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Creating a Culture of Life in the Hearts and Minds of the People of Mississippi

Fall 2007

"40 Days for Life" to run September 26 to November 4

A nation-wide Pro-Life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil at the gates of Hell (a.k.a. the abortion clinic), will be observed for 40 days, running from September 26 to November 4, 2007. The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ with the purpose of repentance, and to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion in America. Although it is important that our intercession be focused at the proximity of the abortion clinic at 2903 North State Street in Jackson when possible, your prayers and fasting are not limited to the onsite presence. If you would like to receive "40 Days for Life" updates by email, call the Pro-Life Mississippi office at 601-956-8636 or email PLM@prolifemississippi.org.

The State Fair is in the air.... And again we ask for volunteers!

Again this year, Pro-Life Mississippi will have a booth in the air-conditioned Trade Mart. We are in need of volunteers to help man the booth which has to stay open from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. from October 3 to October 14. Our volunteers, who serve 4-hour shifts, give out balloons, sell t-shirts and bumper stickers, and collect signatures. Admission bracelets are provided. Please call the office at 601-956-8636 if you would like to volunteer. If you aren't able to volunteer, please be sure and come by our Fair Booth to sign our Petition supporting the Life at Conception Act now before the U.S. Congress. In the Roe v Wade abortion case, the Supreme Court admitted that if Congress declares unborn children "persons" under the law, the constitutional case for abortion-on-demand "collapses." This Life at Conception Act could overturn Roe.

One day seminar to educate crisis pregnancy advocates and sidewalk counselors

Ramah International, a ministry that has been training thousands of pregnancy center advocates since 1998, will be holding an all day seminar on Friday, October 5, 2007 at Christ Life Church of the Highlands, 670 Highland Colony Parkway, in Ridgeland. Sydna A. Masse', President and Founder, and author of *Her Choice to Heal*, will present topics rarely covered during regular advocate training, including: Reaching the Abortion Minded Male, The Power of Regret: Post Abortion Syndrome and the Abortion Minded, and When They Abort-

Handling Your Emotions. Learn more about the seminar and the ministry at www.RamahInternational.org.

The cost of \$45 includes a detailed manual with complete notes as well as a continental breakfast and lunch. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m., training is from 8:30-5:00, with lunch at 12:30-1:30. Do you know someone involved in the Pro-Life or CPC ministry? Share the details about this unique event with everyone you know who is involved or would like to become more active... or even participate in their ministry by offering to send them, or babysit for them, so they can attend. For more information, call Janet with Choose Life at 601-506-9750.

Pro-Life Mississippi welcomes our newest board member, DR. ROBERT SHEARIN

A native of Chicago, Dr. Shearin graduated from Loyola University. He then earned an MD and an M.S. (in Pharmacology) during his four years at Loyola's Stritch School of Medicine. After completing an internship in Straight Medicine at the University of Miami Hospitals in Miami, he completed a residency in General Surgery at the Mayo Clinic and a then a residency in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery at Emory University.

Dr. Shearin and his family are Southerners by choice, having moved to Memphis, where he practiced Thoracic Surgery for 22 years. During those years he was elected an officer of the medical staff of two hospitals and served as Medical Director of Prefer Care, Inc., a Preferred Provider Organization. Since 1997, he and his family have been fortunate to live in the Jackson area where he took a position as Medical Director of a non-profit medical review company.

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT: A Plea for Help

The persistence of committed pro-life Christians in our state continues to expose the vicious lies of abortion. When the truth about abortion is proclaimed at the last human slaughter house in our state, there are some men and women who turn away from abortion. Those who insist on killing their children, but have heard the truth, often never return to the slaughtering center again. Almost 80% of women going into the Jackson abortion clinic are African American. The abortionist, the nurses, aids/assistants, deceiver of informed consent (a.k.a. abortion counselor), receptionist AND the security guard **are ALL African American**. Approximately 90% of the sidewalk counselors who plead with women "not to kill their babies" are white. Let us pray for one another, continuously.

Let us pray for the people who work at the Slaughter House (a.k.a. Jackson Women's Health Organization). Let us ask God to "prosper the work of our hands" (Ps 90:17). My brothers and sisters, we need men and women of color on the street, in front of the human slaughter house, to talk to any woman on the brink of killing her children. We praise God for the many babies saved every week. Please help destroy the lie of abortion by bringing a message of help, hope and healing to these mothers. To get involved call 601-956-8636.

"Nobody makes the greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little." - Edmund Burke

Tanya Britton
President, Pro-Life Mississippi

Abortion: #1 killer of blacks in America

The pastor of an African Methodist Episcopal church in Tennessee says blacks in America need to know that an enemy much more dangerous than the Ku Klux Klan and other hate groups snuffs out the lives of more blacks than do violence, accidents, and all diseases combined, including AIDS, cancer, heart disease and diabetes. The group BlackGenocide.org estimated that all of these totaled less than 5 million since 1973, but more than 13 million black babies have been killed by abortion.

"Planned Parenthood kills more black people in three days than the Klan has killed in its entire history of existence," Joseph Parker, pastor of Campbell Chapel AME Church in Pulaski, Tennessee, birthplace of the KKK, states emphatically. "Yet many in the African-American community [who] don't even see Planned Parenthood as an enemy would see them as a friend." Parker says his message is simple. Most blacks, he asserts, would say abortion is not a "black problem," when it is, in fact, their number- one problem."

By Rusty Pugh, OneNewsNow.com

Restrict federal funding to Planned Parenthood group

*A letter of response to the Clarion Ledger
editor on September 6, 2007*

"Molly Clark Hillard (a professor at USM and a Board member of Planned Parenthood), in a recent letter to the editor ('Rep. Taylor should support Planned Parenthood goals,' Aug. 27) criticized 4th District US Rep. Gene Taylor's vote to restrict federal funds to Planned Parenthood.

"Where Planned Parenthood reigns, illicit sex rules!

"That group's call for birth control for all people of all ages, sexes and marital status—or not—equals few live births and little sexual control.

"Planned Parenthood receives hundreds of millions of our tax dollars, operates the largest chain of "abortuaries" in the country, collects more than \$100 million annually killing unborn human beings, and promotes its ideology all over the world. Many of the women it aborts are minors whose parents are kept unaware of their daughter's illicit sex or their grandchild's death.

"A lot of people believe that contraception is the answer to many of our modern-day social ills such as abortion, sexually transmitted diseases, teen pregnancy and single-parenting. We contend that contraception is the fertilizer of the sexual revolution that fomented these blights.

"In particular, abortion is not the root of the revolution, but its fruit. The spiritual root of both abortion and contraception is the vice of unchastity.

"Here's how it works: Contraception gives permission for unchastity and justifies it by purportedly giving protection against its unintended consequence of pregnancy. But we know that contraception fomented an anti-child culture as well as unchastity, and when it fails—which it does with predictable regularity—it then relies on the back-up of abortion."

Dr. Beverly McMillan, OB-GYN, Jackson
C. Roy McMillan, Director, Christian Action Group

Clarion Ledger Article correction

In a recent article in the Clarion-Ledger, I was quoted as saying "You will never see us on an abortion clinic sidewalk." I would like to clarify what was asked and how I answered. I was asked if I had ever been involved in sidewalk counseling. I told her "I was not politically active prior to God moving me to build the Christmas Village. I have never felt led to sidewalk counseling, but am thankful for those who do." In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul addresses the roles of all Christians in Kingdom work. When a counselor has the opportunity to turn a woman away from the decision to abort her child, we believe that there needs to be a safe place for that woman to escape the pressures that led her to a clinic. We spend our time, energy and resources to provide a home-like environment where a woman can save her baby and make a change in her life through the power of Jesus Christ.

We respect the work that members of the Pro-Life movement do in the capitols, on the sidewalks, and through providing truth to girls at CPCs. We hope you understand that the media often distorts our words to create turmoil. We will stay focused on saving lives.

*Submitted by Mike and Brenda Van Velkinburgh
of The Christmas Village*

A mother's response to the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act

By Melody Miller

I have been involved with the Pro-Life Movement since April, 1974, when I was on my knees praying to come into God's kingdom. The first words out of my mouth were "God, forgive me for killing my baby." Up to that moment, my abortion had not crossed my mind since that life-changing weekend in April of 1970. It was during my second year at the University of Texas that I chose abortion as the solution to an untimely pregnancy. This single act was so grievous to a Holy God, that it was the first sin He brought to my mind when repenting before Him.

Fast forward to 1992 when I first learned that a barbaric procedure called Partial Birth Abortion, or Dilation and Extraction (D and X), was being taught to Ob-Gyn physicians. This provided a way to prevent the complication of a "live birth" in the midst of a second or third trimester abortion. The thought of pulling a viable, kicking and squirming baby out of the mother up to his neck, inserting blunt scissors into the back of the skull, sucking his brains out, crushing his skull and callously dumping the lifeless body into a garbage can as an assurance the abortionist wouldn't get sued for an accidental live birth, was too gruesome for me to comprehend. I was now a mother of three precious daughters, homeschooling, and trying to bring them up in the ways of the Lord. What would my girls think of me in the years to come if they found out that, even if it was legal, I knew about it and didn't speak out or do *something*. Within a few months, that realization led to my decision to rescue at the Terry Road clinic, don handcuffs, and make sure it was on my record that I protested this heinous, barbaric procedure.

Fast forward again to April 18, 2007, when I rejoiced with the rest of the Pro-Life community about the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to ban partial birth abortion. We all felt a sense of real accomplishment that the abortion tide was finally turning in "our" favor. But is it?

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A closer look at the actual ruling should have us weeping and crying out to God for mercy (www.supremecourtUS.gov/opinions/06pdf/05-380.pdf). In actuality, the ruling cannot save the life of one baby...it is a virtual manual of how to kill little boys and girls from conception through birth in compliance with the law. And to think, the U.S. Supreme Court Justices discussed this... unemotionally... and rendered this heartless and callous decision. (All their statements can be read under "Oral Arguments", *Gonzales v. Carhart*, the Partial Birth Abortion Ban authored by Justice Anthony Kennedy.)

Yes, the D and X, which usually resulted in an intact, but always dead baby, has been banned. It has been replaced by the standard Dilation and Evacuation (D and E) through all nine months of pregnancy. It always results in a dead baby... delivered in pieces. The only differences are the original intention of the doctor, and how far out of the mother the baby is when it is killed, that critical anatomical landmark being the belly button. Here are just a few of the excerpts:

Page 4 I(A)...the doctor grips a fetal part with the forceps and pulls it back through the cervix and vagina continuing to pull even after meeting resistance from the cervix. The friction causes the fetus to tear apart. For example, a leg might

be ripped off the fetus as it is pulled through the cervix and out of the woman. The process of evacuating the fetus piece by piece continues until it has been completely removed. The doctor may make 10 to 15 passes with the forceps to evacuate the fetus in its entirety...

Page 18 III (A) If a living fetus is delivered past the critical point [bellybutton] by accident or inadvertence, and is then killed, no crime has occurred.

Page 22 III (C) ...the removal of a small portion [such as an arm or a leg] of the fetus is not prohibited.

Notice that the difference between PBA (illegal) and D & E (legal) is if the baby has been pulled out of the birth canal further than his bellybutton *on purpose*. Their ruling permits a textbook PBA if the mother is "over-dilated" (page 24), and baby by "inadvertence," is delivered up to the neck. Then the abortionist can kill him by the same cruel PBA method that was condemned and just call it an "intact D&E". "In an intact D & E procedure, the doctor extracts the fetus in a way conducive to pulling out its entire body, instead of ripping it apart...." (Page 6).

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This ruling overlooks the dreadful reality of killing a child whose head is still lodged in the womb, but whose arms and legs are wiggling outside the mother. Justice Kennedy quotes a nurse and then an abortionist (pages 8-9). The nurse said, "The baby's little fingers were clasping - his little feet were kicking. Then the doctor stuck the scissors in the back of his head...the baby's arms jerked out." The abortionist said, "For the staff to have to deal with a fetus that has some viability to it, some movement of limbs, is always a difficult situation." So, obviously, the problem was not that the PBA procedure was heinous and inhumane to the baby, but that it was uncomfortable for the staff to have to observe.

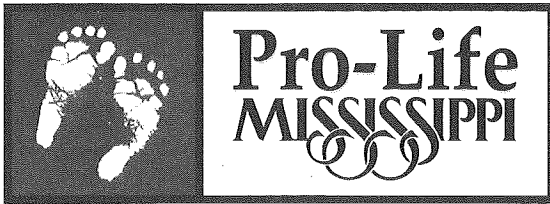
In actuality, the Partial Birth Abortion has simply been replaced by the D & E procedure, which although it is less grotesque for the abortionist and nurses involved because the mutilation takes place hidden in the womb and birth canal, actually causes more pain and extended suffering for the baby.

Yes, for all of you who still want to shout "Victory" for this ruling, the Supreme Court could have voted to continue to allow the Partial Birth Abortion, but instead voted to ban it. Nevertheless, this ban has no authority to save a single child's life. But what it does is push the crime of late-term abortion back into the darkness of the womb, again hidden from the public conscience.

My baby would be 37 this year, and yes, gratefully, in Jesus, there is forgiveness and restoration. I encourage those who also chose this foolhardy option to get counseling and receive His forgiveness. Nevertheless, like I warn the girls going into the abortion clinic, they, like me, will be "the mother of a dead baby for the rest of their life."

Women's Resource Center has moved to the Jackson Medical Mall

On September, 17, Amanda Johnson and friends held an Open House in their new offices at 350 W. Woodrow Wilson, Suite 3572 in Jackson (3rd Floor of the Jackson Medical Mall). This event was sponsored by Henry M. Johnson Memorial Crisis Pregnancy Center. For more information, contact Amanda Johnson at hjohnsoncpc@aol.com or (601) 362-8699. Best wishes and much success, Amanda, from PLM.



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LIFE LINES: PLM Ministry Update

Since our last Newsletter this Spring, PLM has had many exciting ministry opportunities.

Pro-Life Literature packets offered	2600
Pro-Life Literature packets accepted	1740
Gift Bags given to mothers	54
Babies saved	67
In-Office Counseling	19

Pro-Life Literature packets contain educational material detailing the actual gruesome abortion procedure; the risks to women from abortion; the character, reputation, skills (or lack thereof) and lawsuits against the abortion providers themselves and addresses and contact information of agencies all across Mississippi that will assist them to keep their baby. The baby gift bags are provided by area Churches and given to mothers who changed their mind about aborting their babies. The women who came into or called our office wanting an abortion chose life for their babies OR were referred for counseling at a local CPC.

We desire to be good stewards of the Lord's money donated to us and we hope you are pleased with what we have done so far. Only, there is so much MORE to do. As you know, charitable donations are usually down in summer months and PLM is no exception. PLEASE REMEMBER US IN YOUR MONTHLY GIVING AND PERHAPS ASK YOUR PASTOR TO INCLUDE US IN YOUR CHURCH BUDGET THIS YEAR.

As you probably know, PLM does not receive any of the Choose Life tag monies and we are totally dependent on the Lord and the generosity of our donors. Come to think of it, that's a pretty good place to be. God bless each of you.

**Metro Center For Pregnancy Choices
celebrates 20 years of service to
the Jackson area**

PLM would like to congratulate the Metro Center for Pregnancy Choices run by our faithful friend, Barbara Beavers, on 20 years of service to women and their families in crisis pregnancy situations.



I remember back in early 1988 when I really became involved in pro-life ministry, I was SO excited that some of our friends at Right to Life of Jackson were working on having a place where sidewalk counselors could take the pregnant mothers who really didn't want to have abortions. The idea that these mothers would get good life-affirming counseling and other physical needs met seemed like a dream come true to me.

Little did I know how large and comprehensive that little group would become. There are now Centers modeled after the one in Jackson all over Mississippi.

I remember how elated I was when CPC got their sonogram machine and someone to run it. Then when Choose Life was passed, I was so thrilled for our dear friends whose hard work and great service had at last been almost recognized by the State government. When I drive around and see the number of Choose Life tags everywhere, I am reminded of just how many people want to be a part of helping pregnant moms in crisis situations.

We just want to tell you that we appreciate you at CPC and value all that you do. Congratulations, Barbara and friends. Keep up the good work.
By Ester Mann, Acting Office Manager