



**January, February, 2010 Newsletter**, Nancy Williams, editor  
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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY – January 17 or 24, 2010**

Churches across America will plan services emphasizing “life” on one of these Sundays. On behalf of the pre-born and unborn babies, as well as the elderly and infirmed of our county, we want to encourage you, your pastors and their congregations to be a part of this special life-affirming day. These dates are the closest to January 22, the anniversary of the Supreme Court case, Roe-v-Wade that legalized abortion, thus unleashing a holocaust on this land that has destroyed over 50 million innocent little lives...so far.

Many resources are available to you. The website for Belmont County Right to Life is [www.belmontcountyrighttolife.org](http://www.belmontcountyrighttolife.org). You can get further resources from other Pro-Life organizations like Focus on the Family, [www.family.org](http://www.family.org), American Family Association, [www.afa.net](http://www.afa.net), Heritage House, [www.hh76.org](http://www.hh76.org), Ohio Right to Life, [www.ohiolife.org](http://www.ohiolife.org) or National Right to Life, [www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org).

We would be glad to have a BCRTL representative speak to your church or school group. We have videos, informational brochures, baby developmental models, bumper stickers and many other resources on hand. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at East Richland Friends Church (**Call 686-2465 to confirm.**) We’d be happy to have you or a representative from your church, school or group join with us in the fight for LIFE!

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

The 37th Annual **March for Life** since the infamous Roe v. Wade decision will be held on Friday, January 22. This pro-life event starts with the **Rally for Life** and leads to the march up Constitution Avenue. Plan to be a part of this event. We know of at least three buses from our area that are going to D.C. for this March. If you are interested in attending, call Nancy at 635-2532 or Mike at 686-2465.

### **EWTN CABLE STATION – CHANNEL 184**

**There are many pro-life programs on this station, such as:**

January 18 at 3 am & 6:30 pm – **TURNING THE TIDE** (Debate over the legalization of euthanasia)

January 19 at 3 am & 6:30 pm -- **BEING HUMAN III** (Impact of Abortion in Society)\_

January 21 at 10 am & January 23 at 6:30 pm (60 min.) – **CUTTING THROUGH THE SPIN ON STEM CELLS & CLONING**

January 22 at 11 am (4 hrs.) – Complete coverage of the **D.C. MARCH FOR LIFE**

### **BELMONT CO. RIGHT TO LIFE MEETINGS**

**Tuesday, December 1, 2009** - This was our annual Christmas Dinner Meeting. Those in attendance watched the Pro-life partial-birth abortion film, “A Distant Thunder”. Officers elected were: Mike Kotson, president; Nancy Williams, vice-president; Dawn George, secretary; Nancy Morris, treasurer. The Life Chain report was given by Tim Snyder, chairman: There were many participants in Bridgeport who lined the streets, holding pro-life signs and praying for an end to abortion. We want to thank the city officials for permission to hold this event. The location allows many who pass by to read the signs which may influence them for LIFE. Thanks also to Tim for coordinating the event.

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## Upcoming:

-- Tuesday, January 5, 2010 - 7 pm - Planning Meeting (Officers & Others who are interested)

-- Tuesday, February 2, 2010 - 7 pm - Program & Business Meeting

We meet at East Richland Friends Church, 67885 Friends Church Road, St. Clairsville in the Fireside Room. Use the steeple entrance. 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.

## **National LIFE NEWS**

### **HEALTH CARE – REFORM OR DISASTER**

President Obama may have given himself a "**good solid B-plus**" on his first year, but you can bet that Planned Parenthood is giving him much higher marks--especially after its Secret Santa gifted millions more in taxpayer-funded abortion. When the President inked his name on the \$447 billion Omnibus bill, he was effectively signing the check for tens of thousands of D.C. abortions.

Despite his call to "reduce abortions," this White House is freeing up more taxpayer dollars for the slaughter of innocent unborn children than any President in U.S. history. Initiatives like the "**National Task Force to Reduce Abortions**" and the promise that "**No federal dollars will be used to fund abortions**" appear to be nothing more than a facade. It masks an administration that has done nothing to reduce abortion--but *everything* in its power to expand it. Remember, barely 24 hours into his first term, this President immediately set to work undoing years of pro-life policy. Among President Obama's first acts was lifting a ban on taxpayer-funded abortion--overturning the Mexico City policy just one day after the 35th March for Life. Today, he's carrying on that tradition in his own backyard, forcing taxpayers to finance the procedure in D.C., a city with the highest abortion rate in the country (2005). The same will be done for the rest of the nation if the President succeeds in passing his so-called healthcare reform bill recently passed in the Senate. The same man who asked, "**How can we reduce the number of abortions?**" refuses to accept the easy answer: **stop paying for them!**

--Family Research Council, Washington Watch 12/17/09 [www.frc.org](http://www.frc.org)

### **"Is there No Democratic Senator Who Cares About Life?"**

December 21, 2009 Contact J.P. Duffy, (202) 679-6800

Washington, D.C. - The U.S. Senate voted for the **Health Care Reform Bill** which includes abortion language that would force the federal government to pay premiums for private health plans that will cover any or all abortions while doing nothing to protect individual conscience rights. Beyond the issue of abortion, the legislation has a myriad of other problems including increasing taxes on families while singling out and penalizing married couples through an increase in the payroll tax. Cuts to Medicare and the expansion of the federal role in personal health care decisions will inevitably lead to rationing of care for patients.

**Family Research Council President Tony Perkins** had this to say about the legislation:

"While true health care reform is needed, this legislation does nothing to alleviate the problems facing American families. Under this bill, families face an increasing tax burden that will be used to further devalue (human life. A federal government run health care system will create a nationwide abortion network funded by government dollars resulting in the greatest abortion expansion since *Roe v. Wade*. "The Senate's vote reflects the whole process leading up to it - ugly, partisan and dangerous. This legislation was drafted by a handful of people, supported by only one political party and will negatively affect every single American citizen.

"What is most disappointing is that while some Democrats in the House of Representatives put the sanctity of human life first and foremost, not one Senator from the Democratic Party could be bothered to stand up for mothers and their unborn children.

"Senators Ben Nelson (D-Nebr.) and Robert Casey (D-Penn.) gave mere lip service to protect the most innocent among us by placing their stamp of approval on government funding for abortion coverage in direct conflict with longstanding policy. I ask them to reverse course in any future votes to move this deadly bill forward."

***THIS BILL IS A DISASTER -- You MUST act now***

**PLEASE CONTACT YOUR Representatives & Senators-- IMMEDIATELY!**

Zach Space (202) 225-6265 or (866) 910-7577

Charles Wilson (202) 225-5705 or (740) 633-5705

Senator George Voinovich at (202) 224-3353

Senator Sherrod Brown at (202) 224-224-2315

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## **OHIO LIFE NEWS**

### **ACTION REQUESTED!!!**

**Tell Ohio Legislators to Oppose the Pro-abortion Prevention First Act.** Please contact your Ohio State Representative & your Ohio State Senator and urge them to oppose H.B. 293 and S.B. 176, the "Ohio Prevention First Act". You can also tell them to oppose H.B. 333, which would enact a key portion of the PFA.

1. Tell them that these bills would violate the conscience rights of pro-life taxpayers, pharmacists & religiously affiliated hospitals. 2. 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. 3. It 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...) 4. The current law 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. **For further information visit the Ohio RTL webpage: [www.ohiolife.org](http://www.ohiolife.org)**

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

## **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

*Every minute three more children die from abortion just in the United States. Countless others are threatened with death by infanticide and euthanasia. The killing will continue unless we take a stand for life. You can save lives through your generous contribution of treasure, time and talent.*

**Over the years, God has faithfully provided for Belmont County Right to Life through your generous financial support. We want to use your money responsibly.**

**One of our big expenses is the newsletter.** There is a way that you can help us: **It costs us \$1000+ annually to publish and distribute Belmont County Right To Life News.**

We send out **680+ newsletters.** Of those, there are **110 churches and pastors, 58 dues-paying members and contributors, 500+ individuals who signed up for the newsletter at the Fair and Life Chain.** Hopefully these signers are potential members/helpers.

Our question is, **"Are we wasting our money sending out some of these newsletters when we have so few contributors?"** If membership dues of \$10 are too much, we would appreciate a \$3-\$5 donation to help cover the cost of the BCRTL Newsletters.

**Getting to the bottom line, if we don't hear from those of you in that 500+ group, i.e. you are not a member/contributor and not a church or pastor, we will assume you are not interested in our efforts any longer and will discontinue mailings.** You will receive the newsletter for the next two mailings. You can still get it online at our website. We don't want to lose you, but we also want to put our money where it will do the most good. **Thank you for prayerfully considering this matter.**

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**\*\*\* Of the 680+ people on our mailing list, there are very few members and donors.  
Our funding is very low at the present. Please, prayerfully consider making a donation for "life". \*\*\*  
(See article on page 3.)**

**In order to lessen the cost of mailing the Belmont County Right to Life News, we are asking those of you who wish to receive this newsletter by E-mail to indicate below:**

\_\_\_ \$10 Regular 2009 Membership (Attend at least two meetings a year.)  
\_\_\_ \$10 Non-active 2009 Membership \_\_\_ \$ 5 Student Membership  
\$ \_\_\_ Donors with a once a year donation  
\$ \_\_\_ Memorial Gift \_\_\_\_\_  
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