



October, November, December 2009 Newsletter, Nancy William, editor
Michael S. Kotson, President, Belmont County Right to Life

UPCOMING EVENTS

Belmont County LIFE CHAIN Sunday

Sunday, October 18, 2009

Bridgeport Fountain Intersection -- SR 7 & US 40

We will assemble at **2 pm** for introductions, instructions and prayer. **From 2:30 – 3:30**, we will line the streets at the intersection, holding signs that say ***“Abortion Kills Children”, “Pray to End Abortion” and “Jesus Forgives & Heals.”*** Join with hundreds of Pro-Life citizens at this event on behalf of the pre-born, as we stand silently and prayerfully holding our signs for all passersby to read and consider.

SIGNS ARE PROVIDED. Do not bring your own.

We hope you will come & stand with us as we defend & celebrate God’s gift of life!!

--In Him, Tim Snyder, Belmont Co. LIFE CHAIN Coordinator www.bethesdacc.org ; 740-484-1194

“It is fervently hoped that God will anoint *LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY 2009* and use it mightily for His purpose and glory. --Royce Dunn, Director of NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN www.nationallifechain.org

BELMONT CO. RIGHT TO LIFE MTG. --Tuesday, December 1st, 7 pm

We will meet at East Richland Friends Church, 67885 Friends Church Road, St. Clairsville in the Fireside Room. Use the steeple entrance. Plans for Sanctity of Human Life Month and future fund raisers will be discussed. This meeting will be our Christmas Party. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. Directions to the church are: Traveling west on I-70, take exit 215, turn left and go one mile. The church is on the left. Traveling east on I-70, take exit 213, turn right and go one mile. The church is on the right.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY – January 17, 2010.

Churches across America will plan services emphasizing “life”. Encourage your pastors to be a part of this special life-affirming day.

WASHINGTON, D.C. MARCH FOR LIFE – January 22, 2010

The 37th Annual March for Life since the infamous Roe v. Wade decision will be observed. Mark your calendar now to be a part of this event. We will have information regarding bus trips, etc. at our December meeting.

PRO-LIFE NEWS



DEAR PRO-LIFE FRIENDS -- Friday, October 1, three BCRTL members and I attended the Guernsey County Right to Life meeting to hear speaker, Eileen Smith. Mrs. Smith's 22 year old daughter, Laura Hope Smith died on an abortionist's table in Massachusetts two years ago. Her parents, who live in New Jersey, were unaware of Laura's pregnancy and shocked and overcome with grief at this news. After searching for answers, meeting with the abortionist, seeing attorneys and spending time in prayer, she has become an active Pro-Life speaker. Eileen believes that God is bringing good out of Laura's death. "We're going very public with a very shameful private thing because I believe God wants to use it to save lives. I now believe it is my calling to keep telling Laura's story to the Church, and the world. I naively believed that abortion was not a choice for a Christian girl. This is a problem in the Church and one that needs to be spoken about from the pulpits. We need to take the "A" word out of the closet, put it out in the open and discuss it. And maybe, possibly, hopefully, we'll even become active against it."

The majority of Americans are pro-life but few of us do anything about it. I urge you to speak up on behalf of the unborn, to pray for life, join us at our meetings and join us at the **LIFE CHAIN** on October 18 to pray for an end to abortion. My prayers are with you. --**Michael S. Kotson, BCRTL President**

Further info: <http://voicesoftruth.net/EileenSmith.html> Eileen Smith, PO Box 66, North Wildwood, NJ 08260

THANK YOU to 37 FRIENDS FOR LIFE, who volunteered at the Belmont County Right to Life Fair Booth September 9-13. Each of you represented Christ by carrying our theme message that "A Person Is a Person, No Matter How Small" to Belmont County. A "special thank you" goes to **Dawn George** for making the theme banner. You did a terrific job!

"URGENT -- ALERT"

HEALTH CARE – REFORM OR DISASTER?

The Health Care Reform proposals currently before Congress devalue human life. That's not reform – it's disaster for all of us.

HEALTH CARE BILLS WILL GREATLY EXPAND & FUND ABORTION!

- *Include abortion at taxpayer expense under the government's "public option"
- *Allow federal subsidies to flow to private insurance plans that cover abortions
- *Increase the number of abortions dramatically

HEALTH CARE BILLS WILL RATION & EVEN DENY CARE FOR ALL, ESPECIALLY OLDER PEOPLE & THOSE WITH DISABILITIES!

- *Lead to rationing & even denial of treatment for any citizen, especially the most vulnerable among us – older people & those with disabilities
- *Give the government authority to decide which treatments can be denied
- *Institute government-paid end-of-life "counseling" for older people

PHONY "COMPROMISE" MANDATES ABORTION COVERAGE & TAXPAYER FUNDING OF ABORTION – Senate & House committees voted down REAL right-to-life amendments that would effectively exclude abortion.

DESPITE FALSE CLAIMS, THE HYDE AMENDMENT WILL NOT PROTECT TAXPAYERS FROM PAYING FOR ABORTIONS. – The current Hyde language only applies to funds passing through the Labor/Health & Human Services Appropriations bill and would not apply to new federal subsidies created by the health care bills.

Time is short. You MUST act now to support real reform and prevent disaster!

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSMAN – IMMEDIATELY!

Zach Space (202) 225-6265 or (866) 910-7577
Senator George Voinovich at (202) 224-3353

Charles Wilson (202) 225-5705 or (740) 633-5705
Senator Sherrod Brown at (202) 224-224-2315

“ACTION ALERT” – OHIO “PREVENTION FIRST” ACT REINTRODUCED
Attempt to Reinstate Funds to Abortion Providers

Last week the "Prevention First Act" was reintroduced in the Ohio House (as [H.B. 293](#)) by Rep. Tyrone Yates (D, Cincinnati) and in the Ohio Senate (as [S.B. 176](#)) by Sen. Teresa Fedor (D, Toledo).

Republicans do not introduce these anti-life measures, as they (unlike the Democrats' platform) do not have a platform that supports this agenda of the abortion industry -- that's why it is very important to keep the pro-life/pro-family planks in the Republican platform. Let's ask Democratic friends to get these pro-abortion planks OUT of their platforms...it matters!

Among other things, these bills seek to overturn the current law that prohibits use of state "Women's Health Services" grants for abortion and abortion counseling and referral.

Repeals current R.C. 3313.6011 which provides that instruction in venereal disease education must stress abstinence until marriage and replaces it with an authorization for schools to use "comprehensive sex education" (lines 163-407). (It would repeal all our earlier successful efforts of thousands of Ohio parents, clergy, pro-family legislators and educators...many of you on this list...)

The current law also gives a preference for awarding the grants to local health departments. Before this went into effect, about a million dollars per year of this funding went to pro-abortion Planned Parenthood affiliates. Now none of it does. This bill would change that.

The bill also tramples on the conscience rights of pro-life pharmacists, taxpayers and religious hospitals to promote use of the morning-after pill ("emergency contraception"), which in some cases acts as an abortifacient and kills a living human embryo by preventing implantation in the mother's womb.

For further information visit the Ohio RTL webpage: www.ohiolife.org

[Contact your Ohio State Representative and Senator](#) to oppose this bill:

Sen. Jason Wilson (614) 466-6508 Rep. Allan Sayre (614) 466-8035 Rep. John Domenick (614) 3735

Poll: Ohioans Hold Strong Faith, Majority Oppose Abortion
New Survey Shows Ohioans Concerned About Raising Families in Current Culture

The Ohio Cultural Index released in July, 2009 by Ohio Right to Life breaks new ground regarding Ohioans' views on faith, government, entertainment and abortion and outside forces on their families. The entire poll and analysis is available for download at the Ohio Right to Life website at <http://www.ohiolife.org>. The index's significant findings include: ****72% of Ohioans' surveyed strongly believe in God; 60% oppose abortion; 54% believe abortion has a negative effect on women who have them; 70% oppose use of taxpayer dollars to pay for abortion; 45% believe entertainment today negatively impacts families; 51% believe government policies are harming traditional family values; 54% believe schools undermine values taught at home; and 54% believe families do a worse job of developing character than a generation ago.*** "We now know a majority of Ohioans oppose abortion, have a strong faith in God, and are concerned about raising their families in today's cultural environment," said Mike Gonidakis, executive director of Ohio Right to Life." The intent of the Ohio Cultural Index is to inform Ohio families, and serve as a guide to our elected leaders.

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www.nrlc.org

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 ___ \$10 Non-active 2009 Membership ___ \$ 5 Student Membership
 \$ ___ Donors with a once a year donation
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