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The Annual Spring Banquet Of PRO-LIFE MISSISSIPPI

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Speaker: Tanya Britton, President, PLM

First Baptist Church of Jackson

431 N. State Street

Fellowship Hall East

\$20 per person

Tables available for groups

Silent Auction: 5:30 PM

Seating for Dinner: 7:00 PM

If I'd known it was "fundin" I'd a baked a cake!

It's that time of year again. Spring has arrived with the burst of snowy Bradford pear blossoms, spunky azaleas, refreshingly balmy southern breezes *and* the Annual Banquet—*PLM's main fundraiser of the year*. We are delighted to have our own President, Tanya Britton, to be our speaker this year. Tanya has been faithful to the Pro-life cause to the point of great personal sacrifice for decades. Recently, Tanya has been inundated with numerous speaking engagements, and when considering who to invite for our speaker, it seemed we would be remiss not to receive what everyone else has been blessed to hear. After all, we have only heard her preside over meetings, not share her heart. Albert Sweitzer said, "The purpose of human life is to serve and to show compassion and the will

to help others." I think he wrote that about Tanya. Don't miss this opportunity.

About the headline of this article...we have decided that since the silent auction is always held *BEFORE* the banquet, food items and restaurant gift certificates have proved the most popular of all the items that sell. The Forest CPC even had a caramel cake that went for \$125 last year. So we invite you...if you are in the sound of my keyboard, and can you bake? Or cook? Or boil water...would you consider making a donation to Pro-life Mississippi's Silent Auction? (We are also willing to take furniture, jewelry, appliances, paintings, or anything that might sell.) All money raised goes to buy literature, pay rent and office expenses and save babies. We do our best to wise, be frugal, and accountable to you, our faithful supporters. Thank you in advance for asking the Lord what you can give.



If abortion is "safe", why is this woman leaving in an ambulance?

Photograph taken at the Jackson Women's Health Organization, February 13, 2008.

Another abortionist exposed, brought to justice, sentenced

Former Jackson abortionist, Malachy DeHenry, of Laurel was sentenced to 20 years in prison on March 17, 2008 for the murder of his wife in 1997. She died of a single gunshot wound to the forehead. Originally claiming that he was trying to stop her from committing suicide, a forensics pathologist, Dr. Michael Baden, reviewed evidence in the case and ruled it to be homicide and not suicide or accident.

DeHenry, originally from Nigeria, was the abortionist at the Briarwood Clinic from 1997 until 2004. DeHenry claimed to have performed 35,000 abortions. His license was suspended by Alabama officials in 2004 because of the death of a Birmingham patient 18 hours after he performed her abortion. He admitted to failing to provide proper standard of care. He was also cited for malpractice in three other cases.

The Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure temporarily suspended DeHenry's license to practice in 2004 because of the status of his Alabama license. It was permanently suspended in 2005, resulting in the closing and sale of the Briarwood Abortion facility, leaving the Jackson Woman's Health Organization the last remaining abortion facility in Mississippi.

What happens when the church comes out to pray?

BRIDGEPORT, CT - Tuesday March 18, 2008



22 pro-lifers praying
17 moms came to kill,
5 changed their minds,
2 turned away,
10 babies were left to die.

Today was a miraculous day in the Lord! Five babies were saved! In the photo, Jennie is praying for a couple that went in. She knew the young man and was pleading with them. They still went in. The young lady appeared to have tears in her eyes as she entered the killing center. The dad of the baby left her there. We were all praying on the sidewalk.

Carmen cried out to the mom when the door to the death camp was opened by another customer. We could see her in the foyer. After a few minutes she came out and broke out in a big smile. She told us she changed her mind. We gave her a handmade baby blanket and a knitted hat that my sister-in-law made. We also gave her a baby model for her to keep of the size of her baby. We gave her a resource list, an Easter prayer card, pro-life gospel literature and a DVD. After that another mom changed her mind and we gave her a bunch of baby supplies. Besides these, three other moms changed their minds.

This was such a glorious day; we truly did have church on the streets! We were the "church without walls" as we prayed, preached and praised the Lord. We felt the presence of God there today! We were all lined up on the sidewalk praying and pleading our hearts out to God. As the moms left and changed their minds, we were singing praises to our Lord and King. He is such a good Father; we just love Him so very much. He is so good to us.

{Editor's comments: There is on any given day, 2-4 of us in front of the abortion clinic on the corner of Fondren and State Street sidewalk counseling. We notice a great difference in the receptivity of the girls around the days of National Day of Prayer in May or January's Roe v. Wade Memorial Sunday when people are praying. Could you possibly come one day a week, or even a month to pray while we are out there, Monday through Saturday, approximately 8am to 1 pm? If you are housebound by weather or physical disability, could you please lift us up during those hours? No one will know but the Lord...but who else needs to know? You are part of the body of Christ... "Could you not wait with me one hour?" (Matthew 26:40) "Whoever has done it to the least of these has done it unto me." (Matthew 25:40)}

39 Babies Saved!!

PLM Statistics for First Quarter

39 mothers who came to the Jackson Women's Health Organization to obtain an abortion changed their minds after reading literature and talking to sidewalk counselors. *(Special thanks to the Lord for allowing us to partner with Him in His service and blessing our efforts.)*

46 pregnant women either called or came into the PLM office (they often do that thinking we *are* the abortion clinic which gives us an excellent opportunity to counsel and guide them.) Follow-up appointments were made at the CPC by PLM staff. *(A special thanks to our new Office Manager, Tina Enns, former missionary to Papua, New Guinea and to Ester Mann, Ministry Coordinator.)*

910 women were offered Pro-life literature. *(A special thanks to the many who sacrificially donate funds enabling us to purchase the necessary literature.)*

730 women accepted literature at the abortion clinic. *(A special thanks to the few sidewalk counselors who daily brave the elements to attempt to reach every mother before she enters.)*

16 gift bags were given out to mothers who changed their minds. *(A special thanks to the churches and women's organizations who donate these "Baby's First Gift" bags.)*

18.5 hours of volunteer service given to help out in the office. *(Special thanks to these, but we sure could use a few more volunteers, especially with the banquet coming up. Call Tina at the office at 601-956-8636 to find out how you can be a part of PLM.)*

THE PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT: A Commentary
Submitted to the PLM Newsletter
by Robert P. N. Shearin, M.D.

On, January 22, 1973, the United States Supreme Court rendered its decisions in *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Those of us who gathered that Monday evening in the home of Dr. Paul Andreini, then a member of the staff of the Mayo Clinic, read those rulings and immediately recognized that *Roe* and *Doe*, taken together, legalized abortion on demand throughout all stages of pregnancy. It took the New York Times about five years to realize that and, according to recent polling data, some in our country still do not know that abortion is legal throughout pregnancy.

The “right” to abortion was thus, by judicial fiat, legalized in 1973. The *means* to accomplish the killing of preborn babies then expanded, from sharp dilation and curettage (D & C), to suction D & C, to saline injections into the amniotic fluid, and to a variety of other methods, including partial birth abortion.

On Wednesday, April 18, 2007, the United States Supreme Court rendered its decision in *Gonzalez v. Carhart* (Gonzales) which upheld the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003 (PBABA) as passed by Congress and signed by President. In other words, one, but only one, *means* of killing preborn babies has now been outlawed by all three branches of our government. I hold that to be a good thing. All other abortion methods remain legal, however, and that is a terrible thing.

The decision in Gonzales was, and is still, vehemently opposed by the pro-abortion camp. For example, Louise France, in her October 7, 2007 column in the (London) Observer wrote: “...the ruling marked an unmistakable shift in favour of the rights of the unborn foetus over the rights of the woman....For the beleaguered pro choice contingent this was yet another example of how the rights of women to access safe abortion in America are being whittled away.” Ms. France goes on to quote Justice Ginsburg (“simmering with rage...”): “The court deprives women of the right to make an autonomous choice, even at the expense of their safety.”

“...if just one mother considering abortion has been made more aware of the humanity of her unborn child... then at least one baby may have been or yet will be saved.”

Many pro-lifers, including this writer, consider Gonzales to be a step toward restoring a Culture of Life in America. Some informed, dedicated, and staunch members and leaders of the pro-life movement, however have criticized Gonzales.

What are we to think? Was Gonzales good or bad for babies, mothers, and, by extension, their advocates, the pro-life movement?

Perhaps I may here consider and address three of the issues that I have identified in the writings of pro-life persons who are critical of Gonzales. If my paraphrasing of the criticisms brought by members of the pro-life family is incomplete, biased, or otherwise unfair, that is not my intent—and I am open to further instruction and correction.

1. Criticism—“Gonzales does not save the life of one baby.”

In my opinion, this may or may not be true. On the one hand, since there always have been alternative means to kill preborn babies, abortionists can revert to such methods. On the other hand, the educational value of the PBABA and Gonzales, which upheld it, should not be dismissed. Although polling data, especially regarding life and death issues, should be addressed with caution, the National Right to Life Commission reports that, between 1992, when partial birth abortion was publicized by abortionist Martin Haskell, and 2006 11 years after the first PBABA was passed, the Harris poll reported support for *Roe* dropped from 61% to 49%.

More needs to be done, of course, but if, by news reports about PBABA and its course through the courts, just one mother considering abortion has been made more aware of the humanity of her unborn child, recognized her intimate kinship with her preborn baby, and opted for delivery, not destruction, then at least one baby may have been or yet will be saved.

2. Criticism—"The Gonzales ruling explains how to legally kill, by dilating the cervix and dismembering the baby."

Critics of Gonzales may or may not understand that the

Supreme Court has, since Roe and Doe (wrongly in my opinion) used the phrase "vague and overbroad" to void any number of protective pro-life statutes. The 108th Congress recognized this and, therefore, used clear and realistic language in framing the PBABA. This Court, in ruling to uphold PBABA, had to use the language in the law before it to distinguish the prohibited method of killing preborn babies from other means of killing preborn babies such as the barbaric dismemberment abortion, which has not (yet) been outlawed by Congress.

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3. Criticism—"The Court used frank and shocking language in describing the procedure that it agreed with Congress should be banned and the dismemberment abortion procedure that was not before it in this case."

As noted above, this is correct. Whether the use of the correct, yet frank, language of dismemberment abortions enshrines that barbarity as forever protected, as some pro-lifers who are critics of Gonzales claim, or was required simply to define what the court in this specific case was and was not doing, is subject to discussion.

I find significant encouragement, however, taking the Gonzales ruling as a whole, that Justice Kennedy, writing for the majority held, at:

1. "...A central premise of Casey's joint opinion—that the government has a legitimate, substantial interest in preserving and promoting fetal life—would be repudiated were the Court not to affirm the judgments below."

2. (b) "The Act is not unconstitutionally vague on its face. It satisfies both requirements of the void-for-vagueness doctrine."

3. (a) "...The Act's stated purposes are protecting innocent human life from a brutal and inhumane procedure and protecting the medical community's ethics and reputation.

...Moreover, Casey reaffirmed that the government may use its voice and its regulatory authority to show its profound respect for the life within the woman.

...The State's interest in respect for life is advanced by the dialogue that better informs the political and legal systems, the medical profession, expectant mothers, and society as a whole of the consequences that follow from a decision to elect a late-term abortion. **The objection** (Ed. Note: by the pro-abortion side in this case) **that the Act accomplishes little because the standard D&E is in some respects as brutal, if not more, than intact D&E** (Ed. Note: abortion by dismemberment) **is unpersuasive.**(emphasis added).

In summary, I believe Gonzales upheld a statute sought by, and important to, the Pro-Life Movement. Although favorable, this ruling was limited by the case before it. In the language of the ruling, however, there is now a clear and compelling tension between the Court's respect for "the life within the woman" and its description of the brutality of dismemberment abortions which, as the Court and pro-lifers note, remains legal. I pray that a future Congress and Court, instructed by Gonzales, will take the steps necessary to authenticate the Court's recognition of the value of "protecting innocent human life from a brutal and inhumane procedure..."

In closing, let us consider these questions:

1. Do we want to live in a country where Partial Birth Abortion is legal?
2. Do we want to live in a country where abortion by dismembering a living preborn child is legal?

The first question was answered, I believe, by *Gonzales v. Carhart*. The second question sets the next, but not the last, challenge squarely before us. I pray that God gives us the prudence to set the proper course to restore moral, historical, and legal protections for all innocent life and the strength to stay the course.

Pro-Life movies explode in Hollywood

“My body-my choice” might be the mantra on the streets among the liberal left, but for the last two years, the new hero in Hollywood is one that sacrifices his or her own concerns for the sake of their pre-born children. In *Waitress*, Jenna is horrified to find herself pregnant, just at the time she’s planning to leave her hateful husband. In *Knocked Up*, Alison, a single, blossoming journalist discovers she’s pregnant from a one night stand. Oscar nominated, *Juno* opens with a 16 year old shaken up with a third positive pregnancy test. *Bella* is a more “Christian” major motion picture, bringing forth a strong pro-life message.

What do they have in common? Although the characters may consider abortion an option in all four flicks, the girls choose LIFE for their children – especially Juno, who finds herself walking past a very young, slightly nerdy, sidewalk counselor on her way into an appointment at an abortion clinic. But one statement by the counselor catches her attention...“Your little baby has fingernails”. This bit of humanity of what has been more commonly called a “blob of tissue” by the left is what captures Juno’s heart and helps her decide to choose life, and adoption for her baby.

An eye-popping confession seen in an article called “Why Hollywood is afraid of Abortion” on the Socialist Worker website about the recent proliferation of Pro-life movies stated: “The vocal anti-choice minority has had a disproportionate political and legislative influence, while the abortion rights movement has collapsed. Worryingly, polls show that anti-abortion sentiment is increasing among the younger generation.” {You might have to read that last quote 2 or 3 times to grasp the magnitude of the statement like I did...Editor.}

A spokesman for Operation Save America said the trend is “heartening and shows that people are more aware of the risks and effects of abortion.” Recent polls show that the younger generation is growing more and more sympathetic to the Pro-life message.

Mark Crutcher, director of the Texas-based pro-life group, Life Dynamics, agrees.

“Every poll is showing a dramatically increased number of people who say they’re pro-life.” He explained that “the most pro-abortion segment in these polls is the elderly; the most pro-life segment is the young.” He said this is due in large part to the technology now available. Intra-uterine cameras, 4-D sonograms,...every piece of technology being developed supports our side.”

He said the number of abortion clinics is plummeting. “When I started Life Dynamics in 1992, there were 2100 free-standing abortion clinics in the U.S. Today there are 750. The main reason for the decrease? It is not a lack of business, but a lack of staff. “The turnover is tremendous because there is a creeping sense of doubt among these people that what they’re doing is right.”

Crutcher asserts that all the things that threaten the Pro-life movement today are internal. “I know a lot of people are tired—I’m tired,” he admitted. “I’ve been doing this for 30 years.”

We’re winning, folks. But there is a good reason why the Word exhorts us to “not grow weary in well doing – for we shall reap if we don’t give up.” (Galatians 6:9)

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR...

In a recent discussion about the proliferation of good biblical themed movies, films like *One Night with the King*, *Nativity*, *Facing the Giants*, my sister, who was down here with a youth group helping rebuild the coast, confessed to me that she had been praying for years for Christian movies to begin to making their way to the Silver Screen, inspired by an group called MasterMedia International (www.mastermediaintl.org). Since 1985, this nonprofit organization has been committed to serving media leaders with professional consulting regarding Americas’ Christian market. (Polls show that although 80% of Americans claim to be Christian, 46% profess to be “born again” or evangelical Christians.)

Perhaps more important is the realization of the power of the media in today’s culture and how such a small number of men and women, a few hundred, wield so much power over so many. “Because they are unknown, these leaders are seldom the object of the most powerful force on earth – the power of prayer to the Living God.” Therefore, they print a prayer calendar listing these powerful people to be prayed for by name...two per day; one a media leader, and the other, a cultural influencer on their website, as well as “21 Redemptive Prayers for Hollywood”. Cecil B. Demille once said “I have found the greatest power in the world is the power of prayer.” Exercise your prayer power over the media by joining this prayer army.

That reminds me...put April 18 on your calendar. There is coming this spring a film you are not going to want to miss. In a movie entitled *Expelled, No Intelligence Allowed*, Ben Stein is blowing the horn on the oppressive Darwinism regime and its pervasive suppression of the truth. He is taking on the strongholds in our media, science, education and culture which is attacking and attempting to silence any and all who believe the Intelligent Design theory, otherwise known as creationism.

“This is simply the best piece of truth I have seen from the secular media in all my years as a Christian,” raves Reverend Flip Benham, director of Operation Save America. To see the seven minute trailer, go to www.expelledthemovie.com/playgroundvideo3.swf. He also mentioned the new release, *Horton Hears a Who* as the latest Pro-life movie to be sure not to miss. This was the Dr. Seuss book from 1954 that made the line famous...“and though you can’t hear them or see them at all, a person’s a person no matter how small!” Don’t miss it!!!

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Democracy countdown... how long do we have?

About the time our original thirteen states adopted their new constitution in 1787, Alexander Tyler, a Scottish history professor at the University of Edinburgh, had this to say about the fall of the Athenian Republic some 2,000 years earlier:

"A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government."

"A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury."

"From that moment on, the majority always vote for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by a dictatorship."

"The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history, has been about 200 years"

"During those 200 years, those nations always progressed through the following sequence:

1. from bondage to spiritual faith;
2. from spiritual faith to great courage;
3. from courage to liberty;
4. from liberty to abundance;
5. from abundance to complacency;
6. from complacency to apathy;
7. from apathy to dependence;
8. from dependence back into bondage"

Professor Joseph Olson of Hemline University School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota, points out some interesting facts concerning the 2000 Presidential election:

- Number of States won by: Gore: 19 Bush: 29
- Square miles of land won by: Gore: 580,000
Bush: 2,427,000
- Population of counties won by: Gore: 127 million
Bush: 143 million
- Murder rate per 100,000 residents in counties won by:
Gore: 13.2 Bush: 2.1

Professor Olson adds: "In aggregate, the map of the territory Bush won was mostly the land owned by the taxpaying citizens of this great country. Gore's territory mostly encompassed those citizens living in government-owned tenements and living off various forms of government welfare..." Olson believes the United States is now somewhere between the "complacency and apathy" phase of Professor Tyler's definition of democracy, with some forty percent of the nation's population already having reached the "governmental dependency" phase.

{Editor's comments: Apathy is the greatest danger to our freedom. It will take spiritual faith, great courage, steadfast commitment and sacrifice of everyone, as well as the mercy and grace of God to restore this country to the free democracy for which our forefathers fought and sacrificed. Don't think you are too young, too old, too busy, or too anything. Pray, obey, get involved...today. It will require everything of all of us. This country is too great to lose.}