



Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

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Election & Other Things

Elections are coming up, and it's critical that pro-lifers get out an vote pro-life. A recent survey found nearly 2/3rds of Iowans oppose the current protections of life in our state law (the Heartbeat Law), in great part because abortion advocates have been energized and say things (whether true or not) that would benefit the abortion industry, while turning hearts away from protecting life. So there's still tons of work for us to do!

We are excited to have a former abortionist coming to Cedar Rapids on October 8th! Don't miss the opportunity to listen to Dr. Haywood Robinson about the abortion issue!

Cedar Rapids Planned Parenthood remains closed, but they still want to reopen this fall. This is a time we need to remain prayerful and vigilant. As I've said before, it's easier to keep a place closed than to close an abortion provider. Elections could also play a part in whether or not it reopens.

Upcoming Events

First Mondays
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

CFLI Board Meetings (1st Mondays)

Get involved in our organization!

Where: Contact us.

More: coalitionforlife@gmail.com

Sep 25 – Nov 3
1-hour time slots

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

Join us in praying for an end to abortion in a peaceful prayer vigil!

Where: Sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood

3425 First Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA

More info: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids>

Sat, Oct 5
8:30 a.m. Medical
11 a.m. Anyone

FACTS About Fertility

Learn fertility awareness methods. Medical has 1.5 CME credits.

Where: MERGE, Iowa City (register in advance)

136 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City, IA

More info: <http://www.solonstmary.org/culture-of-life-events.html>

Sun, Oct 6
2 – 3:30 p.m.

Cedar Rapids Life Chain

Take to the streets and spread the pro-life message!

Where: Meet at St. Matthew's parking lot, then spread out

2310 1st Ave, Cedar Rapids, IA

More info: <https://lifeiowa.org/events/life-chain/>

Tues, Oct 8
6:30 p.m. Start

Dr. Haywood Robinson (40 Days Event)

Join us in praying for an end to abortion in a peaceful prayer vigil!

Where: African American Museum of Iowa

55 12th Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA

More info: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids>

Sun, Nov 3
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

40 Days for Life Closing Rally


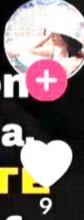
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Amber Thurman went to
a hospital with tell-tale
signs of
Sepsis
It took **20 hours**
for Doctors to intervene with
D&C because abortion
had been banned in Georgia.
By then it was TOO LATE
People who care about life
don't vote 4 laws

Deceptive Abortion Advocacy

We have seen some very misleading things being said by abortion advocates. One involves the death of a woman in Georgia in 2022, shortly after the Dobbs ruling. People blame pro-life laws for the death of the woman, but they leave out a great deal.

The claim is that Amber Thurman showed up to a hospital with signs of sepsis, and wasn't treated for 20 hours, because D&C abortions were illegal. So, what was left out?

First off, she went to North Carolina and took an abortion pill, and took the other at home. About 20% of pill-based abortions lead to complications requiring medical follow-up. The so-called "safe" abortions that have been widely deregulated are NOT safe. Amazingly, abortion advocates

twist this unsafe abortion to attack pro-life laws that save lives.

Yes, she had sepsis. Yes, doctors didn't treat it for 20 hours. The hospital lacked clear direction on how to handle such cases, even before the abortion law took effect. There were no signs that the delay was a result of the abortion law. However, when laws change, there can be a time period where people aren't as clear about what is allowed under new laws.

Their claim that D&C procedures are illegal under the law is false. Abortions after a heartbeat is detected is what is illegal, similar to Iowa's current heartbeat law. The thing is, since the unsafe pill-abortion left the remains of at least one of the twins she was carrying, the remains of the dead child was causing the sepsis. D&C is allowable

in cases of miscarriage, and is often the course of action to remove the source of infection.

When the case was reviewed in the normal time frame earlier this year, it concluded that this was an avoidable death. Failure for doctors to act can lead to wrongful death lawsuits or similar. This is why it's important for doctors to know what is the legal course of action for various circumstances.

Again, nothing indicated that they delayed because of the pro-life law, but there's a chance it may have had an effect if doctors failed to act out of ignorance of the law. But they weren't provided the normal guidance even in the years before the law went into effect.

Sadly, other pro-abortion stories trying to distort good laws. 🙄



Government Update

Election

The upcoming election is critical for the pro-life movement, more than ever before. Many candidates for office want to codify Roe v. Wade. The most pro-life neighboring states to Iowa have ballot measures to create a false right to abortion. The states include Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Several other states farther away also have votes on such measures, including: Montana, Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, Florida, Maryland, and New York.

The election could also make a huge difference in terms of Planned Parenthood (PP) facilities. If those who are favorable to their business get into office, then many PP sites may remain open. If things go the other way, they may decide to close several sites, rather than waiting several years in hopes of doing more abortions.

Abortion advocates are using deceptive stories to get people to support abortion ballot measures. They also use vague language that can make ALL abortions legal. For

instance, they may simply focus on a right to bodily autonomy or ensure there is an exception to abortion bans for the health of the mother. The thing is that the Doe v. Bolton case that's still in place defined health so broadly that EVERY pregnancy qualifies as a health exception.

Iowa

In Iowa, we vote whether to retain judges. Of the Iowa Supreme Court justices, only one justice appears on the ballot. Normally, judges don't draw much attention. However, the Supreme Court Justice up for retention ruled in favor of Iowa's Heartbeat Law, and it was decided by a narrow 4-3 ruling.

Thus, the media and abortion advocates are trying to oppose his retention, while pro-lifers tend to push to keep him. There is a push to get lawmakers to protect life at conception, like many states in the South have already done. The courts could likely uphold such a law, if passed into law. But if any changes occur to the court, it could lead to unknown outcomes.

North Dakota

A North Dakota judge ruled that abortion should be legal in that state. The state's only abortion provider previously moved to Moorhead, Minnesota, just across the state border. This leaves abortion at least temporarily legal in that state, but with no abortion provider. This is yet another case that reveals the importance of staying vigilant in protecting life.

Single-Issue Voting?

Many people think pro-lifers are single-issue voters. We tend to recognize that issues aren't of equal consequence. Thus, we prioritize the most fundamental right to life. Roughly half of candidates disqualify themselves of our vote by supporting abortion, so we don't tend to get to lesser issues.

Keep Praying

Pray for the protection of human life throughout the states. Pray for the closure of the businesses that kill for money. Pray for the protection of life to prevail in the upcoming election. 🙏

Pro-Life Challenge



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

For life to be protected in states surrounding Iowa;
Students for Life in Iowa;
lawmakers & judges;
religious leaders

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!



Major Activities

We begin 40 Days for Life September 25th. Sign up for times on the online vigil calendar. Although bad things don't tend to happen, the national team only defends those who are signed up. It also helps us know when people are onsite, when multiple people are present, and when we have time slots not covered by anyone. Please, sign up, even if you do so moments before you head out to the sidewalk.

<https://40daysforlife.com/en/cedarrapids>

Page 2 of this newsletter includes specific dates, times, and locations for our upcoming events. This article aims to touch on some of those activities at a high level.

On Sunday, October 6th, we will have the Cedar Rapids Life Chain. We meet in the parking lot of St. Matthew's Church, and then spread out along 1st Ave with pro-life signs to spread the pro-life message in a positive way. This works best when we spread out and span miles, rather than clumping up and filling only a block. In order to do that, we need everyone!

Former abortionist, Doctor Haywood Robinson will come and speak at the African American Museum on Tuesday, October 8th. We rarely get a chance to hear from a former abortionist. He will appear as part of a mid-point rally for 40 Days for Life.

Some of the most meaningful pro-life speakers come from former abortionists, so we are looking forward to hearing from Haywood. Some books will be available at the event.

These activities are relatively simple things we can do to support life. 40 Days for Life is ultimately prayer and fasting to protect life. Life Chain involves prayer while holding signs. Haywood will provide us his perspectives and story, which can help inform and motivate us.

With the public appearing to shift more toward favoring abortion since the Dobbs ruling, there are many more things we will need to do in order to guide our culture to one that supports and defends life throughout all stages. Can you help out by stepping up with these activities? 🙏

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