

Life Matters



State Affiliate to the National Right to Life Committee

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WVFL Supported Redistricting Reform

by Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President and Vicky Covert, Legislative Liaison

The members of West Virginians for Life understand that, for our legislators, redistricting is a personal issue affecting their seats in the WV Legislature. West Virginians for Life's involvement in the redistricting issue was not undertaken so that we could take positions on the individuals, whose seats are affected by any changes brought about by redistricting. We truly appreciate the hard work everyone has done in the past to promote the cause of protecting human life from fertilization to natural death and we support the hard work our representatives have done for our innocent children.

However, West Virginians for Life has observed that members of our organization are systematically disenfranchised by the presence in our state of large multi-member districts. We believe that these large multi-member districts should be reformed by reducing the number of members in these very large districts. The largest district in our state is District 30 in Kanawha County with seven members. This is the second-largest delegate district in the country. The only opportunity we have to make any changes is during the votes taken on redistricting every ten years. The state legislature met the first week of August to deal with redistricting, due to population changes from the 2010 census.

West Virginians for Life expressed our intention to score an amendment to the

Redistricting Plan, which would break District 30 (Kanawha County) into a larger number of districts with fewer members each. The original amendment that we intended to score originated with District 30 Delegates Doug Skaff and Eric Nelson. Brent Boggs, Chairman of the Redistricting Committee, and the remaining delegation of District 30, came back with a compromise amendment breaking District 30 into only two districts of four and three members each. This amendment passed unanimously with a voice vote. We applaud the efforts of those members of the legislature, who worked to reform West Virginia's largest multi-member district.

As a grass roots organization, we are aware of the importance of making sure that West Virginia lives up to the calls in our Constitution for truly representative government that makes it possible for the folks to "assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

It was in this spirit that we engaged in both our recent successful suit to overturn sections of the "campaign finance law" passed previously by the WV legislature (see Press Release below) and in this support for redistricting reform. We thank the staff and volunteers of West Virginians for Life for their hard work in helping to bring about some reform in our multi-member districts.

Campaign Finance Lawsuit Meets with Success

Court Strikes Down Express Advocacy and Electioneering Communication Definitions

The following was released by the James Madison Center for Free Speech on July 20, 2011.

A federal district court has struck down unconstitutional definitions of express advocacy and electioneering communications in West Virginia. West Virginians for Life, Inc., sought to engage in radio ads, mass mailings, petitions, and newspaper ads addressing pro-life issues involving a person who was a candidate for the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. In some cases, West Virginians for Life actually engaged in its speech. The speech did not expressly advocate the election or defeat of any candidate by using words such as "vote for" or "vote against." Nevertheless, the speech clearly identified a candidate, and ran or was to run shortly before an election in areas where West Virginia residents could vote for the candidate.

West Virginians for Life feared the state would regulate all of its speech by defining it as "express advocacy" or an "electioneering communication." Then the organization would have to file reports on all of the speech with the state.

Worse yet, West Virginians for Life feared the state would define the organization as a full-fledged political committee, which means complying with West Virginia's political-committee burdens, such as registration, recordkeeping requirements, and extensive reporting requirements.

The court's decision addresses the express-advocacy, electioneering-communication definition, and political-committee definitions.

First, the district court limited West Virginia's express-advocacy definition to how the U.S. Supreme Court defines express advocacy.

The court rejected West Virginia's attempt to define express advocacy by an "appeal-to-vote" test. Under such a test, West Virginia could have regulated speech if its only

"reasonable interpretation is as an appeal to vote for or against a specific candidate."

The court said such a test is a vague express-advocacy definition.

Second, while government may regulate broadcast electioneering communications, the court said West Virginia had not justified regulating non-broadcast electioneering communications.

"The district court followed Supreme Court case law in a way that is a tremendous victory for free speech," said James Bopp, Jr., general counsel of the James Madison Center

for Free Speech, which brought the challenges on behalf of West Virginians for Life. "Organizations such as West Virginians for Life need to be able to engage in non-regulable speech without fear of fines or imprisonment."

Third, the court held that West Virginians for Life is not a political committee under West Virginia law. The reason is that supporting or opposing candidates is not the organization's sole purpose.

This court noted that an organization devoting as little as 1 percent of its spending to other activities, such as charitable work, is not a political committee under West Virginia law.

This is so even if it would be constitutional to define the organization as a political committee under Supreme Court case law.

The action is *West Virginians for Life, Inc. v. Tennant*, and the court's decision is available at <http://www.jamesmadisoncenter.org/cases/files/2011/07/Doc-233-SJ-Order.pdf>.

James Bopp, Jr. has a national constitutional law practice with the law firm of Bopp, Coleson & Bostrom. He may be reached for comment at 812-232-2434.

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From the President

Dear Friend of Life,

West Virginians for Life is dedicated to the goal of over-turning the Supreme Court abortion decision making abortion a constitutional right in America. There are only two ways to reverse this decision. Either we pass an appropriate amendment to the Constitution or the members of the Court reverse it themselves. We cannot reverse it right now, but we refuse to look the other way while innocent people are dying. We will continue to support laws that will save as many lives as possible, while educating the public on abortion.

Here in West Virginia, the following protective laws have been passed as a direct result of the lobbying efforts of West Virginians for Life:

- a Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act (1997)
- a Women's Right to Know Law (2003)
- an Unborn Victims of Violence Act (2005), and
- an Ultrasound Option Requirement Act (2010).

Passing these laws requires the hard work and dedication of many staff members and volunteers.

Now we have a brilliant new model law that we believe has the power to outlaw some abortions, while, at the same time, focusing

attention on the baby in the womb. This law is based on new scientific evidence that conclusively demonstrates that unborn babies feel pain by at least 20 weeks from fertilization. The new law is called the "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" and it would safeguard unborn babies from abortion when medical evidence shows they can feel pain.

West Virginians for Life wants to stop abortion after the unborn child can feel pain. We will be working on passage of this law in our next legislative session. However, we cannot do this without your help. It is essential that all concerned pro-life West Virginians join with us. We need the financial resources to hire a full-time lobbyist for our legislative session. You can help us by becoming a member. This is the only way to make you full participants in the process of saving lives. For membership information, use the coupon in this newspaper on page 9, go to our website at www.wvforlife.org or call our office at 304-594-9845.

Sincerely,

Wanda Franz, Ph.D.



Charleston Man Assaulted Ex for NOT Having Abortion

In some cases women abort because of pressure from the father of the baby. That pressure can get downright criminal if not deadly. Case in point...

The *Charleston Daily Mail* found that according to police reports, a Charleston man told his ex-girlfriend to have an abortion, and then sexually assaulted her. Bruce Cook, 48, of Randolph Street in Charleston was arrested August 1 after his ex-girlfriend told Charleston police he assaulted her.

It happened Saturday, July 30 at Cook's apartment, the victim said.

The victim, who is three months pregnant with another man's child, told officers Cook told her to have an abortion. When she refused, he held a knife to her stomach and told her he would abort the baby, according to a complaint filed in Kanawha County Magistrate Court.

She said he then picked her up and carried her to a bed where he touched her inappropriately. She said she told him to stop, but that he refused. She was able to get away from Cook and later told police about the incident.

Cook was charged with first-degree sexual assault. He is being held at South Central Regional Jail on \$10,000 cash bond.

This may sound like an isolated crime, but it happens far more than people realize. According to *LifeNews.com* there is a Utah man who formerly lived in western Colorado who stands accused of giving his pregnant girlfriend the second part of the two-part abortion drug

in an attempt to force her to have an abortion.

In the Utah case, 31-year-old Jared Merrill Ahlstrom appeared in Mesa County District Court on August 2 where he faces a felony charge of unlawful termination of pregnancy. The drug eventually caused a miscarriage and the death of the unborn child.

In December, a Seattle-area man found himself in police custody after allegedly killing his girlfriend and their infant daughter after the woman refused his request to get an abortion. Daniel Thomas Hicks is charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the death of 28-year-old Jennifer "J" Morgan and 13-month-old Ema Morgan. Hicks was charged after he was apprehended following the discovery of the bodies by Morgan's mother and cooperation with other relatives who aided them

in locating Hicks. Legal papers the *Times* obtained say Hicks wanted Morgan to have an abortion and claimed she "was just trying to trap him with the pregnancy." They say Hicks made several threats about killing Morgan and himself.



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Unborn Babies Feel Pain

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All human beings begin life at fertilization, when we have the human DNA that directs our development. Very early in development, we acquire the physical form of our human appearance, including all the structures that are part of being human. For example, our hands and fingers develop and we begin to exercise them, using our fingers and eventually our thumbs to practice grasping. Our DNA also directs the development of all of our other human capabilities, including our ability to feel pain. When does the unborn baby acquire the ability to feel pain?

We know that, by 18 days after fertilization, the brain begins to take shape and the spinal cord starts to grow. At 5 weeks, pain receptors appear around the mouth and, at 6 weeks, the unborn child first jerks away from a touch to the mouth. In weeks 6 to 18, the cerebral cortex develops; and in weeks 8 to 16, the thalamus develops, functioning as the main relay center in the brain for sensory impulses going from the spinal cord to the cortex. By 20 weeks after fertilization, pain receptors, spinal cord, nerve tracts, thalamus, and cortex are in place. All anatomical links needed for feeling pain are present.

How do we know what the baby is feeling? Pain is a tricky thing to measure, because it requires an outsider to try to guess what is going on inside another person. Visual observation suggests that people are in pain when they pull away from a stimulus and begin to avoid the source of the pain. We even see these behaviors in animals. Do we see it in the unborn child? We do, according to David Birnback, M.D., president of the Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology, who testified that, "Having administered anesthesia for fetal surgery, I know that on occasion we need to administer the anesthesia directly to the fetus, because even at these early gestational ages, the fetus moves away from the pain of the stimulation."

But how bad is it really? What is the unborn baby really feeling? We now have techniques to measure the degree of painful stimulation. When painful stimuli occur, our body responds by putting out stress hormones. By measuring the level of the stress hormones in the body, we can determine that pain is being experienced. This is the case in everyone who has been born. As early as 18 weeks from fertilization, stress hormones are released by an unborn child being injected by a needle, just as they are when adults feel pain. Furthermore, researchers have demonstrated that hormone levels decrease in babies as pain-relievers are supplied during fetal surgery. Human pain begins very early in human development.

If an unborn baby at 20 weeks gestation "is fully capable of experiencing pain.... Without question, [abortion] is a dreadfully painful experience for any infant subjected to such a surgical procedure," stated Robert J. White, M.D., Ph.D., professor neurosurgery, Case Western University. The pro-life movement recognizes the need to act to protect unborn babies from the pain of abortion. West Virginians for Life will be working for passage of the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which outlaws abortion at 20 weeks when scientists agree unborn babies can feel pain.

Five states have already passed the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and may more are working on its passage. So far these laws have not been challenged in court. Babies can be protected from the pain of abortion. Please help West Virginia pass this important, ground-breaking legislation by becoming a donor and a member of West Virginians for Life (coupon on page 9). Your membership will make it possible for you to be a full partner in saving lives, and it will provide us with the resources we need to provide a pro-life presence in Charleston during the legislative session.

Pain Capable Petitions are available from wvforlife.org or call 304-594-9845.

Planned Parenthood - Largest Abortion Provider in U.S.

by Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President

Planned Parenthood of America has worked to develop an image of being a social service organization dedicated to helping families. However, this slick veneer covers a much darker, pro-death agenda. Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest promoter and provider of abortions, performing about a third of all abortions done in the United States (332,278 in the most recent of their reports).

Planned Parenthood argues they are performing "legitimate" health services for women and, therefore, deserve enormous amounts of tax-payer funded government grants and contracts. In fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, they received \$363.3 million from the American taxpayer. None of this money is supposed to pay for the abortions women receive from Planned Parenthood. However, it clearly maintains the organization and physical plant supporting the abortion business.

Furthermore, legitimate health services are offered by numerous other health programs in any community. If the money is taken away from Planned Parenthood, it will all go to other community organizations and no legitimate health services will be lost. The only "service" offered by Planned Parenthood that is unique to them is abortion. The only reason to continue to fund them is to make abortions possible.

Here are some of the statistics that demonstrate this point. Abortion constitutes approximately 37% of Planned Parenthood's revenues. Of services to pregnant women, 98% are abortions. For every one adoption referral made by Planned Parenthood, it performs 340 abortions. One in every eight women entering a Planned Parenthood facility gets an abortion.

In April of this year, Congress failed to cut off federal funding for Planned Parenthood. The House of Representatives voted to cut off funding, but the Senate voted against that legislation. Senators Jay Rockefeller and Joe Manchin both voted against cutting off federal funding to Planned Parenthood. Jay Rockefeller's family has long-time connections with eugenic organizations like Planned Parenthood, and they have been funding them for generations. However, Joe Manchin went to Congress as a pro-life supporter, supposedly dedicated to ending abortion and saving lives. His betrayal of the babies is truly an outrage.

Help us to educate the West Virginia voters about Manchin's betrayal. We have full-page ads that you can put in your local newspaper. To date, this ad has been published in seven newspapers around the state. We also want to develop radio and TV ads. You can help us to fund these projects. West Virginians deserve to know the truth. Become a donor and member of West Virginians for Life and a partner in the truth for West Virginians.

Exposing Manchin's Record

Senator Manchin has had three pro-life votes scored by the National Right to Life Committee and he is 0 of 3. Thus, the handbills appearing below. You may print them out from the website at www.wvforlife.org or just call the office at 304-594-9845. The Manchin betrayal ad which was printed in the May/June *Life Matters* has appeared in *The Dominion Post*, *Post Extra*, *Morgantown Times*, the *Charleston Gazette*, *Clarksburg Exponent*, *Martinsburg Journal* and the *Monroe Watchman*.

Pro-life West Virginians who voted for him, feel betrayed. If you would like to help West Virginians for Life hold him accountable, distribute these handbills everywhere. Perfectly sized to fit within a church bulletin, you would simply be sharing the senator's voting record. Help West Virginians for Life continue exposing that sorry record.



Print out your handbills from the www.wvforlife.org or call the State WVFL Office at 304-594-9845. People will NOT know if you don't share Senator Manchin's 0% voting record.

Petitions regarding the "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" are available in the WVFL Office and online at www.wvforlife.org.

Gallup Finds “Pro-Choice” Americans Back Most Abortion Limits

by Steven Ertelt
LifeNews.com Editor

When abortion backers say most Americans are “pro-choice” on abortion, new polling data from Gallup finds that not only is that incorrect but even a strong majority of “pro-choice” Americans support most abortion limits.

On August 8 Gallup released more of its most recent polling data on abortion, where it asked Americans if they support a wide range of pro-life laws that have been effective in stopping abortions. As Gallup notes:

“Self-described ‘pro-choice’ and ‘pro-life’ Americans agree about nine major areas of abortion policy, while disagreeing on eight others. Among the areas of consensus, in which a majority of both groups hold the same opinion, especially large percentages are in favor of requiring informed consent for women (86% of pro-choice adults and 87% who are pro-life) and making abortion illegal in the third trimester (79% and 94%).”

Some 86 percent of “pro-choice” Americans favor giving women information about abortion’s risks and alternatives beforehand, 79 percent favor banning abortions in the third-trimester, 63 percent favor banning partial-birth abortions, 60 percent support parental consent for minors, 60 percent back a 24-hour abortion waiting period, and even 52 percent of “pro-choice” Americans want abortions to be made illegal in the second trimester.

The only abortion limits where those who describe themselves as favoring legalized abortion differ with pro-life advocates are

allowing women a chance to see ultrasound before an abortion (where 28 percent of “pro-choice” people agree with such a law), banning federal funding for abortion businesses (23 percent agree), and allowing pharmacists and medical workers to opt out of participating in or referring for abortions.

The Gallup survey also found “pro-choice” Americans support abortion as a means of birth control (64 percent), in the first trimester (89 percent) and when the baby may have a condition such as Down syndrome (76%), or physical disabilities (75%). They also support abortion when a pregnancy “endangers” a woman’s mental health (87 percent), even though most research shows abortion causes more mental health issues than carrying to term.

Earlier this year, Gallup found churchgoers are more likely to have a pro-life position opposing abortion. Regardless of whether the person surveyed by Gallup is a Democrat or Republican, the poll found those who attend weekly religious services are about twice as likely to self-identify as pro-life compared with respondents who say they seldom or never attend church services.

Gallup also found that, by a 24 percent margin, 61-37 percent, Americans take the pro-life view that abortions should either be legal under no circumstances or legal only under a few circumstances. Although Gallup doesn’t specify those “few” circumstances, polling data has consistently shown that, when asked about cases such as rape, incest, or the life of the mother, a majority of Americans want all or almost all abortions made illegal — leaving only life of

Areas of Abortion Policy Consensus Between Pro-Choice and Pro-Life Americans

% Supporting each policy

	Pro-choice	Pro-life	Difference
	%	%	
Abortion legal when woman's life endangered	97	69	28
Abortion legal when woman's physical health endangered	96	68	28
Abortion legal when pregnancy caused by rape or incest	91	59	32
Require informed consent for abortion patients	86	87	-1
Make abortion illegal in third trimester	79	94	-15
Ban partial-birth abortions	63	68	-5
Require parental consent for minors	60	81	-21
Require 24-hour waiting period for women seeking abortion	60	79	-19
Abortion illegal in second trimester	52	90	-38

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Areas of Abortion Policy Conflict Between Pro-Choice and Pro-Life Americans

% Supporting each policy

	Pro-choice	Pro-life	Difference
ONLY PRO-CHOICE ADULTS FAVOR			
Abortion legal when woman or family can't afford child	64	9	55
Abortion legal in first trimester	89	35	54
Abortion legal when baby may be mentally impaired	76	26	50
Abortion legal when woman's mental health endangered	87	37	50
Abortion legal when baby may be physically impaired	75	27	48
ONLY PRO-LIFE ADULTS FAVOR			
Require ultrasounds at least 24 hours before abortion	29	73	-44
Ban federal funds for abortion providers	23	58	-35
Allow opt-out provisions for pharmacists/healthcare providers	30	61	-31

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the mother or rape and incest as the exceptions.

Gallup measured U.S. public support for the legality of abortion in each of seven specific circumstances, as well as in each trimester, in a June 9-12 national survey. A follow-up survey conducted July 15-17 measured Americans’ support for several different abortion regulations that have become common across the states, as well as for abortion funding policies. The survey found a 47-47 percent split when Americans identify themselves as either pro-life or “pro-choice” on abortion.

West Virginians for Life Convention October 15 at Trinity Assembly of God Fairmont, WV

You may not be able to travel to the National Right to Life Convention, but you can get to Fairmont. The theme of our state convention on October 15, “Bringing West Virginia Back to Life,” picks up National’s theme. Your state pro-life organization works hard to protect each and every citizen, whether unborn, disabled, or elderly, but we cannot replace you. Every pro-lifer must carry on the battle where we live and work.

To equip you with the knowledge and skills to combat the pro-abortion rhetoric in our culture, we are preparing a one-day fast-paced state pro-life convention. Speakers will include Students for Life of America Executive Director Kristan Hawkins, NRL Political Director Karen Cross and WVFL President Dr. Wanda Franz.

We ask you to circle October 15 on your calendar. You will be equipped and edified as pro-lifers gather at Trinity Assembly of God in Fairmont that Saturday. The day includes educational sessions, exciting speakers and a luncheon.

TEENS AND CHILDCARE

The adult convention includes teens. Childcare will be provided. We cannot take registrations for pre-teens or children at the door, so mail in your registration today!

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on top of the
pro-life movement:**

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BRINGING WEST VIRGINIA BACK TO LIFE



Where Do the Candidates Stand on Life?

Candidates	Taxpayer Funding for Abortion	Roe v. Wade/Abortion	Funding for Abortion Providers	ObamaCare
 Barack Obama (D) U.S. President	The White House issued a statement attacking the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 3): "If the President is presented with H.R. 3, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill."	"I am pro-choice. I believe in <i>Roe v. Wade</i> ." "With one more vacancy on the court, we could be looking at a majority hostile to a woman's right to choose for the first time since <i>Roe v. Wade</i> , and that is what is at stake in this election." (01/22/2008)	Each year, hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars are given to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, reporting 332,278 abortions in 2009.	The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) will provide funding for health plans that pay for abortion on demand, and will lead to the rationing of lifesaving medical treatments.
 Michele Bachmann (R) U.S. Congresswoman from Minnesota	Voted for the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 3). "I am proud to stand with my colleagues...as we vote...on measures to...cut off taxpayer funding of abortion."	"What I want to do is repeal the <i>Roe v. Wade</i> decision. That's what I would like to see happen..."	Voted to cut off funds to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider.	Voted for a bill (H.R. 2) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare). "I am committed: I will not rest until we repeal ObamaCare. Take it to the bank, cash the check, it will be done."
 Herman Cain (R) Businessman	Herman Cain issued a statement in favor of "ending taxpayer-funded abortions."	"Today we mourn the murder of millions of innocent lives because of the decision made 31 years ago by the United States Supreme Court to give doctors the right to end the life of an unborn child."	"Here's why I support de-funding Planned Parenthood, because ... when Margaret Sanger... started Planned Parenthood, the objective was to put these centers in primarily black communities so they could help kill black babies before they came into the world."	"They have passed measures that compromise the sacred patient-doctor relationship, eliminate patient choice, stick a bureaucrat in the examining room, ration care...they made health care...less accessible for American families they claimed to protect."
 Newt Gingrich (R) Former Speaker, U.S. House	Voted for the Hyde Amendment and other bans on government funding of abortion.	"The revolutionary idea contained in the Declaration of Independence is that certain fundamental human rights, including the right to life, are gifts from God and cannot be given nor taken away by government." "...choosing abortion is not acceptable."	"End taxpayer subsidies for abortion by repealing ObamaCare, defunding Planned Parenthood, and reinstating the 'Mexico City Policy,' which banned funding to organizations that promote and/or perform abortions overseas."	"We must repeal and replace the left's big government health bill with real solutions that will lower costs and improve health outcomes."
 Jon Huntsman (R) Former Governor of Utah	Jon Huntsman opposes taxpayer funding of abortion. (Statement from Jon Huntsman's campaign)	"I signed the bill that would trigger a ban on abortions in Utah if <i>Roe v. Wade</i> was overturned."	Jon Huntsman opposes taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood. (Statement from Jon Huntsman's campaign)	"If I had a chance to repeal it, I would. But then you have to say what goes in its place, and I think the answer to that is look at what all the states are doing."
 Ron Paul (R) U.S. Congressman from Texas	Voted for the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 3). "Forcing taxpayers to subsidize abortion is evil and tyrannical."	"I think the <i>Roe v. Wade</i> situation was a big mistake and the states ought to have the right to decide on the issue, so I would deny jurisdiction to the federal courts on abortion issues."	Voted to cut off funds to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider.	Voted for a bill (H.R.2) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare).
 Rick Perry (R) Governor of Texas	"...this bill helps protect those who need our protection the most, the unborn, underscoring our ongoing commitment that taxpayer money never be used to fund abortions."	"Until the day <i>Roe v. Wade</i> is nothing but a shameful footnote in our nation's history books, we can't afford to give up the good fight." "Fifty million children have lost their chance at life - a tragic legacy..."	As governor, signed legislation to revoke taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider.	"I applaud today's House vote to repeal ObamaCare...and I strongly urge the Senate to join in the rejection of this overreaching and harmful legislation." "They [people] understand that if this goes into place, we will be rationing health care."
 Mitt Romney (R) Former Governor of Massachusetts	"I support the Hyde Amendment, which broadly bars the use of federal funds for abortions."	"I support the reversal of <i>Roe v. Wade</i> , because it is bad law and bad medicine. <i>Roe</i> was a misguided ruling that was a result of a small group of activist federal judges legislating from the bench."	"I will support efforts to prohibit federal funding for any organization like Planned Parenthood, which primarily performs abortions or offers abortion-related services."	Mitt Romney believes that ObamaCare must be repealed. (Statement on Mitt Romney's website)
 Rick Santorum (R) Former U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania	"During my tenure...I have...opposed, and will continue to oppose, the use of federal funds to subsidize abortion in any way."	"I believe we need to overturn <i>Roe v. Wade</i> . I think it was a poorly and horribly decided decision."	"I can't imagine any other organization with its roots as poisonous as the roots of Planned Parenthood getting federal funding of any kind."	"The first order of business is to repeal ObamaCare in this country."

Convention Registration			
	Number	Price	Total
Convention Registration* (includes Luncheon Banquet)	___x	\$35.00 =	___
Convention Group Rate (groups of 10 or more)	___x	\$25.00 =	___
Teen Convention	___x	\$20.00 =	___
Pre-Teens (ages 5-11)	___x	\$7.00 =	___
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*College Students \$20

Total Enclosed _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Other Adults (Names Only) _____

Teens (Names Only) _____

Pre-Teens (Ages 5-11 w/names & ages)

_____ Age _____

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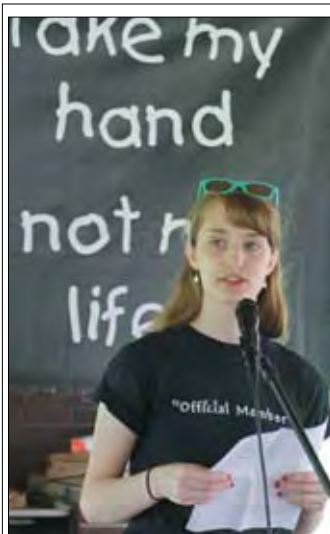
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Walks-for-Life in West Virginia



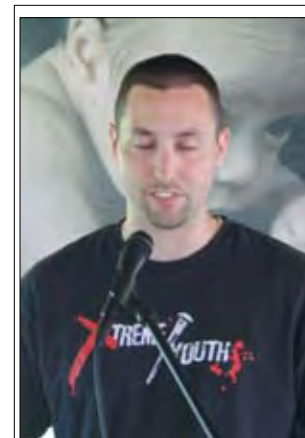
Mineral County Walk-for-Life participants on May 8



WV Teens for Life President Christina Deal addressed Mon County walkers.



L to R - Gubernatorial candidate Bill Maloney, Mon County Chapter President Mary Anne Buchanan, Delegate Amanda Pasdon Payne and Rachel Beach, representing husband Senator Bob Beach, at the Mon County Walk on May 21



Pastor Nate Williamson gave the Mon Walk benediction.



The Nicasyo sisters enjoy the Mon County Walk every year.



The Fayette County Walk-for-Life is led by Chapter Pres. Vada Whitt (on the left) and right-hand woman Chrissy Spack.



These Mon County children went away with goodie bags, balloons and wonderful memories.



Judy Spack's heartfelt testimony at the May 14 Fayette County Walk



Face painting was enjoyed in Fayette County. Jenny painted Emilia.



With the WVU Coliseum in the background, these walkers proudly displayed their signs at the Mon Walk. Pictured L to R: Louise Deal, Abraham and Bob Johnson, Kim Drvar, Lisa Palmieri, Donna Kolanko, Angelica Everetts, Pastor Nate Williamson, Angelo Palmieri and Hannah Friend.



Randy Shoemaker, Keyser Church of the Brethren, was the speaker and music was furnished by the Davy Family at the May 7 Mineral County Walk-for-Life.



Mon County Chapter Leader Mary Anne Buchanan was interviewed by WDTV-5 before their May 21 Walk. "If we don't speak up for the unborn, who will?" she told the reporter.

National Right to Life Convention in Jacksonville



L to R - NRL Political Director Karen Cross, WVFL Office Manager Sherri Stevens, WVFL Communications Director Mary Anne Buchanan, WVFL President Dr. Wanda Franz, Marion County Chapter Leader Andy Sabak and MDS Communications Rep Ned Elliott



Presidential Republican candidates Rick Santorum and Herman Cain were on hand to address the Friday morning general session. Other candidates, who spoke via skype, were Michele Bachmann, Tim Pawlenty and Ron Paul.



Repeat speaker political reporter-columnist Fred Barnes applauded our efforts.



A well-produced DVD tribute to Dr. Mildred Jefferson, a former NRL President, was shown in the opening general session. This was the last frame of the documentary.



American Victims of Abortion Dir. Olivia Gans, WVFL Comm. Dir. Mary Anne Buchanan and NRL Political Dir. Karen Cross at the closing banquet



Barbara Kincaid, director of Central WV Center for Pregnancy Care, poses with Melissa Ohden and Mary Anne Buchanan. Ohden, a literal abortion survivor, shared her heartening story at the convention Prayer Breakfast.



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Labor of Love Ministries ED Judy Sloane (right) with Grammy Award Winner Rebecca St. James

Pro-Life Profile

Judy Sloane was born in West Virginia and is proud of this fine state. She would not want to live and serve her Lord anywhere else. (But she is willing to go wherever He leads her). She has been married nearly 34 years to a man she refers to as "the most awesome man in the world, my husband Terry." Judy's education and experience has always been geared toward business. She is amazed how she can look back on her life and see HIS Hand guiding

her along with experiences that prepared her to fulfill HIS ultimate purpose for her life. Judy and Terry are members of Christian Missionary & Alliance Church in Morgantown. They have attended CMA for 20 years. They love their church family and are always so appreciative of the unwavering support they receive.

The Sloane's calling into ministry did not come easy for them. They had been caregivers for Judy's mother, who was an Alzheimers patient for almost 5 years. She died the day before Mother's Day in 1997. A few months later, the Sloanes were approached by Dr. Mike Rollins and Dr. Jim Holehouse about coming on board with them and serving as Houseparents in the maternity home they were actively wanting to open. It took them nearly a year to be willing to say yes to this calling, and then they put a time limit of two years on their willingness to serve. That was in 1999. The Sloanes are still there. Obviously, God had other plans for them than what was in their heads at the time!

The calling to work with crisis pregnancy was very strong for Judy because, as a teenager, she had two abortions. Judy states that those two abortions were the absolute worst decisions she ever made in her life. She understands what it is like to be faced with the fear associated with an unplanned pregnancy and she knows what it is like to live with the aftermath of an abortion...AND...she understands what it is like to see her life transformed by the forgiveness and grace of Our Lord Jesus. When invited by Dr. Rollins and Dr. Holehouse to join with them in serving as Houseparents in the maternity home they were working to open, it just felt natural and right. Terry also felt led to come alongside with Judy. As a childless couple, they felt that perhaps this was part of the reason God had chosen for them not to have their own children. What they have discovered is that God did have plans for them to have a family, just in the most unusual way.

Labor of Love Ministries opened its doors as a maternity home ministry in April, 1999. During that time, they have had 77 young women call New Beginnings home. Over an amazing 12 years the Sloanes have cried many, many tears with hurting young women, they have rocked many, many babies whose lives have been saved through the home, and they have rejoiced many, many times with young women who began to make good choices for their lives and the lives of their babies.

In 2002, the Sloanes took over the Morgantown Crisis Pregnancy Center and

changed the name to Choices 4 Life Pregnancy Center. During the past nine years, they have counseled nearly 500 young women and have had 140 babies whose lives have been saved from abortion. In 2006, the Sloanes opened the third leg of the ministry, called The Lighthouse Christian Academy. This is a small Christian School open to the community and to all students K-12. Its mission outreach is to pregnant teens and single moms.

The biggest challenge the Sloanes face in the ministry is keeping the doors open. Raising enough funds to keep a ministry of this size operating is a huge undertaking (and a huge stressor!). They are in desperate need of individuals and churches who want to stand with them on a monthly basis to help support them financially so they can continue to serve with HIM in HIS WORK at Labor of Love. Finances are their greatest need.

Judy believes each of us must ask ourselves one question. How important is protecting LIFE to me personally? If you answer "it is very important," then you must meet with HIM and do business with HIM and decide how you can support ministries such as Labor of Love. Labor of Love's support must come from those who are committed to their work and see the importance of it... because it is a work that is extremely important to Jesus. Judy feels we must all band together and work together for the greater cause of protecting LIFE... saving these precious babies from being victims of poor choices made by frightened and uninformed mothers.

This is the calling that HE has put upon Judy's life. She will fight for LIFE until she takes her last breath because she knows, without a doubt, that HE has asked her to be HIS hands, His heart, His ears, His eyes, and HIS VOICE to the hurting of this world. He has asked her to "Save Lives, Change Lives and Bless Lives!"

WVFL Treasurer's Article

Dear Pro-life Friends,

It has been a hot summer in more ways than one. Our government has acted irresponsibly with taxpayers' money and they have continued their funding efforts for the largest abortion provider in the world, Planned Parenthood. I am not discouraged however, because we are sending our message loud and clear to those legislators who understand how important our endorsements are both on the state and national levels of government.

We need your financial help in order to continue the work that we do. Your membership in our organization is important. You receive updated information on the pro-life movement so that you can stay informed on current issues. This is so important when you find yourself in a situation where you are defending your stand on this issue. We receive your support financially to help us send out newsletters and e-mails to keep you informed.

Looking beyond the special gubernatorial election of October 4, there is this matter of elections coming up in 2012. In order to educate people as to voting records and candidate questionnaires, in order to print and distribute our new fetal pain brochures and thirdly, to continue to expose the dismal voting record of Senator Manchin, money is needed.

Please fill out the coupon to the right on page 9 or call the office at 304-594-9845 where Discover, Mastercard and Visa are accepted and actively join the West Virginians for Life organization. If you are not sure if you are an active member, please contact the state office or your local chapter President.

Have a safe and enjoyable end of summer and I look forward to seeing you at our state convention on October 15 and at many of the fairs in our state.

Yours for Life,

Marla Mercer, WVFL Treasurer



WVFL Treasurer Marla Mercer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 14 - Oct. 1, 2011: Early Voting Special Gubernatorial General Election

October 4, 2011: Special Gubernatorial General Election

October 15, 2011: State Convention at Trinity Assembly of God, Fairmont

November 17, 2011: 13th Annual Rose Dinner, Lakeview, Morgantown

Younger Christians More Likely to See Abortion as Important

Mainstream media reports on abortion make it seem as if concern about abortion is fading, but new polling data shows that younger Christians are more likely than older believers to see abortion and euthanasia as important.

A new survey commissioned by Premier Christian Media and conducted by the ComRes polling agency in England, surveyed Christians of all ages and Christian denominations in Britain asking them to rate the issues in terms of how important they are to the respondent. The survey found pro-life and end of life issues were of greater concern to young people aged between 18-34 years compared with those over the age of 65.

Almost three quarters (69%) of young people surveyed believe abortion to be very important compared to just 31% of those over 65. Similarly, two-thirds (66%) of young people think euthanasia is a very important issue compared with just one-third (33 percent) of those over 65. The poll also found 60 percent of those between the ages of 35-44 say abortion is very important to them.

Women were more likely to say abortion is important — at a 56-44 percent clip compared with men.

“It’s fascinating to see that young people are concerned about pro-life and end of life issues,” said Martin Saunders, Editor of *Youthwork* magazine, in response to the survey. “This poll bucks the trend that perceives young people to be thoughtless.”

“The media perhaps has a part to play in shaping the perception we have of both groups,” Saunders continued. “Euthanasia has dominated the media recently, which has led many young people to be aware of the issue. It is encouraging to see that both groups are concerned about one another’s well-being and not solely on issues that affect their own age group.”

Andrea Williams, CEO of Christian Concern, also commented on the results, and said, “It is great to hear that a younger generation of Christians are passionate about life issues and understand so clearly that life is precious and that we are all made in the image of God. The survey gives me great hope for the future. I believe that the younger generation will take the



baton and stand for truth and be a witness to the nation.”

ComRes surveyed 529 UK Christians on Cpanel between July 6 and July 18 and data was weighted by denomination to reflect the composition of the UK Christian population according to the 2005 Church Census.

The results of this new survey follows on the heels of three polls from earlier this year showing young adults are pro-life.

Based on interviews with 3,000 adults, the Public Religion Research Institute found that Americans, regardless of generation, believe abortion is morally wrong — but young Americans between the ages of 18 and 29 agree with that conclusion as well. The survey found 52 percent of Americans say abortions are morally wrong.

A late May Gallup poll found Americans want all or most abortions made illegal and saying they believe abortion to be morally wrong.

By a 24 percent margin, 61-37 percent, Americans take the pro-life view that abortions should either be legal under no circumstances or legal only under a few circumstances. Although Gallup doesn’t specify those “few” circumstances, polling data has consistently shown that, when asked about cases such as rape, incest, or the life of the mother, a majority of Americans want all or almost all abortions made illegal — leaving only life of the mother or rape and incest as the exceptions.

By age, Americans also oppose abortions — with 59 percent of people aged 18-34, 58 percent of those 35-54 and 64 percent of those over the age of 55 saying all or almost all abortions should become illegal. Younger Americans are most supportive of making all abortions illegal, with 24 percent of 18-34 year-olds saying so and 35 percent saying they want abortions legal only in a few circumstances. Meanwhile, a new poll conducted by Thomson Reuters for NPR asked “do you personally believe having an abortion is wrong” and 59.3 percent of Americans polled said yes compared with just 40.7 percent who said no. The youngest age category of those polled, under 35, gave the most pro-life responses with 65.5 percent saying that having an abortion is wrong.

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Kristan Hawkins, Executive Director of Students for Life of America, will be the keynote speaker at the annual State Convention on October 15. Young people need to be at this event! Pre-registration is on page 4.



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Dr. Franks is the author of *Margaret Sanger's Eugenic Legacy: The Control of Female Fertility*. She was the coordinator of **Planned Parenthood Hurts Girls**, a coalition dedicated to keeping a Planned Parenthood clinic out of Morgantown. Come hear Dr. Franks as she encourages us in the fight to defund the largest abortion giant in the country.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2011

Across the Mighty State

Cabell County: The chapter participated in the Hot Dog Festival in Huntington, on July 30th and also had a booth all week long at the July Cabell County Fair.

Fayette County: May 14 was the date of the 2nd annual Walk-for-Life put on by the Fayette County Chapter. Sack races, bounce houses, face painting and Dora the Explorer were huge highlights. The education station worked well again. That's where the children have to have a brief pro-life educational lesson before receiving a handstamp to run on to any of the other attractions.



Barbour County held its start-up meeting on July 14. Pictured are the remaining ten of 20 who attended. The second meeting will be August 18. Officers will be elected and projects planned. L to R - WVFL Pres. Dr. Wanda Franz, Comm. Dir. Mary Anne Buchanan, Kim Stemple, Darlene Robinson, Carrie and Paul Tolson, Michele Thacker, Sen. Dave Sypolt, Bill Floyd and Tom Thacker

Mason County: Mason County Right to Life had a successful Baby Bottles for Mother's Day drive. They raised \$12,466.10. Their Pretty Baby Photo Contest is planned again this year for the county fair. They charge a \$5.00 registration fee, then put the 8 X 10 pictures on the wall of their booth with a number. Fair goers vote for the prettiest baby by putting money in their designated cans each day. This has proven to be a great fundraiser. Baked goods and pro-life items will also be sold. Lots of literature is given away and they constantly display the fetal models so the children can hold them. In September Mason County looks forward to a new fundraiser. The Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) wanted to do a fundraiser ride for the chapter, so on Sept. 24 they will come to Krodel Park in Pt. Pleasant where hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. will be provided. Attendees will also be treated to singing and preaching with testimonies. The riders pay an amount to ride and the money is donated to RTL. The chapter was told the bikers are good tipplers, too.

Mineral County: The May 8 Walk-for-Life was a testament to the sanctity of human life.

Monongalia County: Kids' Day in downtown Morgantown on July 16 proved to be the best venue yet for the 13th Annual Precious Baby Photo Contest. For four hours facepainting went on, thanks to Patricia Johnson and daughter Abigail. Pain Capable petitions were filled out and parents educated while standing in the long line. The photo contest raised almost \$1,200 – a new record. For the first time, the 1st place finisher rode in a convertible with the chapter's "Everyone Deserves a Birthday" entry in the Monongalia County fair parade on August 8. Congratulations to Morgan, Mayle and Malone. No, that is not a law firm. First place winner was Layden Morgan. Second and third place winners were Kaitlyn Mayle and Mason Malone. All three are from Morgantown. If you missed the August 8 parade, not to worry. The next one is September 30. The West Virginia University Homecoming parade



The two latest additions to our WVFL family are Aspen Laykin Covert (above) born to Christopher and Missy Covert on June 1, 2011 and Maximilian Joseph Franks (right) born to David and Angela Franks on May 2, 2011. Aspen is the first grandchild for Legislative Liaison Vicky Covert and husband Steve, while Maximilian is the tenth grandchild for WVFL Pres. Wanda Franz and husband Gunter and the fifth child for David and Angela. Congratulations all around!



always brings some boos from the student population, but all the more worth it. The pro-life message must not be silenced. One never knows which pregnant student may change her mind and cancel that abortion and all because of a pro-life parade entry. Even if it's just one baby, the effort was not in vain. Meetings are every first Monday of the month at the WVFL State Office at 25 Canyon Road in Morgantown at 6:30. The September meeting is an exception because of Labor Day. The meeting will be Monday, September 12, instead. Call 304-216-6573 to get involved. Everyone is welcome!



Michelle Plumley (3rd from left) and friends visited the Cabell County RTL booth at their county fair. Michelle started with George in the movement 11 years ago.

Morgan County: The chapter participated again in the Morgan County Fair by having a pro-life booth with fetal models, lots of free literature, bumper stickers, pins and buttons for sale and lots of good conversation. The weather was extremely hot this year and the attendance was below normal for all. Jack and Barbara Carr took the lead on this and did all of the set-up and most of the booth activity on Saturday, July 30 and Sunday 31st. Pastor Rodney Truax from the Nazarene Church assisted in the booth staffing as well as Betsy Wolfe, plus Bob & Eun Yea Williams. Bob Williams also



Margie Smith, Jordan Shorter, Pastor Word and Raleigh County Chapter Leader Hilda Shorter with Willard Gunther in the background as Pastor Word received a pro-life award for his church's faithful giving.

Across the Mighty State

Monongalia County - July 16 Kids' Day



Above - Patricia Johnson painted faces non-stop for four hours. **Below** - 1st Place Winner in the Precious Baby Photo Contest Layden Morgan (14 mos.) of Morgantown rode in the Mon County Fair Parade with parents Sande and Matt Morgan. The theme was "Everyone Deserves a Birthday."

Curious boy holds a LifeTouch baby in wonder.



2nd place went to Kaitlyn Mayle, daughter of Larry & Marsha Mayle of Morgantown, while the 3rd place finisher was Mason Melohn, son of Jim & Amanda Melohn also of Morgantown.

enlivened the activities by playing some music on his guitar and singing Christian songs.

An article was written and published in the local newspaper on "Forced Abortions". This was a paid article as the paper will not accept "letters to the editor" that discuss abortion.

Charlie Heise and others provide sidewalk counseling three days a week in front of the abortion mill in Hagerstown, Maryland. Since they began in October 2006, they have saved 220 babies from being killed and an equal number of women from being emotionally damaged. The chapter plans on sharing some of the stories of these 'saves' on their new website.

They continue to support the Hope Pregnancy Center located next to the abortion mill. The center helps women that have changed their minds about abortion. In addition, they have been helping a single mom with eight children who had been raped and changed her mind about an abortion after talking to Charlie Heise and Jim Fritz. Recently after the baby was born she brought him to the abortuary to show him to all of the counselors and prayer warriors. There were lots of hugs and much picture taking.

The 8' X 12' pro-life billboard continues outside of Berkeley Springs on Route 522. Thanks to all who support this, especially the Knights of Columbus, who contribute \$1,000 each year.

Raleigh County: On August 8, Raleigh County RTL presented Rev. Emmitt Word, pastor of the Kirtsville Gospel Tabernacle, with an award for the monthly support of their group. Pastor Word and his church have been faithful supporters of Raleigh County RTL for years.

Wood: Chapter Leader/Board member Patty Cooper has registered with the 40 Days For Life Campaign again this fall to hold a prayer vigil outside of West Virginia's only Planned Parenthood Facility in Vienna from September 28 to November 6. Please consider coming to take a stand for LIFE on the sidewalk in front of PP along Grand Central Avenue known as the busiest mile in West Virginia. Choose your own days and times to participate and/or pray at home daily along with thousands across America during the 40 DAYS. For more info call 304-917-4929.

WVTL: To get involved with the teens group, call President Christina Deal at 304-599-3902 or email her at christinad93@yahoo.com.

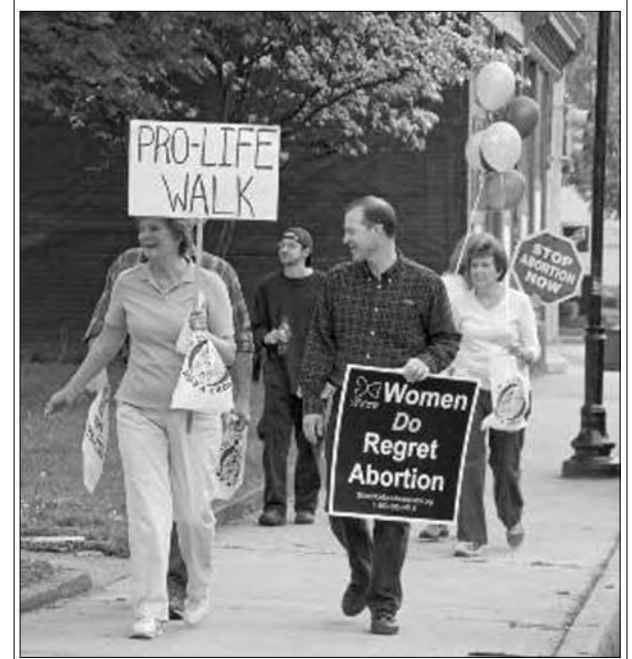


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Summer Activities Winding Down



“Unborn Babies Feel Pain” Petitions were signed and parents educated regarding fetal pain while the kids held the Lifetouch babies and had their faces painted at the annual Kids’ Day event in Morgantown on July 16. Also at the Monongalia County WVFL booth, voting took place in the annual Precious Baby Photo Contest. Results on page 11.

Spreading the pro-life message
doesn’t take a break
just because it’s summer.