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### UPDATE ON THE PERSONHOOD AMENDMENT

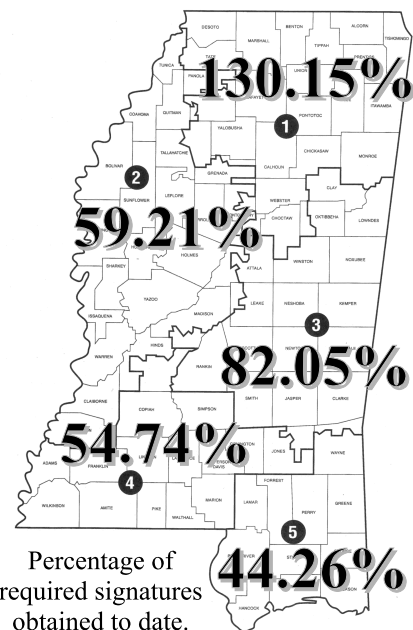
# A Drop in the Bucket? No Way!!!

Do you ever feel like your pro-life efforts are almost useless, like a drop in a bucket? Don't! Lots of drops together make a big tidal wave. The sand castle of dehumanizing lies is going to be flattened by the coming wave of pro-life truth, that life begins at the moment of fertilization.

Since the Mississippi Personhood Amendment ballot-access petition drive began last year, over 70,000 Mississippians have signed the petition, thereby bringing the goal of protecting every baby closer to reality. Tens of thousands of people have been educated about the humanity of children at fertilization, and our biblical mandate to protect all of them. More churches are participating in pro-life petitioning and actions than ever before. More new people are coming out to minister on

Other states are following our lead! There are now personhood groups active in 40 states, with more catching the vision to protect every baby by love *and* by law. We can turn this good news into great news by finishing strong in the petition drive. We need 89,000 certified signatures by early February in order to make it on the ballot. If everyone receiving this newsletter and petition gets just three more signatures, we will have enough signatures to qualify, with some extras for a cushion. You don't win the race if you fall short of the finish line. We won't end the killing if we don't get an amendment on the ballot first.

Look at the map. The percentages represent the number of needed signatures received for that congressional district. Have all voters in your church signed? Can you visit other churches and get signatures from all of those folks? Please get as many signatures as you can while recruiting other petitioners. Will you add your drops to the pro-life wave to be sure we get enough certified signatures in January? To get more petitions or



Percentage of required signatures obtained to date.

instructions on which counties urgently need more signatures, please call 662-760-8695 or go to [www.personhoodmississippi.com](http://www.personhoodmississippi.com)

Cal Zastrow  
Co-founder, Personhood USA



## Pro-Life Mississippi Annual Candlelight Prayer Vigil

Saturday, January 16, 2010 at 6:00 pm

Capitol Building, First Floor Rotunda

*It's up to you!*

**Will Mississippi be the first abortion free state?**

**If you falter in times of trouble, how small is your strength! Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, 'but we knew nothing about this,' does not He who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not He who guards your life know it? Will He not repay each person according to what he has done?" Proverbs 24: 10-12**

*Clip this scripture bookmark to remind you to pray for the end of abortion.*

**"Will you add your drops to the pro-life wave to be sure we get enough certified signatures in January?"**

the streets in front of the last remaining abortuary in Mississippi. This death pit has been forced to reduce hours, days open, and staff, as peaceful but passionate Christians act like "abortion" really is murder.

Since the Mississippi Personhood Amendment petition drive began, six other states have followed us in petitioning for their own personhood amendments! For the first time ever in U.S. history, a Legislature has passed a law defining a "person" as a "human being at their biological beginning." The North Dakota House of Representatives carries this honor. Shortly after them, the Montana Senate passed their Personhood Amendment. Although the other side of the legislature in both states failed to protect children, momentum is building.

## Reflections of a <sup>wary</sup> Petitioner

By Melody Miller

"Sorry, Ma'am. Sorry, Sir. You are going to have to leave," said the security guard/ policeman/ event manager to us while on public property/ private property/ Christian festival. Didn't matter who or where or why, those in authority were constantly telling us that we couldn't do what we were doing, no matter what the Constitution says. They always said they believe in what we were doing but felt people didn't want to get bothered with "political stuff".

But *this* is what we heard over and over, day after day: "Thank you, thank you, thank you for doing this. It is

so important. I appreciate you being out here." The greatest majority of people were extremely supportive as they reached for the pen and petition to show their support of such an amendment. Most people are pro-life and want to do SOMETHING, they just don't know what.

We have heard it all these last nine months (sounds like were fixing to deliver!) Getting signatures is not hard, it is actually very easy and very rewarding in Mississippi; it is just very life-consuming. You have seen us...probably several times. We have covered

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## Manhattan Declaration Draws Line in the Sand

In the midst of the moral maelstrom threatening to drown respect for life, traditional marriage, and religious freedom in our country, an astoundingly hopeful and courageous document has emerged from the American Christian community.

This truly ecumenical position paper was drafted and signed by 149 Orthodox, Catholic and Evangelical leaders. These include:

- Dr. Robert George of Princeton University
- Chuck Colson, Founder of Prison Fellowship
- Dr. Timothy George of Beeson Divinity School
- Catholic Bishop David Zubik of Pittsburgh
- Catholic Bishop Charles Chaput of Denver
- Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York
- Dr. James Dobson of Focus on the Family
- Marjorie Dannenfelser, President, Susan B. Anthony List
- Rev. William Owens, Chairman of the Coalition of African-American Pastors
- Josh McDowell, Founder of Josh McDowell Ministries
- Tony Perkins, President of the Family Research Council
- Dr. Albert Mohler, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

The 7 page document, presented in Washington, D.C. on November 20, 2009, defends traditional Christian values, based on “the truth that is grounded in Holy Scripture, in natural human reason....and in the very nature of the human person.”

Three areas of concern are addressed: (1) the sanctity and inherent dignity of all human life, created in the image of God; (2) the defense of marriage as a God-ordained union between one man and one woman, insuring the stability of society and promoting the common good; and (3) the need to protect free expression of religious beliefs, without coercion or compulsion to act against one’s conscience.

While obviously in conflict with the present political climate, the document is not fomenting insurrection. To quote: “As Christians we take seriously the Biblical admonition to respect and obey those in authority. We believe in law and in the rule of law. We recognize the duty to comply with laws whether we happen to like them or not, unless the laws are gravely unjust or require those subject to them do something unjust or otherwise immoral.”

“Because we honor justice and the common good, we will not comply with any edict that purports to compel our institutions to participate in abortions, embryo-destructive research, assisted suicide and euthanasia, or any other anti-life act; nor will we bend to any rule purporting to force us to bless immoral sexual partnerships, treat them as marriages or the equivalent, or refrain from proclaiming the truth, as we know it, about morality and immorality and marriage and the family. We will fully and ungrudgingly render to Caesar what is Caesar’s. But under no circumstances will we render to Caesar what is God’s.”

The entire document can be accessed at <http://www.manhattandeclaration.org>. After reading it, I went on to sign the declaration, noting that over 300,000 fellow believers have added their “Amen” to the original 149 subscribers. I urge you to consider signing it also. I hope you will feel as proud of your Christian heritage as I was. ☛

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everything from gun shows to craft shows, football championships to ballets, the Sturgis motorcycle rally in 100 degree heat to the snow kissed Christmas parades a few weeks ago. I tell folks that wherever two or three are gathered, there we are in the midst.

So, just what do you say to folks? “Excuse me, sir, are you a Mississippi Voter? Could you help me with a pro-life issue. We are trying to get an amendment on the ballot that says a baby is a baby no matter how small...that life begins at conception and deserves constitutional protection. What county do you vote in?” Find that county’s sheet, hand them a pen! It’s that easy! But as Jim Rohn says, what is easy to do is also easy NOT to do. This is just too important NOT to do.

“Why?” you ask? Simple. It can stop the slaughter of the babies. Personhood is a grassroots effort that began a little over a year ago to reverse the rule of Roe v. Wade. This bill was thrust onto the American people (like the one that removed prayer from schools) by the Supreme Court. It has never been voted on by the public. Furthermore, it is the result of a lie. Norma McCorvey, AKA Jane Roe was not raped and not pregnant. She was used by two scheming lawyers who contrived the case specifically for the purpose of legalizing abortion. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackman authored the Bill with the caution to “keep the focus on the hardship of the pregnancy on the mother. Don’t ever let them bring up the *personhood* of the baby or we’ll lose this battle.” Technology has changed since 1973. 2D and now 3D sonograms have give us vivid pictures into the womb, so much so that Bernard Nathanson, who aborted more than 75,000 babies in his career, quit abruptly when a sonogram revealed the tiny human recoiling from the sharp curette thrust into the womb and then saw the tiny mouth open like it was screaming in agony and emit the famous “Silent Scream” when the same curette ripped into the baby’s flesh. He later made a video of what he saw that day.

Finally, now, more than 36 years and 50 million abortions later, we are addressing the “Personhood” of the unborn American, and their right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. In just over a year, 40 states are on board with Personhood, passing petitions, or getting legislators to put it on the ballot. This grassroots effort has taken off across this country like wildfire...and all eyes are focused on Mississippi to set the precedent, ...but first, we have to get it on the ballot!

We have had very successful drives at Morrison Heights Baptist Church and Colonial Heights Baptist Church. Pinelake Church also took it very seriously and allowed three weeks of acquiring signatures at all three campuses at all services. Pastor Chip Henderson prefaced the drive with these words: “Don’t think that we are getting politically active. This is not a political issue. Abortion is a biblical issue and the church and all church leaders should be supporting it fully.” Thank you Pinelake for the 2500+ signatures we obtained.

Pulleeze, take a moment, sign the enclosed petition, if you haven’t already... (we can only use one signature per person.) Get a few signatures from work, school, Bible Study, Sunday School, Church, neighbors, even if they are different counties and you only have this one petition. Ask your pastor if you can do a church-wide petition drive for Sanctity of Life Sunday January 18. You are welcome to make copies or print them off at [www.personhoodmississippi.com](http://www.personhoodmississippi.com). Then mail them in to the address on the back of the petition. ***Urgent*** is the key word. We must have them all in by the first week of February...the earlier the better. ***Many hands make light work!*** ☛

*Meet the Board Members: Ester Mann's Story*

## Testimony of a faithful sidewalk counselor.

This is my testimony of several incidents of God's faithfulness to honor his Word and that he allowed me to personally experience while He was closing down two of Mississippi's abortion clinics.

There is nothing special about me or my prayers. There is however, everything special about the Lord I pray to, and Who is watching over His Word to perform it. His eyes are looking to find someone through whom He can show Himself mighty. I believe He delights in showing His faithfulness to his beloved children.

In 1987 I was looking for a ministry to reach lost hurting people. I had in mind something like a “Billy Graham” ministry where I would speak to people. They would get saved by the hundreds and I would be able to go home and not have much involvement with the converts. God, however, had other plans. If I'd had any idea what He was up to, I probably would never have participated so willingly.

In the same way He came to get His hands dirty and bloody to reach us, He expects us to be willing to get our hands dirty - perhaps even bloody - to reach the lost with His gospel.

God called me to the abortion clinic in January, 1988. In April, 1988, I was arrested twice in one week for reading the Bible at the abortion clinic even though I had a permit to use amplification. (I guess the Word of God does “disturb your peace” if you don't want to live by it.) My husband and I sued the City for violation of my civil rights in order to protect other sidewalk counselors who wanted to go where the babies were dying and mothers were suffering. As an indirect result of this lawsuit, my husband lost several million dollars in City contracts. That was a very small price to pay for the privilege of our being used by God to protect the freedom of these dear, peaceful sidewalk counselors.

In obedience to this call of God, I went to the Terry Road abortion clinic owned and operated by the infamous abortionist, Thomas Tucker, approximately 3 days a week for several years without much result that I could see. I felt like the little Dutch boy with his finger in the dike trying to hold back the flood of “dead babies.” I began to wonder if I was doing any good or if I had even heard from God at all. One Sunday at Cornerstone Church, Pastor Dan Hall preached a message about the children of Israel failing to claim the ground they had trod upon that God had promised to them. He talked about Joshua and the walls of Jericho (an obstacle in

their way). My husband and I went to the Terry Rd. mill that night and did a “Jericho March” around it. We spoke the Word of God in Matthew 21:21 which says that “...if you have faith and do not doubt...you can say to this mountain ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea’, and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatsoever you ask for in prayer.” We further spoke that the grounds would never be used for anything but God's glory. We opened our eyes and were surprised when the building was still there. We expected it to be in the sea somewhere. God did not move it immediately, nor like I wanted Him to, but Praise God, in His time and His way, He closed that mill. Businesses have attempted to open there, even a restaurant, but because God is faithful, I believe the Terry Rd. abortion mill will never be successful as anything except a Church or ministry.

I had originally started sidewalk counseling because I felt like God wanted me to read His Word in that ungodly place. Over the years I got caught up in the urgency of the impending death of the babies and the ultimate suffering of the mothers. I began to read the Word less and plead with the mothers more. In 1994, God convicted me that I had neglected His Word. He didn't want me to stop pleading for the babies but He DID want me to speak His Word in that evil place.

I enlisted the aid of my best friend, Mary Evelyn, and for about a year, at least once a week, she or I spoke the Scriptures God had given me to read there in 1988. The Scriptures were all about innocent blood, the fatherless, judgment, murder, blood guiltiness, salvation, etc. However, there was one Scripture that didn't seem to fit. It was Psalms 37:21 which says “The wicked borrows and does not repay but the righteous lend freely.” Every time I would read that verse I felt like the cartoon character with an angel on one shoulder and a demon on the other, saying “You really missed God on that one. It doesn't have anything to do with abortion. Just don't read that one.” By God's grace, I was able to persevere. God ultimately DID close the Terry Rd. mill.

Shortly thereafter, my husband wanted me to go to the Briarwood mill and read those Scriptures God had given me and let the demons know that the Word and I were coming. I must confess that I wasn't too excited about alerting any demons to my presence but I obeyed and went to the Briarwood mill. As I was reading the Scriptures (from 1988), it suddenly hit me what God had done, not ***because*** of me but

***in spite of me!***

Abortionist Tucker also owned another abortion mill in Southaven, MS, near Memphis, and would perform abortions there on Fridays before losing money at the casino in Tunica County on Friday nights. He then would come down to Jackson on Saturday and do abortions here, often hearing those Scriptures upon his arrival at Terry Rd. I don't know if he ever heard Ps. 37:21 or not. Two women died in Alabama while getting abortions at Tucker's clinic, but the only thing pro-lifers had on him in Mississippi was that he had strangled a baby born alive while the umbilical cord was still attached. Unfortunately, at the time, it was not illegal to kill a viable child still attached to its mother. By God's grace, that is now illegal. Although Mississippi had reciprocity with Alabama, we really needed something illegal that had actually happened in *this* state to get Tucker's medical license revoked. Tucker had a nurse who worked for him in Southaven and kept his drug logs. She was the only one who knew about Tucker's drug dispensing violations in Mississippi. This nurse was pro-abortion and believed that Tucker should still be allowed to do abortions even at the time his license was taken. She had been asking Tucker to let her buy an interest in his abortion mill in Southaven but he kept refusing. One day the “enforcers” from the casino came into the Southaven mill to get their money out of Tucker. In his desperation, Tucker told this nurse that if she would loan him \$10,000, he would give her an interest in the clinic. She agreed, but Tucker never gave her any clinic interest and never paid the nurse back. This made her so angry, she testified about Tucker's drug violations and this coupled with the Alabama deaths, caused the Mississippi Medical Licensure Board to revoke his license. “The wicked borrows and does not repay!!” Hallelujah! God was watching over his word to perform it and I had not even realized it !!

Praise God that he uses willing vessels no matter how imperfect or clueless they may be!

He is an awesome, powerful, and faithful God. I don't know why He chooses to use us to accomplish his purposes, but I'm so glad he does. I believe He has a word for us about how he plans to close THE LAST ABORTION CLINIC IN MISSISSIPPI. Anyone who wants to see Him do this should seriously consider joining us there on the corner of Fondren and North State Street. See you there! ☛