

# Life Net

Sharing the Life, that gives life!

CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER

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## From the Director

Since a presidential election looms, and though some of you may have read Scott Klusendorf's recent *5-MINUTE PRO-LIFER*, I have been encouraged to share segments from his recent issue #15, entitled "Thinking Clearly About Elections: Five Questions".

This issue of Life Net presents Question No. 1.

The desire to share Scott's take on all this goes back to a front door exchange with a precinct walker who desired that I vote for a person whom I knew was an abortion advocate.

At the time I had a "Vote Pro Life" yard sign right in the middle of the front lawn, which he had apparently missed as he walked to the door. I told him I couldn't vote for his man even though he seemed steady on most other issues. He asked "Why?" and I told him to turn around. He looked at my sign and said, "Oh, I see, you're a one-issue person." With that he wished me good day and walked off.

Scott's answers to the 5 questions are right on target. If we take them to heart we will be equipped to answer questions like this with intelligence and grace. —D.C.

So, let's begin with Question One;

### Thinking Clearly About Elections: Five Questions

By Scott Klusendorf

1) *Are pro-life Christians focused too narrowly on abortion? After all, informed voters consider many issues.*

Of course abortion isn't the only issue—any more than the treatment of slaves wasn't the only issue in 1860 or the treatment of Jews the only issue in 1940. But both were the *dominant* issues of their day. Thoughtful Christians attribute different importance to different issues, and give greater weight to fundamental moral questions. For example, if a man running for president told us that men had a right to beat their wives, most people would see that as reason enough to reject him, despite his expertise on foreign policy or economic reforms. The foundational principle of our republic is that all humans are equal in their fundamental dignity. What issue could be more important than that? You might as well blame politicians like Winston Churchill and FDR for focusing too narrowly on defeating the Nazis, to the neglect of other issues. Given a choice, I'd rather pro-lifers focus on at least one great moral issue than waste their precious resources trying to fix all of them.<sup>1</sup>

Look for Question and Answer Two in December LifeNet

<sup>1</sup> See Randy Alcorn (EMP Blog, 11/16/08) and Steve Hays (Triablogue, 1/30/06) for a fuller refutation of the single-issue objection.

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## With Thanksgiving...



*Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His Mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.*

—Psalm 100:4-5

...for those who recently donated items for the Mom Store: **Daniel & Almond Nervais, Suzanne Paddock, Raychelle Dickens, Nicole Fox, Cindy Homberg, Carol Blank, Joshua Rees, Tiffany Mackey, Linda Smart and KCS Thrift Store.** We appreciate office and newsletter assistance from **Nicole Fox** and sisters **Sonja and Lolly Bursiaga.**

### We give thanks for...

- ... the privilege of serving the Lord at the Center each day
- ... the fellowship of believers who make up our volunteer staff
- ... being free to pray and share God's word together and with our clients
- ... those needy in body, mind and spirit whom the Lord sends to us
- ... God's Spirit who guides and leads us, for He knows the hearts of every client
- ... our family members who champion our involvement at the Center
- ... all of you who take the time to read this newsletter
- ... all the individuals and churches who send support through their kind gifts
- ... our Board of Directors who so faithfully pray and lead the way
- ... our Lord and Savior, the Light of Life to whom this ministry belongs

## Mom Store Needs



We are running low on:

Diapers, size 4 and 5

Warm jackets up to size 4

Digital thermometers

Baby shampoo

2 Client requests: a dollhouse

a double stroller

# News & Notes

## Presenting the Truth

“Christians are known for believing that sex is something best saved for marriage. But research over the past few years seems to indicate that young evangelicals are almost just as sexually active as their non-believing counterparts.” ...so begins yet another disheartening article on teen sexuality. In an effort to do what we can here in our county, new volunteer Martha Valdez is busy putting together a multi-media presentation on abstinence and healthy relationships. This information will be presented by Martha and volunteer Amy Rickman to parents and youth groups in our local churches. A shortened version will be available for presentation to local service groups, schools and government officials.

## CA’s Coalition of Pregnancy Resource Centers

On November 17 and 18, Diane and Kathy, along with PRC directors from all over California, will attend an important conference packed with information on maintaining the best practices in our Centers, responding to the media, proactive strategies with legislators and California legal issues. We want to be, as one session is titled, “Keeping All Our Ducks In A Row.” All this is in preparation for the possible threats to pregnancy centers.

## Something to cheer about!

The state capital city of Austin, Texas has suspended a law that forces pro-life pregnancy centers to post signs declaring that they do not provide abortions and other services. The decision came in response to a lawsuit pro-life legal groups filed on behalf of pregnancy centers seeking to provide women with alternatives to abortion. *Excerpt from LifeNews.com by Steven Ertelt.*

## What Clients are Saying...

*What I like best was how caring the people are here and how helpful and understanding everyone here is.*

*The service was great and to have God based personnel is very comforting.*

*(I like) how interested the counselor was in the situation and seemed to care.*



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- Providing support services (clerical, housekeeping, Mom Store).
- Opening my home to a woman in need.
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