

FROM THE DIRECTOR

This time last year, we printed an article from *Life News*, which had scientists admitting that embryonic stem cell research had proven unsuccessful. Since then nothing has changed, except that *adult stem cell research* continues to make successful advances.

Be that as it may, on March 9, the President signed an executive order that provides federal funding (read taxpayer \$s) for embryonic stem cell research. The justification for it was that "science should trump ideology." If that sounds a little creepy, it's because there is a "creep factor" here.

Joseph Infranco, senior counsel with Alliance Defense Fund, on April 13th wrote an article in which he explained that "Science is a systematic way of approaching the study of the material universe; it is a process or method of research, but *it can never be free of ideology*"...and "Selling science above moral considerations is the age-old myth of neutrality, and the subtle self-deception of one who mistakes his view for objective truth."

In fact, he later defines the President's (unspoken) ideology: "that it's okay to further one life at the expense of another that cannot defend itself." Sadly, many people readily agree with this thinking.

The moral objection is this, "science should not create life for the purpose of destroying it—even to benefit another human being."

Let's imagine a door, prior to 1973, over which hung a sign that read "Slippery Slope." When *Roe v. Wade* became the law of the land, that door opened wide. Can human cloning be far behind?

This is the place we have come to: the era of autonomous man—functioning independently without control by others; setting new standards at a whim, outside the revealed will of God in His word.

This morning I read yet again Psalms 1 & 2, and encourage you to do the same. I was both comforted and challenged. Both Psalms indicate that those who put their trust in the Lord God will be blessed. That means we come to know for sure that the Lord will take care of the rest. It is here we are empowered to "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thess. 5:16).

Pray for the souls of those who are sliding down the slippery slope as we put our confidence in the Living God.

Maranatha,

Diane



Diane at 1st Baptist
Missions Fair, April 18th

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CORI CAME IN TO THE CENTER WITH A FRIEND. SHE TOLD US SHE HAD AN ABORTION JUST 2 MONTHS AGO AND WAS HAVING A HARD TIME SLEEPING AND BEING ALONE.

When the call came in to the Center that this young woman would like counseling the next day, my mind immediately shouted, "Well, why didn't she come in BEFORE making that decision? What do we have to say to her now?" My strong reaction surprised even myself. What, have I never made a mistake? Can I say I have no regrets in my life?

The next morning I read John 4, the story of the woman at the well. Jesus knew her sin and even recited it to her. "...for you have had 5 husbands and the one you have now is not your husband." He just simply stated it. No condemnation, no anger. He offered her a cleansed life, Living Water, life abundant, springing up to eternal life. We need to remind ourselves (often, for me) that we cannot expect individuals who do not know Christ to act like Christians. A lost person is simply that, lost and in darkness.

So after a healthy attitude adjustment, I had the privilege of sitting down with this young woman later that morning. Again I was reminded of the horror of abortion. She described the setting in the clinic, the *many* women (of all ages) awkwardly trying to comfort one another as each waited her turn. Cori expressed the lingering panicky feeling that she had done something wrong and now there was nothing she could do about it. Huge tears rolled down her cheeks as she related that she went against her own conscience for the sake of being able to go on with her plans for the summer. There was duplicity in what she said. "I don't regret what I did," she said quietly, "but in a way I *do* regret it." She shared that she felt people were judging her even though only a few people knew her choice.

I read John 4 with her and told her about the One who knows her and everything about her. And about repentance. We talked about the many different consequences she might experience, emotionally and possibly in future relationships, and that many negative behaviors might actually be related to her choice to abort.

When facing an unplanned/unwanted pregnancy, every option has its difficulties. But abortion, aside from the precious child, seriously damages the mother. Please pray for this young woman, and for many with similar stories. We have placed an ad in the Sentinel and brochures in ladies restrooms of various churches with information about an upcoming post-abortion Bible study. Please pray that many hurting women would see it, and have the courage to get help.

Kathy

WISH LIST

Ensnored in counseling room #2 is a pair of 24 year-old comfortable chairs that either need to be replaced or reupholstered. (You know there's a problem when the Center Housekeeper gently suggests something needs to be done!) So, if anyone out there in Life Net reader land has either a gently used pair of chairs that they no longer need or is led to contribute to a "Chair Fund", it would be very much appreciated. Come to think of it, clients would probably appreciate it too!

Other needs: High chairs (New) Infant Car Seats Bassinettes Baby Swings Size 2, 4 & 5 Diapers

NOT SURPRISED, BUT SADDENED

Remember Gardasil, the so-called cervical cancer vaccine, from pharmaceutical giant Merck? Well, here's an update on this vaccine; a friend sent the following facts online which we pass on to you:

To date, 11,916 adverse events have already been reported to CDC...and counting, some with pain and swelling, life-threatening muscle weakness, and blood clots in the heart and lungs.

In addition, 32 innocent girls and young women have died after having this vaccine, and this is the product that some government officials were trying to force upon the young women in their states.

Many parents and naïve young women believe this vaccine saves lives. They couldn't be more wrong. If you know anyone who is considering the vaccine, please pass on a warning.



APRIL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH

THINGS OF THE SPIRIT DIFFER FROM THINGS MATERIAL IN THAT THE MORE YOU GIVE THE MORE YOU HAVE. ~C. MORLEY

We appreciate each one of our volunteers' allowing the Lord to use her gifts and her time...making a difference in clients' lives!

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WHY NOT SPEND A FEW HOURS WITH US THIS SUMMER?

For many of us summer can be a time to slow down. Even with the children at home, we get a few free hours we might not otherwise have.

If you would like to make those hours count at Crossroads, we've got several ways you can chip in here at the office. These are "no experience necessary" jobs you can do in an hour or so. While you are here, you may never see a client but you will touch her life in a way that can change her life forever. Interested? Give us a call at 583-1900. We've got a place for you.

We do have an immediate need for help in getting baby bottles ready for distribution to churches for our Changing Babies Campaign beginning on Mother's Day.

A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, 'Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today.'

The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. 'That's interesting,' she said, 'how do you make babies?'

'It's simple,' replied the girl.

'You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'.'

