

Suggested “Blurbs” for *Blessings in a Bottle* Project

Week 1 Be sure to see _____ after church today to pick up your baby bottle for the Blessings in a Bottle Project benefitting Living Hope Pregnancy Support Services. Living Hope is a life-affirming Christian ministry which helps women and children right here in Columbus County. Please fill your bottle with cash, a check, or change. Only checks (made out to Living Hope) will be receipted for tax purposes.

Week 2 Living Hope Pregnancy Support Services had 583 client visits in 2023. 162 of these were first-time clients, and each one was asked about her relationship with Christ and was offered a Bible and devotional literature. The plan of salvation was presented to 58 clients, 16 of whom made first-time decisions for Christ with 7 completing the New Believers' classes. Please remember to fill your baby bottle to benefit this Christ-centered local ministry.

Week 3 Living Hope Pregnancy Support Services has an Earn While You Learn Program which gives pregnant women a “hand-up” instead of a “hand-out.” Trained volunteer advocates guide each participant through an online curriculum called BrightCourse. After completing the program, each graduate chooses either a car seat or Pack ‘n Play along with a big laundry basket full of clothing and supplies for her baby. 38 expectant moms graduated from the program in 2023.

Week 4 Living Hope Pregnancy Support Services provides free pregnancy tests and estimated due dates, enabling pregnant women to get started on their prenatal care as soon as possible. Each positive test client is given a booklet showing the development of her unborn baby and a bottle of prenatal vitamins. In 2023, Living Hope provided 57 free pregnancy tests. Don’t forget to fill your baby bottle.

Week 5 We will be collecting the baby bottles for the Blessings in a Bottle Project this morning. If you did not get a bottle, you may still participate by putting cash or a check (made out to Living Hope) in an offering envelope. Be sure to indicate that it is a donation to Living Hope. If you forgot to bring your bottle this morning, please bring it back as soon as possible. Return your bottle even if it is empty so that it can be used again. If you prefer, you can make an online donation at www.friendsoflivinghope.com. Thank you for participating.