rebekah!

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Welcome

March 30, 2025



South Apalachin Baptist Church

KNOW CHRIST | PROCLAIM CHRIST | SERVE CHRIST

Praise & Worship Service

March 30, 2025

Welcome - We are Glad you are Here!

Prelude.....Nancy Crane

Announcements

Praise & Worship Praise Team

Songs: *I Believe*

In Christ Alone

Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

Children grades K-4 are dismissed to the Fellowship Hall.

Scripture & Prayer: **Galatians 5:1-6**.....Jim Hall

Message: **Stand Firm** Pastor Cory

Closing Song: *It Is Well* Praise Team

Closing Prayer Pastor Cory

KIDS KLUB

Verse for the Last Week of Kids Klub

Younger & Older Kids - Ephesians 6:20

For which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Schedule of Events

Today

March 30, 2025

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

5:45 pm The Loft

5:00 pm Meet and Greet with Walid & Rima Bitar
Light refreshments will be served

6:00 pm Evening Service with Walid & Rima Bitar

This Week

March 31 - April 5, 2025

Tue 6:00 pm Sneaker Night Gym

7:00 pm Holden Small Group Double Classroom

7:00 pm Strobe Small Group Homes

Wed 6:30 pm Last Week of Kids Klub

6:30 pm Prayer Meeting Auditorium

Thu 8:00 am Retired Men's Breakfast Blue Dolphin

7:00 pm Doug Strobe's Discussion Group Fellowship Hall

Fri 5:30 pm Men's Basketball Gym

Sat 8:30 am Ladies' Spring Retreat Montrose Bible Conf.

Next Sunday

April 6, 2025

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service - Communion

5:45 pm The Loft

6:00 pm Missions Prayer Service

Looking Ahead

Save the Date

Thu, Apr 17 Maundy Thursday Service at Community Independent Bible Church in Little Meadows

Sun, Apr 20 Easter Breakfast & Morning Worship, Communion No Sunday School - No Loft - No Evening Service

Mon, Apr 21 Quarterly Church Business Meeting

Sun, Apr 27 Evening Service with Andrew Lindsey, Missionary to Russia with Kostya Rudoy

Sun, May 18 Spring Concert with Carolyn Titus

Fri-Sun, Jun 6-8 Spring Conference with Mark Sims on "Suffering and Sovereignty" at SABC

Fri-Sun, Nov 7-9 Ladies' Fall Retreat



JOIN US!
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 20, 2025
HE IS RISEN
BREAKFAST - 8:30 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE - 10 AM
MUSIC • MESSAGE • COMMUNION
BREAKFAST SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD
INVITE FRIENDS & FAMILY - INVITATION CARDS IN FOYER

Easter Breakfast Signup

Please sign up for Easter Breakfast on the bulletin board, have your item at the church by Wednesday, April 16, and place your name on your item when dropping it off.

Women's Ministries

NEWSLETTER:

Ladies, please check your mailbox for the latest newsletter.

LADIES' SPRING RETREAT:

Today will be the last day to sign up for the retreat on the bulletin board. See details in your email.

Camp Sponsorship

How to Donate: Today is the last day to donate. Please indicate the amount on the back of your offering envelope. Use the "other" category and write "camp sponsorship".

What are the Camp Choices: Any Christian Camp with a comparable doctrinal statement with our church. You are responsible to register your child for the camp of your choice.

Who is Eligible: Children who regularly attend our church programs.

How the Sponsorship Funds are Dispersed: The Camp Sponsorship Fund has a goal of covering 50% of the camp costs for the students who apply and are eligible. The sponsorship is distributed equally by percentage based on camp costs. After disbursements, it is the goal of the Missions Committee to disburse the remaining funds to affiliated groups to help send other kids to Christian camp(s).

How to Apply and What is the Deadline: Applications are available on the bulletin board. Please fill out and hand in to a Trustee or place in the Trustee mailbox in the foyer by the end of March.