

25th Anniversary & Fundraising Ban- quet

Thursday Evening, April 22

With Featured Speaker
Scott Klusendorf

To be held at Hanford 1st Baptist Church,
9125 13 1/2 Ave. (off of Grangeville)
6:30 to 8:30pm Seating begins at 6pm

Tickets are \$55.00 individual and \$400.00 for a table of 8
Catering by Koetsier Ranch
Invitations will be mailed soon!

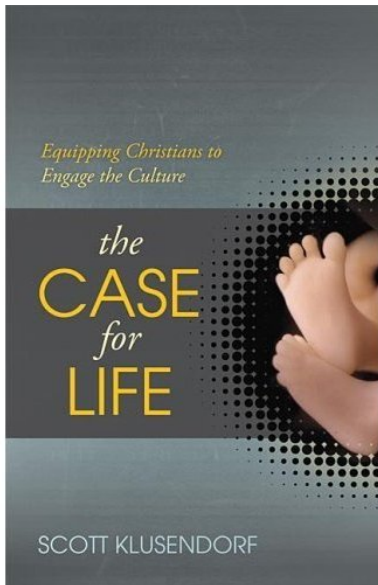
From The Director

Why We Chose our Banquet Speaker: Scott Klusendorf

The interesting thing about this past January was that in the Christian community, people were generally highly motivated regarding the remembrance of the 50 million or so unborn Americans who were denied the right to live among us, and judging by the participation in the March for Life in San Francisco and Washington, DC, it doesn't appear that the pro-life movement is ever going to roll over and give up.

However it is sobering to note that there are a minority of Christians who have become lukewarm on this matter, perhaps feeling that after 37 years with limited successes by the pro-life movement, things are never going to change, so "Let's move on." There are plenty of other issues to deal with, after all. It also may be especially tempting as the political wind blows to the hard left.

That brings me to our upcoming banquet speaker, Scott Klusendorf. The question could be asked, "What does it mean to be pro-life under a pro-death administration?" At our 25th Anniversary Banquet, Scott will share insightful information regarding what it means to us as individuals and as a crisis pregnancy center to be under an administration that condones killing unborn babies simply because they are deemed to be an inconvenience. Abortion now has the blessing of the current President and his Congress. Scott's presentation will equip banquet attendees to articulate on a different level as those who oppose abortion are faced with bolder opposition.



A lot of time has been spent in prayer over the Banquet, and when it came to a speaker, we narrowed it down to three. It became clear to us that it was to be Scott, for our hearts' desire is to rekindle the hearts of Christians and the community at large on the seriousness of the abortion issue. We will all find Scott a passionate and engaging speaker, able to deal with this difficult subject in a gracious manner.

Many new residents have moved into the area since our last banquet about 18 years ago and as we have talked with clients (in the past and currently) we have found that not many knew we even existed. What is true for our clients may be true for our community. Our hope and prayer is that many new resident Christians or interested parties would attend this celebration and be introduced to the ministry of Crossroads. I doubt one person would regret coming.

The Scripture underpinning this event is taken from Psalm 126:3:

“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.”

Come celebrate!

Maranatha, Diane Clark



Special Thanks

...and blessings to South Valley Community Church, Catholic Daughters of America, and First Baptist Church 'Girlfriends' for the lovely baby showers you gave for our Mommy Store.

...and God's blessing to radio station KDUV for their contribution during Sanctity of Human Life Month.

...to South Valley Community Church and St. Brigid Catholic Church for holding a Changing Babies Fundraiser to commemorate the Sanctity of Human Life.

God's blessing to all of our supporters for thinking of us at year-end.

Things to think about

- Being a Banquet Table Sponsor on April 22
- Being part of the Banquet Prayer Team (Call 583-1900)



Private Abortion?

One of our Board members called the other day asking if we had read the article in the January 30th issue of World Magazine. I hadn't, so leafing through I found a page entitled, "Chemical reaction...The drug RU 486 gives women the option of abortion in privacy—a lonely, painful, devastating privacy" by Alisa Harris.

The article shows that "The number of drug-induced abortions at non-hospital facilities increased from 122,200 in 2001 to 161,000 in 2005." It seems that more women are opting for the drugs "because it seemed less scary than a surgical abortion with its suction machine."

This is a two-pill process, which can be used very early in pregnancy—FDA approves the drug only up to seven weeks however, some clinics use it up to the ninth.

The article is built around one woman's heart-rending experience in using RU 486 and dealing with the consequences—the intense pain, nausea and cramping after the second pill kicks in. The inescapable result then follows in plain sight before her eyes. All while she's traumatized and alone, with no one to help or comfort. Her long-term suffering was devastating.

Any kind of abortion may give one a lonely feeling of emptiness, but in those which are drug-induced, to quote the article, "...women who have a chemical abortion actually see...the graphic aftermath of their own abortions."

Fortunately, the woman in this story eventually "pulled through, thanks to faith, medicine, and the love of her older sister."

Speaking of love, we know that God delights in granting forgiveness to repentant sinners including those post-abortive; that His love covers a multitude of sins, and though it can be difficult for post-abortive women to accept, it means that they and all those post-abortive can be covered in His abundant forgiving love. "For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly" (Romans 5:6).

We want to express our appreciation to our accountants, **M. Green & Company**, who prepare the Center's monthly financial reports, ready our tax and payroll forms and keep a careful eye out for us regarding money matters. We have been the beneficiaries of their fine service since 1995.



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- Opening my home to a woman in need.
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