

# HEARTBEATS



Summer 2019

## Mission Statement

Empowering women to make informed choices about their pregnancy.

## Mandarin Center

11215 San Jose Blvd.  
Jacksonville, FL  
(904) 262-6300

## Beaches Center

224 N. Third St.  
Jacksonville Beach, FL  
(904) 246-7378

## Clay County Center

105 Old Jennings Rd.  
Orange Park, FL  
(904) 213-9374

## Baker County Center

368 South 5th St.  
Macclenny, FL  
(904) 259-2585

## Mobile Pregnancy Center

(904) 945-Free (3733)

“Now choose life so that you and your children may live ...” Deuteronomy 30:19

## First Coast Women's Services

### 27th Annual Life Banquet

Thursday, October 24, 2019

7pm to 9pm

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront

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newsletter.  
We appreciate you!

### This event is by reservation only

To register, please visit our website: [www.fcws.org](http://www.fcws.org) or call Karen Whalen at 904-549-6104. There is no cost to attend this event, however an opportunity will be extended to make a financial gift that will support the ministry.

# CLAIMING MORE TERRITORY *Through the Open Door*



Please join us for the new Northside Center Groundbreaking Ceremony on Thursday, August 29th at 8:30 AM. There is great excitement as we move toward completion. This is truly the Center that the Lord is building with support from so many of you. From the original gift of the land to those in the building trades donating services to a large number of faithful existing and new donors giving the funds, this is a haven of grace being built by the body of Christ in northeast Florida. It is not too late to be involved in this. As of the writing of this article, the Lord had supplied more than 75% of the needed Capital Campaign goal of \$1,200,000. Please consider helping us bring in the final \$300,000 and remain debt free as a ministry. If you cannot attend the groundbreaking, you are invited to come by the

location in the Rivercity Marketplace at 404 Owens Road, Jacksonville, FL 32218. We ask you to both visit the site and join us in praying for the work the Lord will do there in saving babies, saving souls and mending families. We anticipate the thousands of compassionate conversations that will take place within those walls as we minister to those the Lord will bring to us there. We still need more volunteers to serve as female and male mentors, prayer partners and community relations committee members. Please contact me if you would like to learn more about these opportunities.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, 85% of the mothers who visit us first chose life for their babies. 328 mothers chose abortion in just the zip code of the new center last year. We are asking the Lord to use us to reduce that number to zero on the north side as well as the almost 6,000 who chose abortion in NE Florida last year. Our goal is to end abortion in northeast Florida in our lifetime and you can be a part of this. Our annual Life Banquet will be held on Thursday, October 24 at the Hyatt Regency Riverfront Hotel. It is our main opportunity to tell the story of all that the Lord has done in and through FCWS in the last year. Through the generosity of many of you as sponsors and donors, we raise almost half of our yearly operating budget. This budget supports our five existing centers in Mandarin, the Beaches, Clay County, Baker County and the Mobile Center. We need your continued support for these centers. Although we are actively raising the funds for the new Northside center, our priority continues to be raising the funds for our current operations where the Lord is already performing miracle transformations every day in the lives of those we serve.

Because every life is valuable,

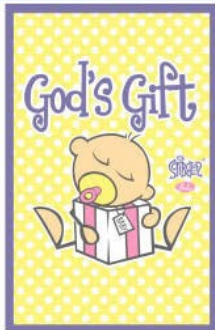
*Judy*

Please visit us at [www.firstcoastwomensservices.org](http://www.firstcoastwomensservices.org) to view a list of needs to complete the Northside building.



# Your Change is Changing Lives

## Thank you for your participation!



## 2019 Baby Bottle Campaign

I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. Ps. 139:14

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| Baxter Community Baptist            | First Baptist Church of Baldwin            | Lakewood United Methodist Church  |
| Bethlehem Lutheran                  | First Baptist Church of Maxville           | Lighthouse Church of Nazarene     |
| Calvary Baptist Church              | First Baptist Church of Jacksonville       | Lighthouse Prayer Center          |
| Celebration Baptist Church          | First Baptist Church of Nocatee            | Macclenny Church of Christ        |
| Chet's Creek Nocatee                | First Baptist of Orange Park               | Maranatha Church of Jacksonville  |
| Christ Church East                  | First Baptist Church of Sanderson          | Monument Point Fellowship         |
| Christ Church Jacksonville Anglican | First Baptist of St. George                | New Life Baptist of St. George    |
| Christ Church Mandarin              | First Baptist of Macclenny                 | New Life Church of God            |
| Christ Church InTown                | First Christian Church of OP               | Oakleaf Baptist Church—SS Class   |
| Christ the King Catholic Church     | First Coast Baptist Church                 | Ortega Presbyterian Church        |
| Christ's Church                     | First United Methodist Church of Macclenny | Pinewood Presbyterian Church      |
| Christ's Church Fleming Island      | Freedom Christian Fellowship               | Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church   |
| Christian Faith Center              | Fruit Cove Baptist Church                  | Raiford Road Church               |
| Christian Family Chapel             | Ft. Caroline United Methodist Church       | River Christian Church            |
| Christian Fellowship Temple         | Gardenview Baptist Church                  | Riverstone Community Church       |
| Christ the King Catholic Church     | Glen Baptist Church                        | Russell Baptist Church            |
| Church of Good Samaritan            | Glen Church of Christ                      | San Jose Baptist Church           |
| Church of Our Savior Beaches        | Grace Anglican Church                      | Sanderson Congregational Holiness |
| Church of the Redeemer Anglican     | Grace Baptist Fellowship                   | Shindler Drive Baptist            |
| Clay Community                      | Grace Life Church                          | Souls Harbor Church of God        |
| Cornerstone Church                  | Harbor Baptist Church                      | Southpoint Baptist Church         |
| Creekside Christian Church          | Harvest Bible Chapel                       | St. Mary's Catholic Church        |
| Cross Creek Church                  | Harvest Ministries of Baker                | St. Peters Lutheran Church        |
| Crosspointe Church                  | Hickory Grove Baptist Church               | Sunrise Community Church          |
| Crown Point Baptist Church          | High Point Community Church of Orange Park | Swiss Cove Christian Church       |
| Cuyler Baptist Church               | Hillcrest Baptist Church                   | Switzerland Community Church      |
| Destiny Church of Jacksonville      | Hope Community Church                      | Taylor Church                     |
| Eastside Community Church           | Iglesia Ciudad/City Church                 | University Blvd Nazarene Church   |
| Exchange Church                     | Journey Church                             | Westminister Presbyterian Church  |
| Faith Baptist Church – Dunn Ave.    | Kernan Boulevard Baptist Church            | Westside Baptist Church           |
| Faith Baptist Church of Mandarin    | Lakeside Community Church                  | Whitehouse Baptist Church         |
| Family Bible Church                 |  |                                   |

## AMBER'S STORY



When I was nineteen, I found myself in a relationship that wasn't the healthiest. My boyfriend had an older son and was not thrilled when I told him that I was pregnant with his child. This caused him to encourage me to get an abortion, he even offered to pay for it. This life-changing event propelled an already unhealthy relationship to finally break. However, I knew from growing up in a Christian home that abortion was not an option. I was plagued with the fact that if my parents found out that I was pregnant, they would be so disappointed in me and would probably kick me and my unborn child out. I was working at a daycare at the time and ended up confiding in my co-worker who referred me to First Coast Women's Services and ended up taking me there. I was paired with a counselor who comforted and encouraged me, helped me find a way to tell my parents, signed me up for Medicaid so I could go the doctors and gave me the confidence I needed to choose to parent my child.

They specifically helped me with their *Earn While You Learn* program which is where I received baby clothes, diapers, and other baby items such as a bath tub and a diaper bag. Although all of these things helped tremendously, the most beneficial thing they helped me in was educating me on in my choices, offering love, support, prayer, and above all else, walked with me in parenting my child. Because of the confidence and support I received, I went to college to get my degree. I now teach Pre-K and am married with two beautiful children and we are very involved in church. When I thought all hope was lost, First Coast Women's Services showed me that having my child was not the end of my world but the beginning. Being an unwed mother was challenging but they showed me that God can do anything. I am forever thankful to them for encouraging me to have my son and for being a part of the beautiful life I have now.

Be a part of this momentous occasion as we prepare  
a new door of hope on the Northside of Jacksonville.

## GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Thursday, August 29, 2019  
8:30-9:30 am

404 Owens Road, Jacksonville, FL 32218  
(Off Exit 363A from I-95 N)  
Refreshments will be served.  
Flat shoes recommended for site surface.

For parking instructions and to RSVP, contact  
Nancy Kelley, Director of Development,  
Nkelley@fcwsprc.org or call (904) 549-6101.

FIRST  COAST  
Women's Services





# Annual Life Banquet

**CLAIMING MORE TERRITORY**  
*through the open door*

**FIRST COAST WOMEN'S SERVICES**  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019  
**ANNUAL LIFE BANQUET**



## Underwriting Sponsorship Opportunities

\$25,000	Life Partner
\$10,000	Life Saver
\$5,000	Life Protector
\$2,500	Life Defender
\$1,000	Life Champion
\$500	Life Guardian

**Become a Sponsor and be a Life-changer for our 2019 Life Banquet!**

Your sponsorship supports a mother and father's decision to choose life for their unborn child.

Because of the sponsorships and gifts received at our Life Banquet last year;

- ◆ **2,372** women and men were counseled on life-saving alternatives to abortion
- ◆ **924** babies were saved
- ◆ **336** individuals were presented the gospel, 69 made a faith decision
- ◆ **263** families received life transforming education through our HOPE program
- ◆ **26** women received post abortive healing as they participated in *Forgiven and Set Free*
- ◆ **4** women received grief support from a miscarriage, still birth or early infant loss.

Online giving is available at [www.fcws.org](http://www.fcws.org) or an envelope is enclosed for your convenience. For additional information please contact Nancy Kelley, Director of Development, at 549-6101 or email [nkelley@fcwsprc.org](mailto:nkelley@fcwsprc.org).

## "How you can help..."

### Be A Sponsor

Sponsors receive:

- ◆ A table for 10 with VIP seating
- ◆ Invitation to our pre-banquet reception with guest speaker
- ◆ Name recognition at event and on banquet materials

### Advertise the Banquet

- ◆ Invite people who are interested in our mission
- ◆ Advertise the banquet in your church bulletin, Sunday School Class or Bible Study Group
- ◆ Register your group online at [www.fcws.org](http://www.fcws.org)

### Help with Invitations and Decorating

- ◆ Assemble invitations and table programs
- ◆ Decorate tables the morning of the event



## PRAY FOR US

### Be a Table Host

- ◆ Invite up to 10 guests to sit at your table(s)
- ◆ Pick up invitations at your local center or send electronic invitation through e-mail
- ◆ Register your guest(s) by host name or church group at [www.fcws.org](http://www.fcws.org) or call (904) 549-6100.
- ◆ There is no cost to be a table host.





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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thurs. August 29, 2019—Groundbreaking Ceremony  
 Fri. & Sat. Sept. 20-21—Volunteer Training  
 Thurs. October 24, 2019—Annual Life Banquet  
 Wed. January 15, 2020—SOHL Prayer Breakfasts  
 Sun. January 20, 2020—SOHL Sunday  
 Fri. March 27, 2020—Clay County Denim & Diamonds

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hope & Healing – The FCWS Miscarriage and Early Infant Loss Support Ministry is seeking volunteers who have experienced a similar loss to come alongside those who need someone to talk with who understands. Training will be provided. For questions, contact Leila Levan at [LLevan@fcwsprc.org](mailto:LLevan@fcwsprc.org).

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## PRAYER TEXT CODE

Pray4=Pray for  
 ab-minded=abortion-minded  
 U/S=ultrasound  
 FOB=father of baby  
 4 =for, 2=to,  
 ab=abortion  
 \$=money.

Most texts begin with, "Pray4 ab-minded CW" where CW are initials representing something about the mother. Thank you for praying, it makes a difference!

