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## WE VALUE

Bible-centered  
Preaching &  
Teaching

Dynamic Praise &  
Worship

The Sacraments

Prayer

Evangelism

Christian Education  
for All Ages

Loving Relationships

Strong Christian  
Families

## OUR VISION

By the love of Christ,  
our vision is to work together,  
reaching out to all people,  
through the Gospel,  
in our various activities and events.  
As we encourage each other to worship  
and grow in God's Word,  
we will be a Christian influence  
in our community.

## OUR MISSION

BUILDING TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY  
FOLLOWING THE TRIUNE GOD

## OUR PURPOSE

- Glorifying** God through *WORSHIP*
- Reaching** out to all with the Good News of  
salvation in Christ through *EVANGELISM*
- Actively** caring for God's people in Christ  
through *FELLOWSHIP*
- Creating** a family of God by Word and Sacrament  
through *MINISTRY*
- Equipping** people of all ages for life in Christ  
through *DISCIPLESHIP*

## **Notes and Announcements**

TUESDAY WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY is every Tuesday at 1:00PM. We are studying "52 Women of the Bible." ALL women are invited and can come anytime - we'd love to have you!

Please direct all questions to Sharon Hopkins

LWML is looking for used sheets to use as middles in quilts. If you are cleaning out & find any, please donate them for quilts.

Thank you!

**Reminder:** Noisy offering will be taken on second Sundays! Noisy Offering for April-June will be collected for Book a Month for the children at our Day Care.

Thank you for your donations.

*LFL Team, Sharon Hopkins, Steve and Shirley Koch and Terry Tody*

## **Family Fare Receipts**

There is a basket on the table in the narthex for these receipts. We are collecting them for the Day Care. If you have questions, please talk to Terry Tody.

Food Truck-Friday, June 3rd

### **Altar**

5th-Susie Moore  
12th-Martha Pregler  
19th-Marj Kelsey  
26th-Martha Pregler

### **Elders**

5th-  
12th-  
19th-  
26th-

### **MT. HOPE'S WEBSITE**

Did you know that Mt. Hope has a website? If you go to <http://www.mthopelcmsgrayling.org/> our website will come up. It is a multi page site with much information about our church, our congregation, our Pastor, what programs we are involved with and much more! Although there is a "member log-in" area, this is just for those who work on the site. Nancy Hatfield is our webmaster who keeps our website updated and makes any necessary changes. Anyone who goes to our site can access all pages. So...check it out!



**Mt. Hope Financial Report -** Mary Heinlein, Bookkeeper

GENERAL FUND	APR 2022	YTD JUL-APR
Income	11,523.00	117,963.74
Expense	-8,210.39	-95,563.61
Net	3,312.61	22,400.13
<b>EARMARKED FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>65,133.22</b>
	APR 2022	YTD JUL-APR
Together in Missions	50.00	1,485.00
Christian Help Center	0.25	1,703.80
Noisy Offering	45.35	406.46
	APR 2022	
<b>Church Extension Mortgage</b>		<b>470,000.00</b>
Mortgage Principal Payment	1,150.77	20,613.20
Earmarked Principal Payment	785.00	46,303.20
Mortgage Interest Payment	1,234.23	
<b>MORTGAGE BALANCE</b>		<b>403,083.60</b>

**Attendance**

April	3	42
	10	68
	14	25
	15	31
	17	110
	24	50



Attention: People need to sign up to host coffee hour or there will not be one.



**Rummage Sale** is being hosted by Evangelism Board on June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm. You can start bringing in items anytime after May 15<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will be given to the Crawford County Toys for Tots program to purchase toys for the kids of Crawford County.

**TO PLACE SOMEONE ON PRAYER CHAIN:**

Call Lynn Richmond at 989-390-8632 or [lynncarolmorris@yahoo.com](mailto:lynncarolmorris@yahoo.com)

Jamie Wohn will be handling the **sign changes**. Please email him with any necessary info for the sign at [jackwohn3@gmail.com](mailto:jackwohn3@gmail.com) or [jackwohn3@aol.com](mailto:jackwohn3@aol.com). If urgent, text him at (810) 965-1891

# Sarah Has Been On Both Sides Of The Abortions Table. Here's What She Wants You To Know

BY: ALASDAIRE FLEITAS

APRIL 28, 2022



IMAGE CREDIT [BRIAN STANSBERRY / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS](#)

**'I remember she was laying on the table crying because it was so painful. On her records, it showed that she had had 12 abortions.'** As the country awaits the Supreme Court's decision on the Mississippi law banning abortions after babies are 15 weeks old in *Dobbs v. Jackson*, the fate of thousands of unborn babies lies in the hands of these justices. Sarah Eubanks knows just what horrors await those unborn children if the court doesn't recognize their right to live.

Eubanks, who now advocates for the pro-life movement, worked in the "Ladies Center," an abortion facility in Mobile, Ala. After witnessing the murder of thousands of unborn children and enduring the trauma of her own abortion, Eubanks decided to spend the rest of her life telling the world about the horrifying secrets of the industry, as well as the trauma she's experienced.

## **Inside the Baby-Killing Business**

During her time at the abortion center, Eubanks worked in the "POC" room. "POC" stands for "Products of Conception": the pro-choice way of sugar-coating what was actually a "baby morgue."

Eubanks would pick out a baby's body parts from the suction machine and put the limbs back together, "like a puzzle." Once she would piece the spine, skull, and arms together, she would determine whether all of the child's body was out of the mother.

"When you get trained to do that, that means you really know your stuff," she explained. "And that you're good and trustworthy and dependable that now you're being promoted, in a sense, and we're gonna give you this honor of doing this horrific task."

While the task of putting these babies back together was deemed a "badge of honor," Eubanks would go home and wash baby blood off her hands. And it wasn't just the blood of a few babies; thousands of children were massacred in these facilities.

During her time there, Eubanks says she assisted in the abortions of almost 5,000 mothers. The actual number of children aborted was more than that; the abortionist would never tell the woman whether she was pregnant with one, two, or three babies. Most women walked out assuming they had been pregnant with one child when many were carrying twins or even triplets.

To make matters worse, the abortion center would not tell the mothers if they were past 14 weeks. While the policy at the center was that abortions past 14 weeks would not be performed, their abortionists still killed fetuses far past this mark, Eubanks said. Before the procedure, a pelvic examination was performed, and the abortionist would be able to tell how far along the pregnancy was.

"I do remember a few times like seeing a doctor's face kind of like, you know something's off here, but they still would go ahead and do the procedure," Eubanks said. "Looking back, I do think that maybe those were the ones that were further along."

Regardless, the abortionists would follow through with the abortion and never tell the mothers how far along they really were, if they were pregnant with more than one child, or even the baby's sex, she added.

While the abortion center would never tell the mothers this information, many of the workers assumed women would just carry on with their lives after their abortion. In reality, many women walked out of the office regretting their decision and were traumatized by the procedure.

## **Taking Advantage of Desperate Women**

Perhaps the most gut-wrenching vision Eubanks recalled seeing at the abortion center was the case of a 12-year-old girl who was brought in by her grandmother. By the girl's hysteria, it was clear that she did not understand what was going on.

"I remember that look on her face that she just didn't understand what was going on. She didn't want to be there," Eubanks said. "She started moving around and the doctor said, 'You need to hold her down.' I did put my hands on her and said 'You have to settle down, you gotta be still, you're gonna hurt yourself. You have to be still.' And within an instant, she pushed her feet out of the stirrups and started running down the hall with the speculum in her vagina with blood running down her legs."

“The doctor said, ‘I’m not touching this,’” recalled Eubanks. “She was that upset. She just didn’t want to be there. She was screaming. She was out of control. And even the administrators were like, ‘She’s gotta go. She’s just got to go.’”

This young girl was just one of many patients who did not understand what was going on and was pressured to follow through with the abortion. Many women got cold feet after entering the building and tried to back out at the last minute but were told it was too late, Eubanks recalled.

Women were told, “We’re not going to give a refund. You’re already here. It is what it is,” she said.

This repeated lie that there were no other options caused the deaths of many unborn children. If the abortion facility had been honest about other options, such as adoption, less blood would have been spilled. Instead, these women were lied to and just handed birth control when they left.

“You don’t give them options in the clinic,” said Eubanks. “The only options that we gave the patients were ‘What kind of birth control pills do you want to take home?’ Those are the only options. We didn’t ever talk about adoption and keeping the baby. We never talked about that.”

By just handing out birth control and not educating these women on their options, the facility made many patients believe abortion was the only solution and that they could come back to get another abortion when they got pregnant again, she said.

“[Patients were never told] that this is killing your child, that this is not the solution,” Eubanks said.

Eubanks recalled a woman who came in for her 12th abortion. Every time she came in, she cried. And every time, the abortion center never bothered to educate her on how to avoid getting pregnant in the first place.

“I remember she was laying on the table crying because it was so painful. And I was like, how many times have you been through this? She was crying before each one. On her records, it showed that she had had 12 abortions.”

The issues at stake in *Dobbs* are far more than political ones, Eubanks noted. “This isn’t political. This is heart. When your heart changes on abortion, that’s when true change happens.”

## Sarah’s Own Story

Eubanks had an abortion when she was 19, believing it was her only option and that it would spare her family embarrassment. But once the procedure started, she knew she had made a mistake.

“The suction piece of hard plastic went in, and when, the second I felt my baby being ripped out of my womb, I knew I had made a mistake,” she recalled. “I felt it. And I laid on the table crying in solid tears. [People] don’t talk about the sadness, the hurt.”

“When I came out, I was just very stoic, very solemn. I remember going to the bathroom and throwing up, and I sat on the floor next to the toilet, just crying my eyes out,” she added. “You can’t grieve an abortion. It’s not right because it’s your choice. You chose this.”

Twelve years after her abortion, Eubanks and her husband tried to get pregnant, to no avail. Told by her doctor that they had found scar tissue in her uterus, she believes her abortion caused her infertility.

Only in recent years did Eubanks tell her family about her abortion. When she finally told her mother about her “secret,” that she had had an abortion in 1987, she was surprised by her mother’s response.

“I went over to her house because I wanted to talk to her. And I said, ‘I just want to tell you that in 1987, I had an abortion.’”

“I know,” said her mother. “That’s when you changed.”

If the Supreme Court strikes down Mississippi’s ban on abortion and others like it, millions of unborn children will be sacrificed to the lie that it’s empowering for women to abort their children. In reality, killing an unborn child brings nothing but trauma, guilt, and heartbreak. Not only can the Supreme Court save the lives of millions of unborn children, but the lives of so many women may be salvaged too.

## Pro-Lifers Take on Sex Trafficking

April 28, 2022 by [Bradley Mattes](#)



A growing body of evidence shows that Planned Parenthood isn't just looking the other way when it comes to sex trafficking. They actually partner with sexual predators by aborting the evidence while cashing in.

Human sex trafficking has reached alarming levels in America and is literally all around us. That's why a concerted effort to stop it is so important. Would it surprise you to find out that pro-lifers are in a battle to stand in the gap, protecting women and their babies from this insidious cartel?

Heartbeat International is an umbrella group that serves thousands of pro-life pregnancy help centers around the world. They are uniquely placed and qualified to intercept and assist victims of sex trafficking.

The level of their organization and skills to help those suffering is impressive.

A 2020 Charlotte Lozier Institute survey of 580 medical and nonmedical pregnancy centers revealed that 24% of those surveyed have received trafficking training or provided services to victims of sex trafficking. And the number of these centers is growing.

The services that these centers offer include:

- Training and close networking with organizations specializing in sex trafficking
- Screening and assessment of potential victims
- Establishing protocols on how to effectively respond
- Providing referrals to appropriate agencies, organizations, or law enforcement agencies
- Outreach to individuals in sexually oriented businesses
- Providing mobile services
- Establish residential services

After considerable research, Life Issues Institute produced a two-part television program called Sex Trafficking and the Abortion Connection. You can view both [part one](#) and [part two](#). The evidence is overwhelming that abortion fuels a sex trafficking industry that would be significantly impacted without it.

A [study](#) found that 88% of the industry's victims had previous contact with a healthcare provider while being trafficked. They seek out services related to pregnancy, STDs, abortion, miscarriage, and urinary tract infections. Heartbeat affiliates are well placed to come into contact with and assist these individuals.

To train their affiliates, Heartbeat divided their work into four categories as it relates to sex trafficking:

- Interventions related to decision-making, such as helping a woman flee an abuser
- Long-term support, like offering parenting classes to women post-trafficking
- Prevention, including educating young people about predatory relationships
- Reconciliation/healing, for example ongoing group support

The pro-life movement is intervening and protecting women victimized by sex trafficking. While the abortion industry is killing their unborn babies and sending them back to continue being enslaved by sex traffickers.

We laud the efforts of Heartbeat International, their affiliates and other pro-life pregnancy centers who are quietly working to protect vulnerable women and their babies.

Further information regarding Heartbeat's efforts to combat sex trafficking is available in their document titled [Reaching the Vulnerable](#).

Life Issues Institute has additional [resources](#) on sex trafficking at our website.

Protecting women and their babies,  
Bradley Mattes

President, Life Issues Institute

*Life Issues Institute is dedicated to changing hearts and minds of millions of people through education. For 31 years, organizations and individuals around the world have depended upon Life Issues Institute to provide the latest information and effective tools to protect innocent human life from womb to tomb.*

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(LCMS/Erik M. Lunsford)

By Matthew C. Harrison

*“René Descartes (1596–1650) ... [is] credited as a foundational thinker in the development of Western notions of reason and science. His philosophy was built on the idea of radical doubt. ... The only thing that remains true is that there is a mind or consciousness doing the doubting and believing its perceptions, hence the famous formulation, ‘I think therefore I am.’”* (Kalantzis & Cope, *Works & Days*)

Modern-day thinkers have built a thoroughly humanistic worldview based on Descartes’ statement. The result? God has been dismissed as the essential cause of all things. This includes the removal of His Law and His moral authority. The theory of evolution moved philosophy and science to view life as the random result of chance events instead of God’s speaking and creating. In evolutionary theory, the family, the state, the church and notions of morality are human constructs that have resulted from myth, power, environment, chance and the will to survive.

Much of what we see today in society results from philosophies and teachings that, like those of Descartes, elevate humanity and thereby eliminate God and His Law. Man has become his own god. Without God’s Word, humanity finds morality in temporary constructs that may be adjusted to current circumstances. If there is no God, human life has no necessary, inherent or eternal value. A billion human lives have been sacrificed by abortion, a human “right” promoted by policies and governments. Some have killed babies as part of an international effort to “save the planet” from overpopulation, while animal suffering, death and extinction is opposed as great evil. Without God, humans decide the value, or lack thereof, of life. When mankind is not viewed as made in the image of God, human life has no more value than that of an animal.

Descartes’ idea, “I think, therefore I am,” shifts the basis for man’s identity away from God’s action to his own mind’s ability to conceptualize himself. Descartes’ teachings taught man to look inside himself — as man thinks he is, he is. It’s a short trip from “I think, therefore I am” to “I think I am male; therefore, my female body does not determine the reality of who I am.”

According to these ideas, the internal, hidden world of the mind trumps the visible, external world of the body (a self-destructive rejection of the Creator and the laws of science). Even small children, therefore, must be allowed to alter their bodily reality to align with their thoughts, and anyone who refuses to allow hormonal treatments or “sex change” surgeries stands in the way of the child’s “reality.” Absent any God-given sense of morality or a trust in the external visible reality of the created body, a child may be convinced that he or she is a she or he, or even an “it” or “they.” As the culture cheers, precious young lives are forever damaged.

### A place for sinners

The cause of sexual dysphoria is complex, but the result is irrationality. The NCAA’s promotion of men competing in women’s sports demonstrates the absurdity of it all. Rational female athletes say, “Unfair!” Disney bears Descartes’ ideology as well, with its ubiquitous messages of “Follow your heart” or “I dream, therefore I become.” All this runs smack into common sense. Ideology has run afoul of natural law.

Consider other fruit of this way of thinking. The marriage rate is at its lowest in U.S. history. Pornography allows the indulgence of lust and every form of perverse inclination of the human mind. Loneliness, suicide, sexual abuse (particularly by adult males living with non-biological children), adultery and children born out of wedlock are at record levels. The sexual revolution has left record numbers of women as single mothers, a scenario that is, statistically, the No. 1 determiner of poverty. Recent stats show that homes in which only the mother attends church, as opposed to those in which both parents attend church with the children, have a much smaller likelihood of the children becoming adult churchgoers.

The socio-economic, psychological and even spiritual devastation caused by the decline of the nuclear family is devastating. The church is a welcome home for all of us sinners and must always be a place of compassion for hurting people, but the compassion must be formed by the Word of God.

Why are people suffering? Why such vast confusion? St. Paul lays it out clearly in Romans. The cause is sin, especially the grand sin of the rejection of the Creator, His creation and His law. It’s no wonder that the bishop of our Finnish partner church was prosecuted by the Finnish state for hate crimes, in part for producing a pamphlet that quoted the first chapter of Romans:

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## Stewardship Corner

The Apostle Paul wrote the following to the believers in Ephesus: *“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do”* (Ephesians 2:10 NIV). The instruction is clear that we are to render help and service and not sit in idleness. Our motivation to do good works in order to help people stems from the fact that God loved us first. Overwhelmed by His love, we want to share that love with others. Our actions flow from changed hearts. By God’s grace, He will give us both the motivation and opportunities to serve.

### Doing God's Perfect Will

In Romans 12:1 the Apostle Paul tells us *“... to offer [our] bodies as living sacrifices...”* Christ sacrificed Himself for our sins, but, as He rose from the dead, so we Christians shall never die. We are living sacrifices who serve others in response to the grace that has been shown to us. We seek opportunities to be useful and to be God's representatives here on earth. In 2 Corinthians 5:20, Paul calls us *“Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us.”* We do not have to have extraordinary abilities or spheres of influence, because we know that God is not limited by our flaws or by circumstances. We just need to make ourselves available, because God has chosen to make His appeal through us. By looking at Christian stewards, others see what Christ is like.

Christ spent His years of ministry on earth as a servant. People listened to Him because they saw that His words were backed up by His deeds. God asks that we be faithful in service and promises that, through His Word, He will equip us *“for every good work”* (2 Timothy 3:16-17). God has created and redeemed us, and, through Word and Sacrament, His Holy Spirit continues His work of sanctification in us. The more aware we are of God's great love and mercy, the more we desire to serve Him.



Mt. Hope needs all of us to pitch in and keep our church running and serving others, especially without a full time Pastor to lead us.

There are many opportunities to serve, either small or large.

A couple ideas are:

- Sign up one Sunday to host coffee hour.
- Twice a year be responsible for Adopt a Highway
- Help plant or weed flower beds
- Sweep the side walk and porch entrance
- Volunteer to help with VBS this summer

A bigger project is to lead a Kitchen Clean up day

Just like at your house, there is always something to do at God’s house!!

Thank you!

Your Stewardship Committee

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES







Don Welser~4th  
Jan Smith~5th  
Mike Wilkens~6th  
Dave Weissenborn~9th  
Cora Flowers~12th  
Bill Richmond~12th  
Renee Smith~13th  
Gabby Laskowski~16th  
Lilli Lund~16th  
Suzanne Harmon~23rd  
Jordan Bulmer~24th  
Jack Owens~25th  
Jen Schwartz~30th

### Anniversaries

Lee & Alberta Sperry~9th  
Dave & Elaine Jansen~17th  
Bret & Erin Krabill~20th  
Bill & Kathy Woodman~29th  
Mark & Salena Laskowski~26th  
Mike & Carol Shields~30th

### Healing Members

Bill Richmond  
Lynn Richmond  
Judi Riske  
Ruth Stocker

### Friends

Scot Ferguson  
Mark Becker  
Barb Vidal

### Cancer Members

Dave Weissenborn  
Paul Smith  
Barb Mauro  
Steve Koch

### Friends

Don Kernstock  
Barb Vidal  
Anne Koch



### In Military Service

Christopher Dysinger, Kevin Krokosky,  
Darin Nicholas,, Jeremiah Hose, Travis Kulak,  
Andre' Miller, Keil Clough, Trevor Clough,  
Todd McCarver, Victoria Doster,  
Conrad Weissenborn, Rick Dillenbeck

### PRAYER REQUESTS



Prayer request forms are available either in the Narthex on the podium by the guest book or in the office on the secretary's desk. If you need a prayer by Pastor that day, you can give your completed prayer request form to one of the elders or ushers and ask that it be given to Pastor before worship. If your prayer request isn't needed until later in the week, you can place it in the offering plate or place it on the secretary's desk in the office.



Dollie Adolph  
Jean Wittig

### Assisted Living & Nursing Home List

#### The Brook

Geri Methot (Grayling)

#### Michigan Veterans Homes - Grand Rapids

Kenneth Hopkins

#### The Lighthouse at Roscommon

Elsa Knutson

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation. ... So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools. ...*

*They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator. ... God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another. ...*

*And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. (Rom. 1:18–32)*

Paul does not limit his accusations to matters of sex. He hits the culture head on. He also condemns all of our sins of deed and thought. Christians recognize their own sins. Jesus' call to repentance is for all: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:2).

Thanks be to God, Paul delivered the Gospel in the same opening chapter of Romans: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Rom. 1:16).

So long as we are the church, we shall humbly preach this message of Law and Gospel for the eternal salvation of all who hear and believe. Indeed, we all suffer from our sin, and the church is always a place for sinners, of whom "I am chief."

Descartes was wrong. It is not "I think, therefore I am." It is, "I have a Creator and Redeemer, therefore I am."

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