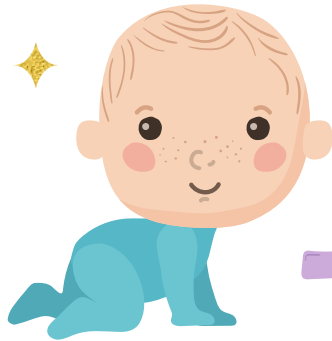


# CHOICES OF THE HEART



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# Chatting from the Heart

February is the month we are told to celebrate love. I personally laugh at this because it goes completely against what God tells us in His word about love. The world's love consists of roses, chocolate, teddy bears, balloons etc.

But God's love speaks of much more and is mentioned in scripture over 310 times.

I Corinthians 13:4-8 & 13 explains to us what love really is...

4. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

This love is true, everlasting and glorifying to God.

That leads into the story I am honored to share with you.

## Jon & Charlotte

Nov. 3rd was the day my life changed forever. Two pink lines showed up on a pregnancy test and I am freaking out! I was in the process of filling out my graduate school application and those two lines couldn't be.

I knew something was going on because of the way I was feeling as my body was working hard to create a little one I didn't intend to keep.

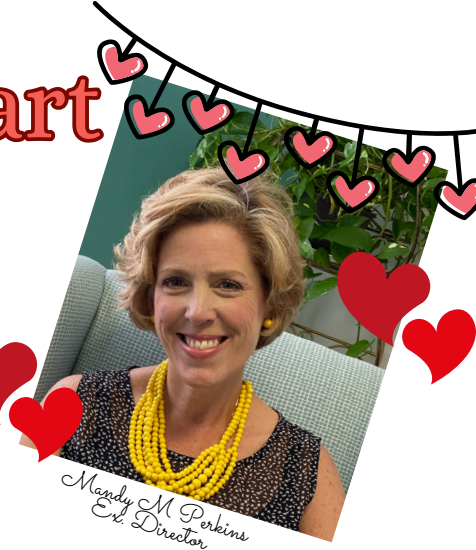
I found myself on the internet in my room with two phone numbers in front of me, Choices of the Heart and Planned Parenthood. I am forever grateful I chose the number for Choices because I was in such disbelief this was happening to me. I dialed the phone and Mrs. Kelli answered. She sounded sweet & genuinely concerned. This was a Friday and I knew I needed to see them today, so I headed over. As I walked up and entered the office, I was greeted by Mrs. Kelli with a smile on her face. She did another pregnancy test and there were those two pink lines again, Mrs. Kelli reassured me everything was going to be ok. She asked me to meet with Mrs. LaDawndra, the client counselor. She walked in and I felt a sense of peace as her body language was open and she asked me how "I" was doing and how "I" felt.

The process from that day forward was not an easy one but I followed through with my appointments at Choices on the following Monday and Tuesday both times reassuring them I was getting an abortion. I was set on the fact I couldn't tell my parents and that I was incapable of parenting.

The women at Choices had me fill out a survey on my religious beliefs. I was honest with them. I am curious about God but I had no idea at that time just how God centered their clinic was and in saying that, it was very beneficial to me & thought provoking. That survey created emotions from hopeful to resentful in a sense. I realized the feelings were from the fact I wasn't accepting the truth, I AM PREGNANT!

I met with the whole team, Mrs. LaDawndra, Mrs. Kelli & Mrs. Mandy. They encouraged me to bring Jon in and I did. Before Jon came in, Mrs. Kelli asked me if I would let her do an ultrasound. I said sure because in my mind there was no baby there I was too early.

Something happened! I was 7 weeks and there it was...a baby...a heartbeat. There it was, my baby, our baby, heartbeat, body, everything as conflicted tears streamed down my face as the realization of my pregnancy was revealed. I watched that screen in amazement, but it also made me realize an abortion in Ga wasn't possible now. But I continued with my plan and made an appointment in Virginia the next Friday to abort. Jon saw the ultrasound over the phone but still supported me in what I decided, even though he wanted this baby. He had presented me with a plan on how we could manage if we chose to keep the baby. I was completely amazed by that. We made one last appointment with Mrs. LaDawndra at Choices. Jon and I both went and she talked with us separately on our hearts desire for this baby and how we could proceed in the possibility of keeping it. The discussion ended with tears and even more love for that man sitting beside me. Still, I was in denial and said this was my last time I would come to Choices I was ashamed. Five days later, I found myself walking in the door to speak to Mrs. LaDawndra again I was terrified to tell my mother but was encouraged in spite of my fear. My mother was upset the first time we talked but on the second talk she asked me the "what if" questions. I was shocked and happy because I felt like I had a support system forming. When my ride to Virginia fell through that Friday, I knew this was reassurance I could do this. I had my mother, Jon, and the safe space at Choices of the Heart.



All this lead to the second most important day of my life, Nov. 16th, the day I told Jon we were going to be parents. He was over the moon and our journey began.

I now see I can parent. I have a man that loves and supports me, and I can finish my education and more importantly our baby went from "it" and "the child" to "my" and "ours".

Choices of the Heart gave me a space to go when I felt so ashamed and judged. They allowed ME to speak everything on my mind while listening with compassion and consideration for my situation. They are strong-willed women who all have their own stories if you're lucky enough to hear them. I am so blessed to have made more friends and allies on my pregnancy journey. I truly could not have come to the place I am today without the help of Choices of the Heart. I was determined to not have the baby but now I am looking forward to the future of Motherhood.

Lastly, the final result of all this is on Feb. 2nd Jon James married Charlotte Bythewood. Our baby is continuing to grow and develop and although some days I am still unsure, this I know, I have the most incredible support system anyone could have, Family, Husband, and Choices of the Heart! They are my FAMILY!



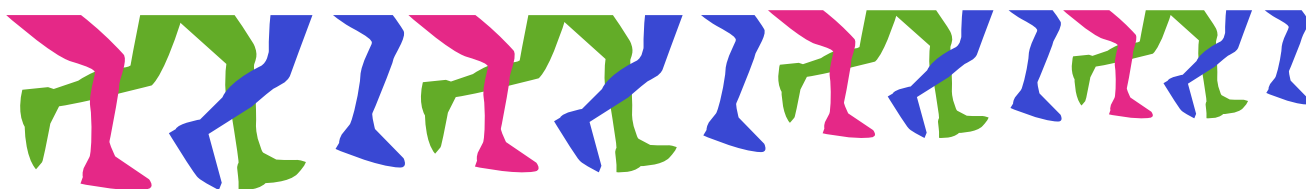
The ladies at Choices of the Heart are eagerly awaiting  
the arrival of

Baby Blythewood-James  
due June 25th, 2024

**Praise be to our Heavenly Father from which all Blessings Flow!**







We have moved into 2024 running the race to **Give Hope & Save Lives.**

Let's rejoice in the past but look to the future for what is to come.

**Last 3 years...**  
**Total babies born - 540**  
**Total clients served - 797**  
**To many diapers, wipes,**  
**baby essentials,**  
**maternity clothes and**  
**baby food to count!**

*Hebrews 12*

**2024 thus far...**  
**Total babies born - 10**  
**Total clients served-37**  
**Babies expected - 18**

*reminds us to*

**None of these Blessings**  
**could happen with out the**  
**generous donations from**  
**YOU!**  
**Thank you for supporting**  
**Life!**

*Run with Endurance*

So mark your calendars.

Baby Bottle Boomerang is happening now!

October Gala is being planned,

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*let us celebrate in God's Goodness!*



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