

**Hickory Valley Baptist Church
Announcements – January 19, 2025**

Choir rehearsal resumes

Sunday afternoon

Choir rehearsal will resume at 5:00 on Sunday afternoon in the choir room.

Guest speaker from Choices

Sunday night

At 6:00 on Sunday night, our guest speaker will be Michele Cheresnick, who is the Client Service Director at the local Choices Pregnancy Resource Center.

Youth meeting

Sunday night

Pastor Stephen will meet with the youth at 6:00 on Sunday night.

Mid-week fellowship

Wednesday

A nominally-priced lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by sharing of Scriptures, singing, a brief devotion, and spending time individually in prayer.

Open Door class begins

A new Sunday school class, taught by Curtis Rucks, begins Sunday morning in room E101. This class focuses on being a disciple of Jesus Christ. For more details, please see Curtis.

Chili lunch moved to Sunday, January 26

There will be a church-wide chili lunch after the morning service on Sunday, January 26. We would like 10 people to bring a pot of chili, and others to bring cheese, crackers, sour cream, cornbread or dessert. The church will provide the soft drinks. Please sign up at the information center today if you plan to attend and indicate what you will bring.

Tracts and invitations to HVBC

In the lobby, there is an assortment of gospel tracts, along with business card-sized invitations to HVBC. Consider making it your personal goal to give out at least one tract and one invitation each day.



Today has been designated as Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Our service this morning and evening will focus on what God does in forming babies, and what we can do to have a part in bringing about a culture of life in our community.

Financial Report	
Last week's tithes & offerings	\$5,617.36
Weekly operating budget	\$5,162.06
Year to date tithes & offerings	\$15,393.36
Year to date operating budget	\$10,324.12

sermon notes

Formed by God, and Therefore Valuable

Psalm 139:13-18

January 19, 2025 — Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

introduction: One factor that makes something valuable is who produced it. For example, at an auction in New York City in 2017, someone paid approximately \$450 million (which includes a commission) for one painting by Leonardo da Vinci.

historical context: On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court issued their landmark Roe v. Wade verdict legalizing abortion. A few years later, churches began observing the third Sunday in January — today — as Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.

1. Unborn babies are formed by _____ God _____, who knows everything about those unborn babies (Psalm 139:13, 15-18).

supporting Scriptures: Jeremiah 1:4-5

Galatians 1:15

2. The _____ human body _____ is fearfully and wonderfully made by our Creator (Psalm 139:14). For example:

1) Your _____ eyes _____ have taken millions of pictures during your lifetime. One estimate is that the eyes can process about 36,000 bits of information each hour.

2) Your _____ brain _____ — the human brain's memory capacity in the average adult can store trillions of bytes of information.

3) Your _____ heart _____ and circulatory system — electrical impulses keep the heart beating, without being connected to an external power source, and the heart pumps blood through miles and miles of veins, arteries, and capillaries.

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3. What can we do to help create a culture of life in our community?

1) _____ Pray _____ (Jeremiah 33:3)

1. Pray for women and girls who are contemplating having an abortion. Pray that they will choose life and give birth.

To receive text messages about clients who are at Choices and are contemplating abortion, text Pray to 423-295-7779.

2. Pray for the _____ staff _____ and volunteers at Choices and Chattanooga Right-to-Life and other pregnancy resource centers and pro-life ministries across the nation.

3. Pray for people who are involved in performing abortions. Pray that God will work in their hearts and bring about a change in their minds about what they are doing.

The example of Abby Johnson, former director of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Bryan, Texas.

4. Pray for legislators and _____ judges _____ across America — that they will uphold the sanctity of human life.

2) _____ Give _____ (Acts 20:35)

1. Give directly to _____ Choices _____ or Greater Chattanooga Right-to-Life or other pro-life organizations.

2. _____ Donate _____ baby items for expecting mothers.

Choices' most needed items are car seats, strollers, video monitors, baby hygiene products, pull-ups, diapers size 4-7, baby detergent, bassinets, sound machines, and high chairs.

3) _____ Volunteer _____ — contact Choices or Chattanooga Right-to-Life and ask about ways you could serve as a volunteer.