



# The Heartbeat

## LIVING HOPE PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES

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FALL, 2024

Dear Partner In Ministry,

October 1st marked a major transition for Living Hope, as I retired from the position of Executive Director. My very able successor is Julia Wayne, who has served as the Client Services Director for over ten years. God sent Randi Harper, who is relatively new to the ministry, to take Julia's place. Having been affiliated with Living Hope for over 30 years, I am delighted that a strong leadership team and an excellent Board of Directors are in place to carry on the work of the ministry. I plan to volunteer on Tuesdays and Thursdays, sharing God's love with clients and guiding them through Earn While You Learn lessons.

I graduated from UNC School of Nursing in 1973, just four months after the Roe v Wade decision was announced. My first job was at NC Memorial Hospital, where I worked on 5M, the OB/Gyn floor. Without going into detail, let me just say that part of my job involved caring for patients having saline abortions. I became well-acquainted with preborn babies, who were not just "blobs of tissue" as many claimed.

I married Larry McPherson, my college sweetheart, in 1974 and was relieved to escape the horrors of 5M. When we moved to Minot, ND, Larry's first duty station, I chose to accept a job at a Catholic hospital, where I knew that I wouldn't have to deal with abortion. I retired from nursing shortly before the birth of our daughter, Laura, in March of 1979. Larry's 20-year Air Force career took us to six different states and our sons Chris (1981) and David (1985) joined our family.

Larry retired from the Air Force in 1993 and we moved to NC. My plan was to settle in Wilmington, but we ended up in Whiteville. It was a difficult adjustment for all five of us. After we had been here for about a year, a friend told me about a fledgling ministry called A Woman's Choices Crisis Pregnancy Center. I called the number that I was given and discovered that there was going to be a volunteer training the following week. The rest, as they say, is history!

Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." I thank God for redeeming my past experiences and planning good things for me to do right here in Columbus County. What has He planned for you?

In His service,

*Janet E McPherson*



## July - September Ministry

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### **NEEDED: PRAYER WARRIORS**

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## Blessings in a Bottle

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Because of this, we wanted to give any church that is looking for a missions focus for the Christmas season the opportunity to do a Blessings in a Bottle drive.

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