

From the Director

As we enter the New Year the jury is still out regarding passage of the Health Care bill, but most of us continue to pray that it will go down in flames, saving the lives of countless babies yet to be conceived. Of course there are many other negatives about this bill, but the abortion mandate is horrific.

Thirty-seven years have passed since abortion became legal and the battle rages on.

It's gray, cold and gloomy outside today, weather which might match the mood as we think about issues surrounding abortion, such as the following:

- We could think about Michelle Malkin's article, "The Fourteenth Victim", which pointed out that one of the victims in the Fort Hood massacre was an unborn child who died along with his or her mother and the realization that there will be no charge against the terrorist for that little one's death.
- Or seeing the picture in the newspaper of scientists' hands at work on their long-anticipated destruction of tiny embryos for their stem cells might tempt us to despair.
- Then there's the Freedom of Choice Act lurking in the shadow of the Health Care bill that the President would eagerly sign, undoing every pro-life victory over the last 37 years.

Every January since 1985, pro-lifers around the country gather for Roe v. Wade Memorial Observances, and many churches acknowledge the abortion holocaust on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, which is on the 24th this year. In Ecclesiastes we read, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven..." This is our time to mourn those who were never allowed to live amongst us. But when we mourn the loss of these little ones it's not without hope. For we believe that they are safe with the Father.

We mourn for America which has been deprived of some 50 million of its most vulnerable and innocent citizens and has suffered to this day the subsequent spiritual and moral deprivation which is a consequence of this "choice."

As we mourn, we remember the mothers, the fathers, the grandparents who suffer because someone in the family decided on, or was pressured into, abortion. For them Jesus Christ is the answer. His innocent blood was shed that sinners might thereby be cleansed (for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23), and in rising from the dead, He gives life to any and all who will come to Him by faith.

We are thankful for the freedom we have to share this good news with our clients and to tell them the truth about the little ones He creates in the womb. Our joy is great when lives are saved, physically and spiritually.

Brit Hume was recently involved in a panel discussion about Tiger Woods and he suggested that Tiger should consider Christianity; that Christianity offered the forgiveness and redemption that could really make Woods a powerful role model for faith and recovery. Here I will just say, "Now that's what we're talking about!"

Maranatha,
Diane Clark

Coming soon!

25th Anniversary Celebration & Fundraising Banquet

We Hope you Can Join us!

Thursday



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A Better Choice

I remember a client coming in quite some time ago who was, like many, considering having an abortion. She paid close attention to all the information shared by her client advocate, who made sure she knew the probable consequences of that decision. The counselor eventually found out that this woman did know because she had already gone through one abortion, declaring that she lived with the pain of it every day. The client left the Center undecided about what to do.

On follow-up, it was discovered that she had decided to keep her baby.

Months later, after the baby was born, some difficult circumstances were going on in this mother's life and she came in with her baby to talk with her client advocate. During their time together the conversation stopped for a bit as they sat and admired her beautiful baby. The counselor tentatively asked if this little one was a comfort to her during her difficulties. The answer was an absolute "Yes," and the love and tenderness on her face spoke volumes: she had made the right decision.

A few weeks ago, just before the Christmas holiday, a young woman came into the Center. She had been scheduled for an abortion early that morning, but knowing she could not go through with it, came here instead. We offered her hope and reassurance that she had made the right decision, and look forward to showing God's love to her in the future. Please pray for this woman and many like her who, by God's grace and intervention make the right decision, but struggle with the on-going troubles of life. Pray they would come to know the Savior.

Will You Be a Mom?

Currently we have 6 clients taking one-on-one parenting classes with their client advocates, whom we lovingly refer to as Mentor Moms. Yet there is a list of 5 girls waiting for a Mentor Mom to lead and encourage them through their pregnancies and the early months of caring for a newborn. Many clients come to know Christ and begin to grow in a relationship with Him through Bible Study with their counselor. Mentoring is a sweet time of encouragement and investment in a young woman's life, often reaching boyfriends and other family members.

If you have raised a family or are in the middle of raising children, you love the Lord and have a heart for young women in need of friendship and encouragement, you are welcome to apply!

We plan to offer a "Focus on the Heart" Training in May or June. If you are interested in attending, or for more information on becoming a Mentor Mom or a Crisis Counselor, please call us at 583-1900.

I was pregnant when I started the EWYL Program. It really helped me understand what was going on with my body and my developing baby. Like, I didn't know that babies played with their umbilical cord. How cool is that?
I am going to classes now to learn how to take care of (baby's name). I am learning about first aid and what to do when my baby is sick. I am learning about how to help her sleep through the night, and how to talk to her and comfort her. Most of all, I am learning what she needs from me.

Alisha, EWYL Client

There was a wonderful response to our appeal in the December Life Net.

Thanks to all who so generously gave to help us help the needy. Many caring people brought in diapers and warm clothing.

Many thanks to Debbie Vidal, The Binnions, Rachael Reenders, Melissa Bair, Julie Hansen & various anonymous donors.

Special thanks to **Kings Christian Center & Grace Temple Women's Fellowships** for showering us with beautiful baby items!

Roe v. Wade 1973–2010

Not
a solution
then...

still
a tragedy
today

Tulare-Kings Right to Life has invited Directors from the three local Pregnancy Centers to present information and updates about what is happening in their center. Diane will share, along with Brenda Fernandes from Care Pregnancy Center in Visalia and Patricia Tipton from Porterville Pregnancy Resource Center.

This special program is entitled
"A Message of Hope"

Please join us for worship,
encouragement and a time of
prayer on January 21.

TULARE KINGS RIGHT TO LIFE
13th annual
Roe v. Wade
Memorial
Observance

-Visalia-
Thursday January 21
7:00pm–8:30pm

Trinity United
Reformed Church
6400 West Walnut Avenue

If...my people who are called by My Name will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now My eyes shall be opened and My ears attentive to the prayer offered in this place.
II Chronicles 7:14,15

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- Working with clients at the Center.
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- Opening my home to a woman in need.
- Committing myself to praying on a regular basis for individual clients.
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