



Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

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events and meetings**

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2023 is Nearly Over

We continue to pray for a long-term closing, rather than just the temporary closing of the local Planned Parenthood site. Only time will tell how it will turn out.

We still have shirts available, which helps us raise money for our pro-life efforts. I had hoped to get more details before this newsletter went out, but if you are interested, you can contact us via our email address. I'll try to provide more information in the near future.

National Pro-Life speaker came and prayed with us. Jim Havens hosts the radio program and podcast, Love Will End Abortion, which I've mentioned in the newsletter a few years ago. He spoke at a local church, and joined several pro-lifers to pray outside of the Cedar Rapids Planned Parenthood.

Fort Dodge installed Iowa's first baby box. This will allow parents who feel they cannot raise a newborn to place the child for adoption with no questions asked. This has saved lives in other places, and now one is in Iowa.

Upcoming Events



Second Tuesdays
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

CFLI Board Meetings (2nd Tuesdays)
Get involved in our organization!
Where: Contact us.
More: coalitionforlife@gmail.com

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**Mon, Jan 15**  
**Save the Date**

**Iowa Caucus**  
Engage in your political party and choose a Presidential candidate!  
**Where:** Varies, based on party and residence  
**More info:** Check with political parties or other sources as the date nears

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## Britney Spears

I don't tend to follow news of famous people. But when it touches on matters of life and death, I take notice.

Britney Spears reported that she aborted her child decades ago when the child's father, Justin Timberlake said he wanted her to abort the child. The two were dating at the time, more than 20 years ago.

Britney claims that Justin wasn't happy with the pregnancy. He wasn't ready to have a baby. Justin was certain he didn't want to be a father. She loved him and expected them to have a family together at some point. This happened earlier than she expected.

Britney says that she never would have had an abortion if it had been her choice. This brings up a point that many pro-lifers realize. Abortion advocates claim they are

trying to give women choice. But we have known the statistics show that MOST abortions result from decisions that were coerced in some sense, such that women feel pressure to abort or that they would be alone because others (the father, one's family, etc.) makes her feel all alone in her future responsibilities.

In this case, she was the biggest pop star of that time. She was financially well-off and could afford the best for her children. Yet, the stance of one man was enough for her to abort against her will.

She claims it's one of the most agonizing things she's ever experienced in her life. With her music career providing an outlet for her to voice her thoughts, she wrote her song, "Everytime". The instrumentation was unique for her music. It sounded more like a little music box that a little girl might

listen to while some ballerina would spin around in the box.

She had lyrics such as, "I feel so small. I guess I need you, baby. And every time I see you in my dreams, I see your face. It's haunting me. I guess I need you, baby," and "What have I done?" and "Please, forgive me. My weakness caused you pain. And this song's my sorry." Toward the end of the music video, we see a woman giving birth.

If people thought it was about a failed relationship, they overlooked the instrumentation, lyrics, and imagery. Many of her fans now interpret the song as it was intended, and they think it has taken on a totally different meaning than what they thought.

Britney's experience plagues her yet today. May she find healing and peace. May others see the reality of abortion. 🕊️



## Government Update

### Ohio

Ohio's constitution is one of the easiest to amend in the nation. This made their state a target of special-interest groups. They had a chance to make it harder earlier this year, but they voted against that measure, which was referred to as Issue 1. Something that added confusion to this election was the reuse of the numbering for this election in the same year. In November, Issue 1 determined if abortion was a "right". Most people who support one of the issues opposed the other issue with the same number.

Ohio suffered a horrific loss in the latest election. Issue 1 passed by a vote of the people, which created a "right" to abortion. It was worded so vaguely that abortion should be legal for any reason at any time. This victory in a state that many people would consider conservative will embolden abortion advocates to bring ballot measures like this to many more states. People don't want to deny anyone their rights, so it's easier to get voters to approve rights, whether real or made up.

### Nevada

A Nevada judge struck down a proposed ballot initiative to create a "right" to abortion. He struck it down based on the single-subject rule. Because it affected so many things because of its broad language, it involved more than a single subject. As states try to copy what Ohio did, they make mistakes, but they learn from them, too.

### South Carolina

The South Carolina Supreme Court rejected Planned Parenthood's challenge to their Heartbeat Law. More than 90% of abortions were averted in August after the Heartbeat Law went into effect. This rejection means their Heartbeat Law will continue to save lives.

### Argentina

Javier Milei won Argentina's presidential election. South American countries have faced lots of pressure to loosen abortion laws, but Javier is pro-life. This should make it easier for pro-life laws to hold up against pressures.

### Pray About Legal Challenges

There are several states with legal challenges that could make a big difference if judges/justices end up siding with protecting life. The laws were passed to protect life, and it would help if people prayed for good outcomes.

If the pro-life side prevails in the states of Arizona, Utah, and/or Wyoming, then those states will provide full protections throughout pregnancy. If the pro-life side prevails in the states of Iowa and/or Florida, then those states will provide protections from the moment a heartbeat is detectable.

The farther a woman must travel to get an abortion, the less likely she is to get an abortion. This seems intuitive, but is also backed up with statistics. Thus, the more states that add protections for life, the better the overall outcome will be.

There is still much to be done to protect human lives in our laws. We hope our states and nation will do what is right. 🙏

## Pro-Life Challenge



Please pray for God to work in the lives people, in particular:

Çantana (pro-lifer); Rockford, IL abortion site; Central Minnesota's PP sites; UNI Students for Life; lawmakers & judges; for the Iowa heartbeat law to go into effect again

## VOLUNTEER



## Help Us!

Use your skills to help pro-life efforts, and invite friends and family to attend our events. Invite them to help us out. Many hands make for light work!



## Culture of Life

The Culture of Life Dinner that takes place each fall in Solon raised money for NaProTechnology training for practitioners, doctors, and even couples planning to use it. The amount raised added up to \$3,050. This year's speaker addressed contraception, among other topics.

The pro-life movement focuses on saving lives and helping people act morally so they don't suffer the consequences that come with playing any part in killing. This affects various parts of life, but especially pregnancy. Just as Planned Parenthood is involved in killing and pregnancy (although they don't tend to do things to help pregnancies), clinics exist that help pregnancies happen in moral ways and prevent unnecessary deaths.

I was on a pilgrimage to another country for nearly two weeks prior to that dinner, returning the day before it took place. While on that trip, I heard another couple mention that one of their adult children was having issues conceiving a child. It was added to our prayer intentions. After the prayer, I chatted for a while, pointing

out some of the benefits of NaProTechnology and explaining a bit about what it was. Later in the trip, I jotted down a more detailed list of the benefits and the information to refer the couple they knew to Radiant Clinic here in Cedar Rapids.

I sometimes hear of people seeking IVF because they don't think they have any options left. Sometimes it's too late to prevent a couple from spending fortunes on attempts that have less than a 50% chance of success, while incurring moral issues. It really helps to know about the moral aspects and the science and the statistics. Some people seek what is moral, while others don't care about that and only care about results. One should be ready for whatever motivates a person.

Are you ready to provide such information when you face such a situation? It helps when you are near home and can get back to the person with information you can gather. In my case, I referred someone while in Europe. I remember much of the information, but keep some handy. Women deserve good health. 🙏

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