



Former NFL star Joe Jackson addressed students at Evergreen Elementary School (right) about making good life choices on Friday, March 5. Later that day (top), Jackson brought a message of faith to Christian youths gathered at the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown C.J.



Joe Jackson speaks inspirationally

Urges youths to remain celibate and to avoid drug, alcohol use

Former NFL star Joe Jackson tackled big issues while in Illinois Valley last week and during part of this week.

Among his talks to youth and adults, he was guest speaker during a fund-raiser for Illinois Valley Pregnancy Center (formerly Living Alternatives) in the Evergreen Elementary School gym on Saturday night, March 6. The banquet theme was, "Faith, Hope & Love."

The former football star is an evangelist and lecturer. Since leaving the sport he also has served as a teacher and counselor around the country.

Referring to his own involvement with the Dream Center, the former Queen of Angels Hospital in Los Angeles now dealing with the homeless and others with difficulties including out-of-wedlock pregnancies, he challenged the audience to, "Find a need and fill it; find a hurt and heal it."

Jackson said that he is excited about I.V. Pregnancy Center because it is "doing God's work, helping people realize God's dream for them. Needs are met, and lives are changed," he said. Jackson noted that while visiting the center he noted compassion and caring, no matter what the situation.

Jackson urged the audience to take a stand in the community for what is right; and to support the pregnancy center any way possible, either as a volunteer or through monetary donations or prayer. "The government isn't going to handle this," he said, "it's up to you. What it comes down to is that you have a heart for souls."

He took aim at the way some young women dress, noting that the fashion for leaving the abdominal area uncovered is stimulating for young men. "Young men play at love to get sex," he said. "Young women play at sex to get love. I tell young people they're free to choose what they do, but not the consequences of their actions."

Overall, Jackson congratulated the pregnancy center, now ministering to

16 women with its "Christ-centered, pro-life" efforts.

It was noted that next month the center will mark its 17th year, and that it has been in the same location between Sterling Savings Bank and Carlos Restaurant. Volunteers are needed to help the program grow, and many opportunities are available, it was stated.

Pastor Charlie Bridges of Bridgeview Community Church, chairman of the pregnancy center board, said that the organization

has been spending \$400 more per month than budgeted because of the community need.

Bridges, who spent 11 days in jail years ago for praying in front of an abortion clinic with other pastors, said, "We need to stand in the gap; it's our duty as Christians." He stated that he has been inspired to work to meet the challenge in Psalm 82, verse three:

"Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy."

Rocky and Sara Jones on the mend

(Editor's Note: The following item about rural Cave Junction residents Rocky and Sara Jones, injured in a Feb. 14 traffic crash near Grants Pass, is from Chris Duncan Leppert {Class of 1954}, who is corresponding secretary of Illinois Valley High School Alumni and Friends.)

Talked to Sara this afternoon (Thursday, March 4), and the news is as good as it can get at this point.

She's learning to use the walker and getting around pretty well "in spite of the chunk of concrete at the end of her right leg." All the bruises have now settled down to a bruise-color yellow. The stitches in her eyelid are itching.

She reports that Tresa and the attentive grandkids see that she drinks lots of water, resulting in all those trips to the loo, requiring her to keep the body moving as much as possible of course! (She laughs here - good to hear.) She's well supplied with reading material and puzzles. She's keeping the pain killers to a minimum and is sleeping

very well.

The healing process is happening. She will see her doctors next Tuesday.

Rocky is very serious and in for lots of slow healing. He now has a permanent neck collar which doctors feel will promote healing better than attempted surgery, which is too big a risk.

He's been off the respirator since Saturday; still has the trach. Today he took 10 baby steps up on a walker

Tresa gets to Medford

every weekend to spend time with dad, and reports the care he is getting is wonderful.

Again, Sara sends big, big thanks for all of your prayers, cards and good wishes. Nancy in the office (Valley Bookkeeping) has been faithfully forwarding, and Tresa picks them up to deliver, too. The address is P.O. Box 354, Cave Junction OR 97523.

Your concern is very much appreciated by all the family.

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RSVP to 592-2191 by Monday, March 15.