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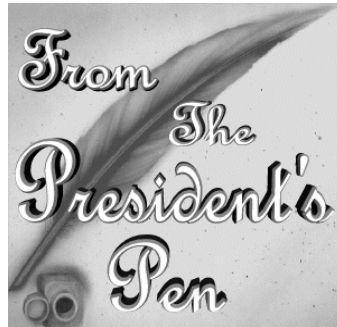
## Christians Must Strengthen Heart of Pro-Life Movement!

By Aaron Hankins

**Bartholomew County Right to Life** is an educational organization that exists to inform citizens of our local community regarding the grave damage abortion causes to unborn babies, to women and to our society as a whole. While our educational efforts focus on changing hearts and minds through our positive and loving message to all who are unsure on the issue, it does not stop there. Our educational efforts extend to informing and influencing Pro-Life citizens to be active in the political process to ensure legislation is passed to protect innocent Life at every stage.

This effort is needed in no greater place than the Christian church.

It is no secret and of no surprise that the vast majority of members in the Pro-Life movement (our local chapter is no exception) are committed to advancing the cause for Life because of their deeply held Christian faith. What is a dark secret and should be of immense surprise is that on average, nearly 70% of abortions are performed on women who are professing Christians. Yes, that statistic is correct. These women are able to identify the name of their church, the name of their pastor and key doctrines their church believes in.



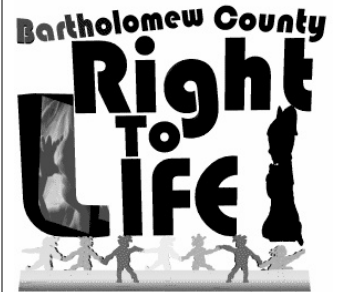
We have no reason to believe this statistic does not hold true in our county as well. These victims of legalized abortion are young men and women who at some point attend our Sunday services, who are in our Bible studies and who attend our youth groups.

The very institution that has been at the forefront of this cultural battle, is the very institution that has been most plagued by its consequences. We must redouble our efforts. Therefore, Bartholomew County Right to Life is committed to advancing the cause for Life by focusing the majority of our efforts on educating, organizing and mobilizing the Christian church.

We greatly appreciate all of the Pro-Life pastors who are faithful to the cause and who properly disciple their congregations in this important issue. We thank you for your leadership and hope to have even more pastors join our efforts locally. Our goal is to have at least one person in every local church who can be responsible for personally sharing with members news and information regarding the Right to Life issue as well as our efforts.

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## Signature Ad

The annual Pro-Life Signature Ad will be placed in the Republic in January to show Columbus the strength and support of the Pro-Life community. Both individual and corporate names will be five dollars each. We are looking for people who can gather signatures from Pro-Life supporters in their churches or organizations. Contact the BCRTL from the web site if you are interested in helping us gain signatures for support. †

## Creation Museum Passes

Several, lifetime members of the Answers In Genesis Creation Museum have pooled their permanent, free passes and have now made these passes available to any interested party. This pool of 16 passes can be scheduled for use by calling 546-0026 and asking for the pass coordinator. Be reminded that the passes are allocated on a first come, first served basis. †

## Roe v. Wade Anniversary March and Rally

Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

March: 1:30pm at Home Federal Bank on Washington St.  
Rally: 2pm at City Hall

Thirty six years ago, the United States Supreme Court legalized abortion at any stage and for any reason in all fifty states. Since that fateful decision, more than 50 million innocent unborn babies' lives have been ended. Just as many women, men and families have been harmed due to the consequences of that judicial decision. We must take this time to stand together as a community to shine a light on the physical, emotional and moral damage legalized abortion has caused in our homes, our families, our churches, our communities and our nation.

Please bring your family, friends and those from your church with you this January 17<sup>th</sup> as we march downtown from Home Federal Bank to City Hall to pay homage to the more than 50 million innocent unborn lives who have been ended by the legalization of abortion by the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973. Afterwards, we will hold a rally in City Hall where we will pray to end abortion in America and pray for all those who have been affected by abortion.

I hope to see you there. This will be a great opportunity to show the city of Columbus the strength of our commitment to the Right to Life cause. †



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100 local churches in Columbus alone, with several more throughout the county and surrounding areas. If we have just one person in each church who can reach ten people for the cause for Life, we can have over 1,000 strong who are equipped and willing to stand for the Right to Life.

This is a force that would make major inroads in reaching

out to our neighbors and local communities who are unsure about this issue, not to mention effective in the political process.

Although the case for Life can stand alone on scientific and medical facts, Christians must lead on this issue. Those of the Christian faith must lead to proclaim two essential Truths in this matter: first that Life is sacred because man is created in the image of God and second that God's grace is powerful enough to heal every wound abortion has caused in a person's life.

This is our message and this is our goal. We hope to be the most organized and effective Right to Life chapter in America and it must begin with our local Christian churches. We need your help. Please consider joining our efforts and sharing this with others who may be willing to get involved as well. Let's see to it that abortion becomes a sad chapter in the history of this great nation. †

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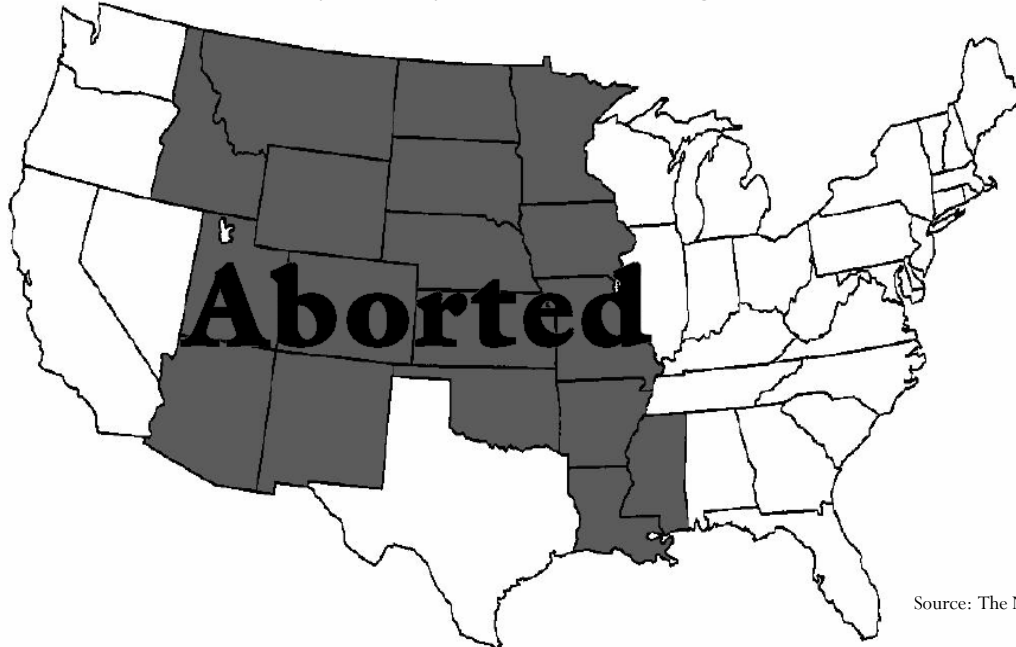
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# —Roe v. Wade—

Not a solution then . . . Still a tragedy Today.

The Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision legalized abortion for any reason. Now, after more than thirty-three years under *Roe* more than 47 million unborn babies have been aborted. The overwhelming majority of those abortions were performed for social reasons. Yet polls continue to show that an increasing majority of Americans are opposed to abortion as a method of birth control. And in 2001, the Supreme Court ruled that *Roe v. Wade* allowed and protected the brutal partial-birth abortion procedure ~ a practice opposed by well over 70% of Americans. It's time to put an end to the barbaric legacy of *Roe v. Wade* and restore laws that protect the lives of unborn children.

More than thirty-three years and counting . . . More than 47 million babies Lost.



This map has 18 states blacked out. The population of these states is equivalent to the more than 47 million legal abortions since *Roe v. Wade*. This illustration reveals the number of people that have been deprived of their Inalienable right to life.

Source: The National Right To Life Website :[www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)

## The Legalization of Abortion in the United States

The Supreme Court decided two abortion cases on January 22, 1973: *Roe v. Wade*, challenging a Texas abortion law, and *Doe v. Bolton*, challenging a Georgia abortion law.

Together, the cases struck down all state laws restricting abortion in the United States and replaced them with a national policy which effectively legalized abortion for any reason throughout all nine months of pregnancy. Here is a closer look at each case:

**Roe v. Wade** : The Court divided pregnancy into three three-month periods or trimesters:

**First trimester:** The Court ruled that states could not restrict or regulate abortion in any way (although the Court clarified in a later decision that states could require that abortions be done by a licensed physician).

**Second trimester:** The Court ruled that states could regulate abortions only to the extent necessary to protect the “health” of the mother as broadly defined in *Doe v. Bolton* (see below).

**Third trimester:** After the unborn child becomes “viable” (able to survive outside the womb with or without medical support), which the Court said occurred at approximately the beginning of the last three months of pregnancy, the Court said states could regulate or prohibit abortion, except when an abortion was done to protect the life or *health* of the mother.

**Doe v. Bolton** : In this companion case to *Roe*, the Court defined “health” to include “all factors – physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman’s age – relevant to the well-bring of the patient.” Under this broad definition of “health,” any woman who is unhappy about being pregnant may have an abortion, even in the last months of pregnancy, to protect her “health.”

The core holding of *Roe*, i.e., that a woman has a constitutional right to abortion, was reaffirmed in 1992 in the Supreme Court’s *Planned Parenthood of S.E. Pennsylvania v. Casey* decision. The *Casey* decision also suggested the possibility of life-protective laws after the baby’s viability. Thus, although the so-called right to abortion remains (and abortion facilities continue their grisly trade largely unrestricted), the Court has said that states may enact certain protective regulations, including some that hold promise for reducing the number of abortions. ☩

## By Their Fruits...

Timeline --- 1830 - 2008

Crystal Eastman and Roger Baldwin

By Tony Hillen

1925 - Though the parent group of the ACLU was founded in 1919/1920, we chose 1925 as our marker because this was the year of the most notable, watershed event in public school history, the so-called Scopes Monkey Trial!

In this case, the newly founded ACLU could kill two birds with one stone: They could cast great doubt on the truthfulness and reliability of the Bible and thus, remove the CREATOR from historic and scientific studies. Next, they could shape the public school curriculum so as to embrace their humanist/atheistic world view with naturalistic evolution as a foundation. So, they recruited a likely candidate (John Scopes) as a plaintiff, with whom they could pursue these goals. And this is what happened as a result of Scopes.

It's interesting that several people are noted as founders of the ACLU. Among them were: Norman Thomas (Marxist), John Dewey (Educational Humanist), Crystal Eastman (Abortion), Roger Baldwin (Pacifism) and Clarence Darrow (Judicial Activism). Eastman and Baldwin are listed most often. It is also noteworthy that most people get their knowledge about the Scopes trial from a 1960 movie entitled: *Inherit The Wind*. The movie distorted and omitted much of the information in the court record. As a matter of fact, not ONE of the so-



called scientific theories brought forth in the Scopes trial are held today!

Even though it has taken decades to reach a saturation point, the effects of Scopes cannot be overstated. After this infamous trial, all manner of evil would be entertained as educational grist. Soon, an outcome-based educational approach featuring Haeckel's embryos, Sanger's abortion and Dewey's socialism would become dominant in the thinking of the educational hierarchy. These issues are even more striking if you consider the fact that liberals, socialists and haters of GOD have done most of their damage to our country and our beliefs through our own public school system!

The point of these articles has been (and is) to help pro-life patrons view our cause in a broader sense. That is, that the seeds of evil sown long ago are now bearing robust fruit. And, much like invasive weeds, these atheistic teachings are choking everything in their path. We invite our Readers to review Romans, chapter one in this connection. Next time: 1933/Humanist Manifesto 1✠

## National Right To Life Perspective Radio Spots

National Right to Life is excited to announce that Pro-Life Perspective, the daily, five-minute radio show airing across the nation, is now available on the web and iTunes.

Pro-Life Perspective brings you news and information on abortion, pro-life legislation, stem cell research, end-of-life issues, and personal stories of those who stand up for life. Both inspirational and educational, the show serves as a one-stop daily shop for all pro-lifers. Catch Pro-Life Perspective on your local radio station, or online at [www.prolifeperspective.com](http://www.prolifeperspective.com) for the latest pro-life updates.

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Recently, Pro-Life Perspective, your daily dose of pro-life news, made a move to iTunes, allowing you to download your favorite episodes and take them with you on the go. Catch up on ones you missed, or share them with friends.

For more information, or to find out where Pro-Life Perspective airs near you, check out [www.prolifeperspective.com](http://www.prolifeperspective.com) . ✠

## Abortion and Feminism: Are girls really liberated?

by Catherine Myers

You see them everywhere you go—at the mall, in grocery stores, parks, and even in churches—pushing strollers and slinging toddlers on their waists, seemingly oblivious to the realities of their sad existence. You know who they are—single, young, unwed mothers. Many are teens, high school dropouts, with babies in tow—sometimes with a boyfriend at their side, but more often with a grandmother. It’s a heartbreaking picture, children bearing children, with grandparents conscripted into multi-generational parenthood. As I thought about these girls, two questions came to mind: First, where are the fathers, and second, is this really what the feminist movement was fought for? I concluded that legalized abortion was the key to the answer to both questions.

You see, in reality abortion liberates men, not women, giving men sexual freedom and freedom from the responsibilities of parenthood. In previous generations, if an unwed young girl became pregnant, most often the young man married her to cover her shame, and legitimize the baby. However, thanks to abortion on demand, in today’s world when a girl becomes pregnant, it’s her responsibility to “take care of things,” because it’s “her body.” If she chooses to abort, then often the baby’s father will pay for the abortion. But, if she chooses to carry the baby to full term and raise it, then that’s “her choice.” “Her choice” is what gets him off the hook of parental responsibility. After all, he didn’t choose parenthood, she did. So abortion, whether unwed mothers opt for it or not, is what gets young men out of the responsibility of caring for and raising the children they procreate.

But is this really what the feminist movement had in mind—children bearing children? I had always understood that feminists were all about empowering women to become successful and equal to men in everyway. How does the sexual liberation of men empower women? It doesn’t.


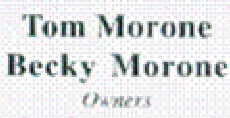

The modern feminist movement initially did have equality between the sexes as a goal—equality in voting, employment, compensation, and opportunity. These are all noble goals, but once they were achieved, they weren’t enough. The feminists and their allies (including the likes of Planned Parenthood and porn producers such as Hugh Hefner) also demanded equality in sexual immorality. When feminists began lobbying for abortion on demand—abortion for any reason, at any stage of pregnancy—they forever condemned not only the cause of women’s rights, but also the lives of countless young girls and their fatherless children,

destining them to poverty and generational cycles of illegitimacy.

If the feminist movement was *genuinely* trying to empower young girls towards equality with boys, they would be advocating abstinence, because whether you like it or not, you just can’t get around biology—premarital sex is *always* detrimental to the girl, but not always to the boy. If the feminist movement really had the best interest of girls in mind, they would teach young girls to focus on education, and to abstain from anything harmful to them—including alcohol and drug abuse, as well as premarital sex. If the feminist movement was truly interested in advancing the cause of women, they should be front and center in the battle against pornography, which not only exploits women, but which also rips apart families, puts men into sexual bondage, and ultimately puts women and children at risk for abuse from men with sexual addictions. I find it curious and hypocritical that the feminist movement is not only silent on the issue of pornography, but also that it is against the teaching of abstinence in any form. The “quick fix” of abortion is what has made this all possible.

Pro-life Christians and churches are needed more than ever to undo what the feminist movement and abortion on demand has created for women and girls today. Because of the culture we live in, the Church and Christians should begin by showing the love of Christ to young girls, especially those from dysfunctional backgrounds and those who are most susceptible to promiscuity. Girls should be taught, by the Church and by Christians, of their value and worth in the eyes of God. They should be taught not only spiritual things, but also worldly wisdom—by this, I mean they should be taught how to recognize predatory men who seek to use and abuse them, and how to reject the advances of predatory men. They should be taught the value of an academic education, and of their intrinsic value and purpose in this life. And, they should be loved unconditionally if they have made mistakes in the past. This to me, is the essence of what feminism should have been had it not died on the altar of equality in sexual immorality, which in reality has only liberated men. †

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# Getting At The Root

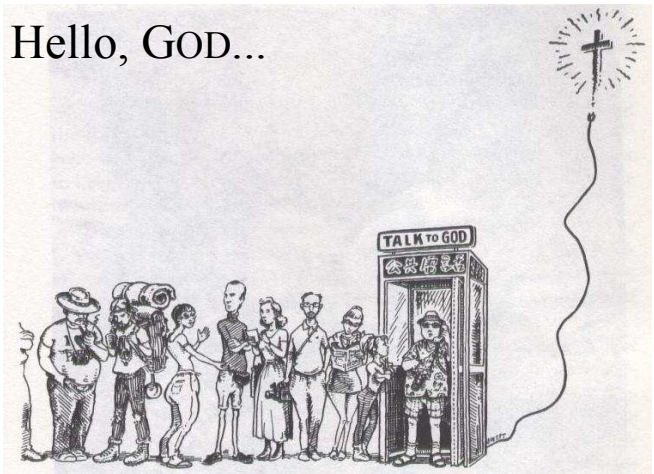
by Tony Hillen

he election is now past and pro-lifers find themselves in a sad situation. The conservatives have lost and we have a true adversary to the right to life in the White House. The ability, by the Senate minority, to block legislation is a razor thin possibility and then only if that group is united in their effort. We read that one of the first things our new president will do, by executive order, is reinstate embryonic stem cell research. New studies show that this is unnecessary because stem cells can be retrieved from a variety of sources without ending the life of an unborn child at the embryo stage. However, this is not enough for those embracing abortion and, soon to be, euthanasia on demand. We know that if this is the first consideration by the new president, surely more and greater evil lies down the road.

We encourage patrons and volunteers of BCRTL to stand fast in their resolve with prayer, increased empathy and help for like ministries and a resurgence of pro-life activities at all levels. We MUST do these things while we still have the freedom to do so. The LORD has allowed these things to transpire for HIS own good reasons and we will not equivocate. We need to be more determined than ever that we will be faithful in what GOD has given us to do.

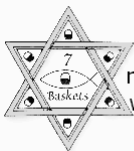
Lastly, it is breathtaking to watch this battle of good and evil play out right before our eyes. Surely, evil and its results were never more obvious and the contrasting good never more clear. These things have been in place since the beginning and the stage was set long ago. We suggest reading John 8 in this connection. †

# Hello, GOD...



Hello God, I called tonight  
To talk a little while  
I need a friend who'll listen  
To my anxiety and trial.  
You see, I can't quite make it  
Through a day just on my own...  
I need your love to guide me,  
So I'll never feel alone.  
I want to ask you please to keep,  
My family safe and sound.  
Come and fill their lives with confidence  
For whatever fate they're bound.  
Give me faith, dear God, to face  
Each hour throughout the day,  
And not to worry over things  
I can't change in any way.  
I thank you God, for being home  
And listening to my call,  
For giving me such good advice  
When I stumble and fall.  
Your number, God, is the only one  
That answers every time.  
I never get a busy signal,  
Never had to pay a dime.  
So thank you, God, for listening  
To my troubles and my sorrow.  
Good night, God, I love You, too,  
And I'll call again tomorrow!  
*Have a blessed day and week!* †

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We now humbly ask for your financial support as we look to expand many of our efforts in Bartholomew County. The most important effort your financial contribution will go towards is turning our quarterly newsletter into a monthly newsletter. This will allow our efforts of educating Bartholomew County on the Right to Life issue to grow tremendously. By producing a monthly newsletter, we hope to expand our readership levels, our membership and our presence in Bartholomew County.

Bartholomew County Right to Life has been very successful in the past and will continue to be successful as we move forward thanks to our supporters who understand the importance of sharing the Truth in love with our community regarding the Right to Life.

Thanks for your financial support and know that we are working hard to save both the lives of unborn babies and their mothers. †



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Luke 2: 8-15

8 ¶ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this [shall be] a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward **men**.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. †



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