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Our Commonwealth is one of the national leaders for the **SANCTITY OF LIFE!**

Grace and Truth are needed to address ANY issue effectively, that's why the Church and Church people must lead the way.

In the late 1980's Dr. James Dobson, Founder and President of *Focus on the Family*, made this statement: "America is involved in a Civil War of values, and the prize to the winner is the next generation of children." Sadly, he was painfully correct. Since 1973, through abortion alone, America has sacrificed 60 million unborn children – *MORE THAN* a generation of children. And there are other forces of culture that have consumed additional members of subsequent generations.

Dobson's "Civil War" metaphor was heartrendingly accurate – harkening back to the tragic issue of slavery. And, as history repeats itself, American Christians must try to undo another gross miscarriage of justice by the United States government, and in particular, by the U.S. Supreme Court. Just as slavery denied the inalienable "right to liberty" listed in the Declaration of Independence, so abortion has denied another of those inalienable rights, the "right to life."

has already terminated 60 million unborn American children, that's 20,000 times the number lost in 9/11. To say it another way, 60 million is the equivalent of 93 separate Civil Wars, each equal in loss to the one fought from 1861 to 1865. The numbers are staggering.

Grace and Truth

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On March 4, 1865, just six weeks before he would be assassinated, in his second inaugural address, President Lincoln asserted that the Civil War was the judgment of God for the enslaving of 4 million men, women and children of African descent. That was a strong statement from a strong President who had earned the place of assessing reality for that period of American history.

But instead of using war to resolve such a policy issue, God gave us a better way – Grace and Truth. It's why the Church in any society and in any culture must be salt and light. Salt "flavors" a culture with care and light helps people "see" the truth – the right way to go.

The Civil War over slavery was fought with guns, swords and cannon. The current "war" over abortion in America must be fought with Truth and

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State bills challenge *Roe*

Utah – Feb. 26 (18 Week Ban)
Arkansas – March 13 (18 Week Ban)
Kentucky* – March 14 (Heartbeat)
Mississippi – March 19 (Heartbeat)
Georgia – March 29 (Heartbeat)
Ohio – April 10 (Heartbeat)
Alabama – May 14 (Total Ban)
Missouri – May 17 (Heartbeat)
Louisiana – May 29 (Heartbeat)

* KY passed 2019's first Heartbeat bill

War, clearly, is not the best way to resolve such a policy issue. Our American Civil War over slavery cost the nation in battle deaths alone two percent of its population. If the issue of abortion generated a conflict that exacted that same percentage of loss, there would be 6.6 million American lives lost – 2 percent of 330 million. If you think Americans were outraged and horrified when 9/11 took place where 3000 Americans died, imagine 2,200 times that number – 6.6 million.

But worse, given that America

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TRUTH: Kentucky has led the nation with 10 new pro-life bills passed in the last three years

After a 10-year drought on pro-life legislation, the “flood gates” opened as legislators moved forward to play “catch-up.”

Though Kentucky has been a “pro-life state” for several decades, with polls in the late 1990s suggesting that 70 to 80 percent of Kentuckians favored restrictions on abortion, it was not until the last few years that pro-life legislation has flourished. Legislation, of course, is on the Truth side of the “Grace and Truth equation.” It establishes plumb lines for the care of both the unborn and their mothers. Without doubt, the motivation of new laws can be compassion (Grace) for both mother and child, but the overarching impact of laws are Truth.

Even though Kentucky has been strongly pro-life since the 1990’s, various political leaders after the turn of the century kept all pro-life legislation from coming to the House Floor for debate and a vote. In 2004, the last significant piece of pro-life legislation was passed before a 10-year moratorium in the House would take place on all new pro-life bills.

The 2004 bill was Rep. Bob Damron’s (D-Nicholasville) House Bill 108 – “Fetal Homicide Bill” – authorizing the prosecution of someone who had killed a pregnant woman with two counts of homicide, because this bill stated that unless it was an abortion doctor, the killing of an unborn child was a homicide.

Nationally, the Republicans had established their “pro-life plank” in their Party platform, and the Democrats – as a national Party – have moved to a strong “pro-choice” position. That was problematic for many Kentuckians because the vast majority of voters were Democrats, . . . and they were pro-life Christians.

Starting in 2005, Speaker of the House Jody Richards (D-Bowling Green) followed the will of the Caucus and the national Party and allowed no pro-life bills onto the House Floor, whether they were initiated by the Senate or by the House.

When Greg Stumbo (D-Prestonsburg) took over as Speaker in 2009, he continued on the same course — no new pro-life bills allowed for debate or vote.

In 2015, a dark horse candidate won the Governor’s office, Matt Bevin. He had

campaigned with a pro-life commitment, but his election had no impact on the life issue in the 2016 General Assembly because Speaker Stumbo still maintained power in the House . . . by a 53 to 47 majority.

Then, in the Fall of 2016, an amazing thing happened – pro-life legislators were elected from one end of the state to the other. Even the Speaker, Greg Stumbo, lost his seat. The election resulted in an entire “flip” of the House – from a 53-47 Democrat majority to a 36-64 Republican majority.

That evening, Sen. Ray Jones (D-Pikeville) had this to say on KET’s election coverage, as the returns were indicating the remarkable shift: “It is obvious that the Democratic message in Kentucky is off. We have lost values voters. We have lost social conservatives that had historically voted Democratic. And we really have to look at the direction, not only of the Kentucky Democratic Party, but the National Democratic Party . . .”

With Speaker Stumbo out of the House and Republicans now in control, the floodgates were opened and pro-life bills were being offered in both Chambers and many were being considered, debated and passed.

In the first Session following the 2016 election of legislative members, the House and Senate passed two pro-life bills in the first five days (along with several other bills), working on a Saturday in an unprecedented move to get them through both Chambers.

In the 2017 Session, three more pro-life bills passed. Then, in the 2019 Session, an additional four pro-life bills were passed and signed into law. (See bills listed - right)

Now, with states across the nation passing strong pro-life legislation, there is serious speculation that the U.S. Supreme Court could choose to re-examine the entire 1973 *Roe v Wade* decision, perhaps allowing each state to decide its own policy. If that happens, House Bill 148, passed in 2019, becomes critical. (See HB148 listed - right)



Here are the ten pro-life bills passed in the last three years:



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Kentucky is a leading state in GRACE and TRUTH *continued from page 1*

Grace – words and deeds spoken and done in love.

In short, the American Civil War happened because the Church was not able to fully do its work. It’s true that some of the Church cared about slavery, but not enough to have full sway of God’s Grace and Truth.

Let that NOT happen with the issue of our day – the issue of abortion. The Church in Kentucky must rise up and deliver Grace to those in need and Truth to everyone.

Consider the woman caught in the act of adultery: After those who would stone her had left, Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you.” (Total Grace). And then, “Go and sin no more.” (The Whole Truth – the uncomfortable fact that she was a sinner.) These two brief phrases that conveyed both His Grace and Truth changed her life.

Speaking Grace without Truth would have allowed her to continue in her wrongful behavior. Speaking Truth without Grace would have simply condemned her. Both, together, brought God’s life into her life.

When Grace and Truth are brought forth, Jesus is in the midst of it. He is represented; He is re-presented. When Grace and Truth are jointly shared with the culture, the

culture will change . . . because Jesus is present.

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Rep. Hoover

2017 House Bill 2: The Ultrasound Bill by Rep. Jeff Hoover

HB2 requires that an abortionist do an ultrasound on every woman seeking an abortion and describe what the ultrasound imaging presents. She does not have to look at the ultrasound. **Advocates** — “It is not truly a medical procedure unless the physician gives the mother ALL of the facts of her condition. Any breach in the process is tantamount to a deliberate deception.” House Vote: 83-12; Senate Vote: 32-5.

2017 Senate Bill 5: 20-Week Abortion Ban by Sen. Brandon Smith

SB5 prohibits an abortion of a 20-weeks or more fetus because medical assessments indicate that an unborn child feels pain by 20-weeks gestation. **Advocates** — “Even hardened murderers are not subjected to this ‘cruel and unusual punishment’ of being torn apart limb from limb with no anesthesia.” Senate Vote: 30-6; House Vote: 79-15.



Sen. Wise

2017 Senate Bill 8: Defunding Planned Parenthood by Sen. Max Wise

SB8 sets up a tiered funding approach so that federal and regional health care clinics for women receive federal monies first – then, if there is money leftover, Planned Parenthood receives a share. With this bill, Planned Parenthood likely receives little or no funding. **Advocates** — “Why should tax dollars be used to support the killing of unborn children?” Senate Vote: 31-6; House Vote: 75-13.

2018 House Bill 454: Banning Dismemberment Abortion by Rep. Addia Wuchner

This bill prohibits an abortion that results in the dismemberment, bodily crushing, or human vivisection of the unborn child when the probable post-fertilization age of the unborn child is 11 weeks or greater, except in the case of a medical emergency. **Advocates** — “Animal cruelty laws protect animals more than our abortion laws protect or care for an unborn human.” House Vote: 71-11; Senate Vote: 35-1.



Rep.

2018 House Concurrent Resolution 152: Honoring Pregnancy Help Centers by Rep. Robert Benvenuti

This concurring resolution commended pregnancy help centers for their services (provided free of charge and at no cost to the taxpayer) to vulnerable women, men and their families who are faced with an unplanned pregnancy. **Advocates** — “This resolution disapproves of any efforts intended to undermine the ability of the pregnancy help centers to carry out their mission.” House Vote: 83-4; Senate Vote: 35-1.

2018 Senate Bill 112: Ban on Telehealth Chemical Abortions by Sen. Ralph Alvarado

SB112 was designed to expand health care across Kentucky by using the Internet for doctor-patient interaction. The bill requires the Cabinet to regulate such telehealth in the Commonwealth. However, an amendment to the bill specifically prohibits medical abortions via the telehealth connection, making this a significant “pro-life” bill. **Advocates** — “Doctors should not dispense an abortion pill with only a ‘computer visit.’” Senate Vote: 36-0; House Vote: 65-20.



Reps. Prunty and Tate

2019 House Bill 5: Human Rights of the Unborn Non-Discrimination Act by Reps. Melinda Prunty and Nancy Tate

HB 5 prohibits abortion based on the sex, race or disability of the unborn child. **Advocates** — “We must resist efforts to create ‘designer babies,’ where children who do not meet certain ‘requirements’ are discarded. A preborn child should not be killed simply because of their sex, race or perceived disability.” House Vote: 67-25; Senate Vote: 32-4.

2019 House Bill 148: Post Roe v. Wade Abortion Ban by Rep. Joe Fischer

Should either *Roe v Wade* be overturned or an amendment to the Constitution restore Kentucky’s authority to prohibit abortion, this bill would prohibit abortion except for the life or physical health of the mother. **Advocates** — “Innocent, helpless unborn children should not be denied the basic human right to life. Abortions are being used as birth control and even ‘celebrated’ by their advocates. A society that condones the killing of its most helpless and innocent members is a society in decline.” House Vote: 69-20; Senate Vote: 32-5.



Sen. Castlen

2019 Senate Bill 9: Fetal Heartbeat Abortion Ban by Sen. Matt Castlen

SB 9 prohibits an abortion after the detection of a heartbeat, except for medical emergencies. **Advocates** — “If the absence of a heartbeat indicates death, then the presence of a heartbeat indicates life. Furthermore, the unborn child has distinctly different DNA than his/her mother. Therefore, once a heartbeat is detected it is not just about a woman’s body, but abortion is the killing of an innocent individual person. The state has a compelling interest in protecting life.” Senate Vote: 31-6; House Vote: 71-19.

2019 Senate Bill 50: Abortion Prescription Reporting by Sen. Robby Mills

SB 50 clarifies in law that medications given by a physician with the intent of causing an abortion must be reported as an abortion and included in the statistical reporting done by the Kentucky Bureau of Vital Statistics. **Advocates** — “Chemical abortions are becoming more common and current law is unclear. Such abortions are a combination of potent medications that cause the death and expulsion of an unborn child and should be reported.” Senate Vote: 30-6; House Vote: 75-19.



Sen. Smith



Rep. Wuchner



Sen. Alvarado



Rep. Fischer



Sen. Mills

GRACE: Like the Israelite mid-wives in Egypt, Help Centers are saving lives and shaping futures of young mothers

Because those serving in these Centers are willing to roll up their sleeves and work, Kentucky can lead this entire nation in the sanctity of life!

To become a state with a comprehensive “culture of life” it takes many people and many groups doing the many things necessary. As mentioned previously, Grace and Truth must both be manifest. Pregnancy Help Centers are the essence of Grace – meeting women at their point of need and serving them without judgement.

Yes, Kentucky’s Centers do speak Truth to those they serve, but most importantly they express the care and support that women need in their trial — the Centers offer Grace to their clients.

There are now over 50 Pregnancy Help Center offices that freely serve the hundreds of Kentucky women each year that experience an untimely pregnancy. (See map on next page). These centers are funded primarily by contributions from those in their areas of service. They are staffed, in part, by numerous volunteers who simply want to help the women in need within their communities.

Without doubt, these centers are concerned not only for the unborn child, but also for the mother. They stock their offices with both maternity clothing and baby clothing, as well as other maternal supplies that can help a young woman make the transition into gracefully bringing a new life into the world and shaping that life.

Pregnancy Help Centers’ clients receive totally FREE, confidential, and non-discriminating services that include, but are certainly not limited to: • pregnancy testing

• ultrasounds and nurse consultations • options counseling, including referrals to adoption agencies • STI testing/treatment • Men’s programs for new fathers • free material resources including: baby/maternity clothes, diapers, baby food, and formula • advocating our clients through community support and referrals to other services outside the center’s scope including housing, food, legal help, education • pregnancy, parenting, and life-skill education • information on women’s health prevention of unplanned pregnancies by educating on risks of a sexually active lifestyle • Grief assistance for women who regret past pregnancy decisions.

And though not all Centers statewide provide all these services, this list has been compiled and is standard across-the-board for the scope of services of Kentucky Centers.

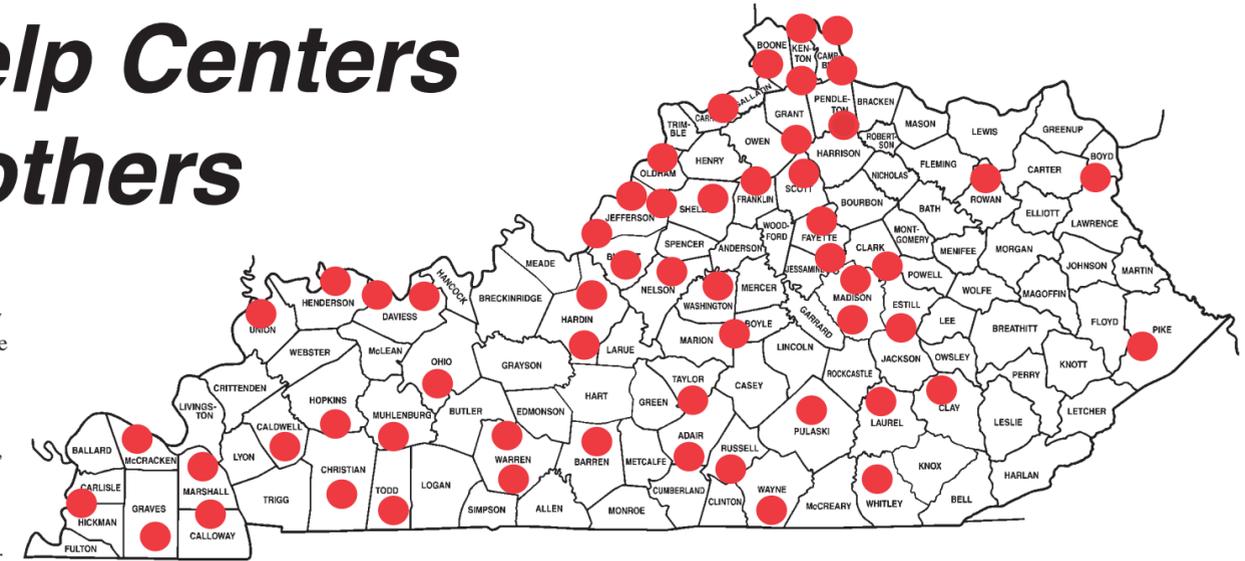
When the costs of these health services, material resources, education, and emotional and social support were added together, well over one million dollars of life-affirming services are offered free of charge annually in Kentucky (and free of taxpayer dollars). And these figures include only 37 of the 50+ centers throughout the state.

Working side-by-side with Pregnancy Help Centers are churches of all denominations, putting their “shoulder to the wheel.” It is important to note that Kentucky has over 6,000 Bible-oriented churches. Though not all engage the issues and

debates in Frankfort, it is true that, generally speaking, they gravitate to the sanctity of life position that is clearly stated in their Scriptures.

As more and more of these churches come on board to manifest Grace and Truth, the promise of Kentucky being a light to the nation on this, and many other issues, becomes more and more believable.

The Kentucky has many things going for it in regards to the sanctity of life. Leadership at all levels and in all spheres will be necessary because of the tried and true reality that “Nothing moves unless it is pushed.” Fortunately, many Kentuckians are pushing as hard as they can for the goal, “No abortions are done here.”



Pregnancy Help Centers dot the Kentucky landscape.

Find the Help Center nearest you. Centers are listed by county.

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| Adair Agape House Preg. Resource Center
agapehouseprc.com | Daviess Birthright of Owensboro
birthright.org/owensboro/ | Laurel A.A. Women's Services
www.pregnancyhelpcorbin.org | Pike Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center
www.appalachianpregnancycare.com |
| Barren Crossroads Life Center
www.crossroadsky.org | Daviess Care Net PC of Owensboro
www.careneto.com | Laurel Laurel County Life Center
www.laurelcountylifecenter.org | Pulaski AIM Pregnancy Center
www.aimpregnancycenterofsomerset.com |
| Boone Care Net Preg. Services of N KY
www.choselifenky.org | Estill Estill County Center for Pregnancy
estillccpp.org | Logan Life Choice Pregnancy Care Center
Lifechoiceky.org | Rowan Hope Pregnancy Care Center
moreheadpregnancy.com |
| Boyd Two Hearts Pregnancy Center
www.twoheartspcc.org | Fayette Assurance
assurancecare.org | Lyon Hope Clinic
www.hopeclinicwestky.com | Russell ARC Pregnancy Support Center
www.arcpregnancy.com |
| Boyle Haven Care Center of Central KY
havencarecenter.org | Franklin Avenues for Women
avenuesforwomen.com | Madison Pregnancy Help Center
www.madisonphc.org | Scott Not Alone Pregnancy Center
notaloneky.org |
| Bullitt ALC Pregnancy Resource Center
www.alcshpherdsville.org | Grant Care Net Preg. Services of N KY
www.choselifenky.org | Madison Women's Care Center
supportwomenscarecenter.org | Shelby ALC Pregnancy Resource Center
www.alcshelbyville.org |
| Calloway LifeHouse Preg. Care Center
www.lhouse.org | Graves Hope Center
www.hopemayfield.com | Marshall Hope Clinic
www.hopeclinicwestky.com | Taylor Hope Preg. Center of Taylor County
www.hopepc.org |
| Campbell Care Net Preg. Services of N KY
www.choselifenky.org | Hardin Clarity Solutions for Women
supportclarity.com | McCracken Hope Unlimited Crisis Preg. Ctr
hopeunlimitedfcc.org | Union Shelter of Love Crisis Preg. Center
FB: Shelter of Love Crisis Pregnancy Center |
| Campbell New Hope Center
www.givingforhope.com | Henderson Marsha's Place Preg. Care Ctr
marshasplaceprc.org | Muhlenberg Pathway of Hope
www.pathwayofhopeky.org | Warren Pregnancy Support Center, Inc.
FB: Pregnancy Support Center Bowling Green |
| Carroll Haven of Hope Preg. Services Inc.
FB: Haven of Hope Pregnancy Services | Hopkins Door of Hope Pregnancy Center
www.doorofhope.com | Nelson New Life Center
www.thenewlifecenter.com | Warren Hope for Life
hopeforpregnancy.com |
| Christian Alpha Alternative Care Center
www.alphapcc.org | Jefferson BSideU
bsideu.org | Ohio Hope for Life
FB: Hope For Life Women's Resource Center | Washington House of Hope Preg. Help Ctr
FB: House of Hope Springfield KY |
| Clark New Beginnings
newbeginningsofwinchester.org | Jefferson Little Way Preg. Resource Center
www.littleway.org | Oldham Crossroads Preg. Resource Ctr
www.cprcky.org | Wayne HELP Pregnancy Care Center
helppregnancycenter.com |
| Clay Heart and Soul Life Center
www.heartandsoulpregnancy.com | Kenton New Hope Center
www.givingforhope.com | Pendleton New Hope Center
www.givingforhope.com | Whitley A.A. Women's Services
www.pregnancyhelpcorbin.org |

Purchase a CHOOSE LIFE Kentucky license plate!

A law passed this year has changed the “specialty plate” costs — it’s now very simple.

The first time you secure a CHOOSE LIFE specialty plate, the cost is \$41.00, with \$10 going to the Pregnancy Help Center(s) that serve your county. (It used to be \$44)

Now, after the first purchase, the cost remains \$41.00 each year, with another \$10 going to the Center(s) that serve your county.

“We can ALL give a little”

This year marks the 13th year that CHOOSE LIFE license plate dollars have supported Pregnancy Help Centers that serve the women of Kentucky.

The big winners in the “CHOOSE LIFE” license plate project have always been the Kentucky women who are caught in an untimely pregnancy and who do not feel that they have life-giving options. Since 100 percent of the money generated by the plates goes to the local Pregnancy Help Centers that dot the state, it is the women in need that experience the benefit from the funds given.

Anyone can sign up for an official Kentucky CHOOSE LIFE license plate and give a \$10 donation (the maximum gift allowed) when they go to renew their plate. The donated money is delivered annually to The Family Foundation by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and then all of it is distributed to state Pregnancy Help Centers. Since its inception, over \$410,000.00 has been donated.

Go ahead, get one for your car and drive with this CHOOSE LIFE encouragement all over town.

You’ll be making a stand for life and for compassionate, life-saving intervention because Pregnancy Help Centers will receive 100% of the money that you donate above the actual cost of your license plate.

THIS is Unbridled SPIRIT in Kentucky!



Kentucky has five pro-life bills “in court”

Kentucky is simply doing its part – albeit a LARGE part – in challenging the wisdom of the 1973 Roe v Wade decision.

The past two years have been busy in federal courts for Kentucky’s laws that protect life and women. Not only have the ACLU, Planned Parenthood, and EMW Women’s Surgical Center sued the Commonwealth over new laws, they have begun to file legal challenges over long-existing law as well. The result is that five statutes have been challenged. Thus far, all are still being litigated.

What has prompted the increase in court activity? It was the change in the Kentucky House Leadership, due to the 2016 general election. (See “TRUTH: Kentucky has led the nation with 10 new pro-life bills passed in the last 10 years” on page 2)

The Ultrasound Bill

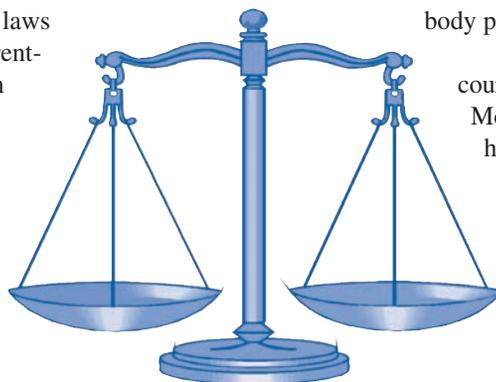
The General Assembly passed two pro-life bills in January of 2017 and Gov. Bevin signed one into law on Jan. 7, the other on Jan. 9. House Bill 2 – Informed Consent Ultrasound Bill – was the first of the two. The ACLU and EMW Women’s Surgical Center immediately challenged the law in Federal District Court in Louisville.

In September that year, Judge David Hale, a President Obama appointee, struck down the ultrasound requirement saying it violated physicians’ free speech rights. The Attorney General chose not to engage, so Bevin’s attorneys appealed the ruling to the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. In April of this year, a three-judge panel ruled 2-1 to overturn Hale’s decision. The opinion reinstating the need for an ultrasound for informed consent prior to an abortion was written by Judge John Bush, a President Trump appointee.

On May 20 the plaintiffs (pro-choice advocates) appealed for an *en banc* decision by the entire 6th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Banning Dismemberment Abortion

During the 2018 General Assembly, legislators passed House Bill 454 – Human Rights of the Unborn Child Act. This bill banned the LIVE dismemberment of unborn children. Currently, dismemberment abortions are allowed on live, pre-born children. The gruesome procedure consists of tearing off body parts *in utero*, ultimately causing the child to bleed to death. Once the abortion is complete, a staff member re-assembles the



body parts to ensure all of the baby has been removed.

After passage, the ACLU and EMW immediately went to federal court to defend the practice of live dismemberment and Judge Joseph McKinley, a President Clinton appointee, enjoined the new law – holding it until a final ruling. A bench trial was held in Western District Court, Louisville in November, 2018. On May 9 of this year, McKinley ruled that HB 454 was unconstitutional. On May 15, Bevin’s attorneys filed notice of appeal with the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, and have pledged to go all the way to the Supreme Court. Based on the reasoning of McKinley’s opinion, some court watchers believe the decision is vulnerable to being overturned.

Transport and Transfer Statute

In September of 2018, President Obama appointee Judge Greg Stivers struck down Kentucky’s Transport and Transfer Agreement Statute. This law, which had been in place since 1998, required surgical abortion clinics to have arrangements made with an ambulance company and local hospital to transport and transfer the care of their abortion patients when emergencies arise.

Once again, Bevin appealed the federal ruling. Sixteen other states filed a joint *amicus* brief supporting the 1998 Kentucky statute. However, Attorney General Andy Beshear, along with 21 attorneys general from other states, filed several *amicus* briefs *against* the statute.

Then, in late March of 2019, Planned Parenthood petitioned the Court to find Bevin in contempt for not issuing an abortion facility license to them.

Non-Discrimination and Heartbeat Bills

Four pro-life bills passed the General Assembly in 2019. Two of them, House Bill 5 – Non-Discrimination Act and Senate Bill 9 – Heartbeat Bill, were immediately challenged by the ACLU in federal court. Judge Hale, the same Obama appointee who struck down the ultrasound law, has enjoined both new laws until the final ruling in district court.

Because the Attorney General has not weighed-in, each of these five bills that have been challenged and must be litigated by the Governor’s own legal team.

States’ momentum building to overturn *Roe*

Justices show some willingness to overturn precedent as pro-life efforts targeting the infamous 1973 decision come to a head.

On May 14, the five conservative justices of the U.S. Supreme Court joined together to overturn a 40-year-old court precedent because they believed it to be “an incorrect resolution of an important constitutional question.”

Though the case had nothing to do with abortion, the ruling resulted in the four liberal justices issuing a warning in their dissent and a media frenzy ensued over the possible willingness of those same five justices to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the 46-year-old case legalizing abortion.

Momentum for overturning *Roe* has been building since the 1973 case legalized abortion and established the trimester framework governing when and why states could regulate it.

In fact, a 1989 U.S. Supreme Court decision saw three justices arguing to abolish part of the *Roe* trimester framework and a fourth justice arguing to overturn the case altogether.

Planned Parenthood v. Casey then came close to overturning *Roe* in 1992, but instead opted for significantly modifying the trimester framework. The Court declared that “in practice it undervalues the State’s interest in potential life.”

But the Court left intact what it considered the central holding of *Roe*, that “a state

may not prohibit any woman from making the ultimate decision to terminate her pregnancy before viability.” It explained that “there is no line other than viability which is more workable.”

The majority in *Casey* made clear that they were refraining from overturning *Roe* because of *stare decisis*, a legal doctrine of abiding by court precedent, but the Court’s May 14 decision suggests that a majority of the current Court is willing to overturn a case they believe decided an important constitutional question incorrectly.

The Court’s *Gonzales v. Carhart* decision in 2007 upheld the federal ban on partial birth abortion, giving pro-life advocates a major victory and inspiring States to enact a wave of new pro-life laws.

Momentum has continued to build at an increasingly swift pace and appears to be coming to a head.

As *National Geographic*’s “In The Womb” movie explained in 2007, “using new 3D and even 4D scanning techniques, a window has opened on the womb.” This could have implications for the workability of a line other than viability.

Between 2011-14, the number of abortion clinics decreased in 25 states. Kentucky and

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As I see it . . .

The Value of **EVERY** Life

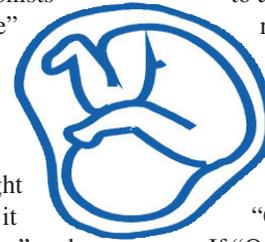


Joyce Ostrander

People should be able to make choices free from the moral restraints of the religious views of others. That's what liberals and even libertarians have long argued because, after all, "you can't legislate morality." However, every law is just that – a moral decision. The question is "whose morals?"

Our country's guiding documents are replete with moral principles – statements about what is important, what is "valued." Based on moral principles, American colonists declared they had a right to found a new nation. They included "the right to life" and the principle that rights are endowed to us by "Our Creator."

So, what happened when our nation's foundational moral principals were ignored in public policy decisions? In the name of liberation, we claimed we should not be subject to the moral restraints of someone else's religion, and



established the "right to end life" calling it "reproductive choice" and "assisted suicide."

Proponents would say these are private decisions that should be made between a

room, intentionally ending the life of another with the same condition.

The *meaning* of life has also been impacted by the intentional resistance we see to the Judeo-Christian ethic in the public square. "Separation of church and state" has become the antidote to any policy suggestion offered by people of faith. Denying the relevance of religious ethic for our policy decisions is not only historically and legally baseless, it also instructs society's view of life.

A faith paradigm provides meaning and purpose for the struggles, the accomplishments, the joys and the sacrifices of life. Even without knowing why "bad things happen to good people" people of faith know there is an ultimate design and purpose to their life. In essence, the acknowledgement of "Our Creator" gives life meaning and purpose.

If "Our Creator" is no longer welcome in the public square, if faith is only a private matter and irrelevant to public policy, the very foundation that gives meaning and purpose to life is eliminated. Therefore, life has no intrinsic meaning and purpose. That too is now arbitrary.

When the Soviet Union dissolved, Russian leaders asked American Christians to teach the Bible in their public schools. They were desperate for meaning and hope because life had so little value in the Soviet Union once the Government eliminated faith from the public dialogue.

Since our law now teaches that "life has no inherent value" and "life has no meaning or purpose," is it any wonder that many of our younger people are unmotivated, aimless, hopeless or depressed? That we see an uptick in drug abuse, suicide, violence and disdain for one another?

Decisions individuals about life make are not simply private. They are decisions that impact the entire society. They prove or disprove, confirm or deny the value and meaning of all life and of *every* life in America.

So, what happened when our nation's foundational moral principals were ignored in public policy decisions?

patient and their physician. But are they only private decisions? Is there no public consequence to these decisions?

There's the obvious consequence, in the case of abortion, to unborn children.

There is also a second, less obvious, consequence. Since the law is a teacher, the second consequence is what abortion and assisted suicide teach us about the value of life in our culture.

The value of life has become situational, not intrinsic. Now, your life is only valuable if you are wanted or if you still choose to live. Therefore, the value of *every* life has become negotiable or subjective – arbitrary, not inherent.

There is no other way to interpret parents mourning the loss of a miscarriage in one treatment room while parents arrange the "termination" of their unborn child in another or a doctor administering drugs to prolong or improve the life of one patient then, in the next

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five other states are actually down to just one abortion provider.

As of March, over 250 bills restricting abortion have been filed in 41 states during 2019. Nearly half are aimed at banning abortion in some or all circumstances.

Forty-three states prohibit abortions, generally except when necessary to protect the woman's life or health, after a specified point in pregnancy. Fourteen draw the line at viability, the earliest point allowed; six do so at the earliest ages of viability; and 24 draw the line before viability in a direct challenge to *Roe*.

On May 15, Alabama's governor signed a law making performing an abortion at any stage of pregnancy a felony. There are more than twenty court cases in the pipeline that could challenge *Roe*, if they make it to the U.S. Supreme Court. A Court which now has a conservative majority.

States are beginning to ensure they have a policy in place for if *Roe* is overturned and authority is returned to the states. Kentucky and eighteen others have laws in place that will place restrictions on abortion if that occurs.

As America anxiously waits for everything to come to a head, it appears that the hope of pro-life advocates and despair of pro-abortion activists are both warranted.

NATIONAL TRENDS IN STATE LAWS

Pain-Capable Unborn Child Bills – Kentucky and at least 16 other states have enacted legislation prohibiting abortion after the unborn child is 20 weeks old, when science indicates they may feel pain.

Unborn Non-Discrimination Acts – Kentucky again is a leader. 14 states have enacted laws meant to prohibit abortions sought because of the characteristics of the unborn child. Kentucky and three other states prohibited it based on sex, race, or genetic anomaly. Eight states prohibit based on sex alone. Two states only based on genetic anomaly.

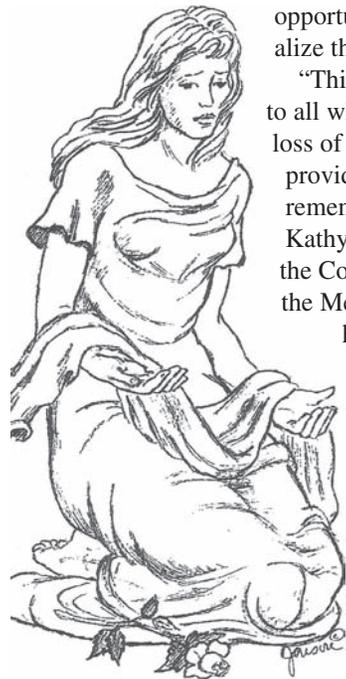
Live Dismemberment Ban – Kentucky and at least 10 other states have enacted laws prohibiting the live dismemberment of an unborn child after a certain age.

Fetal Heartbeat Bills – Kentucky and seven other states have enacted legislation banning abortion after the unborn child's heartbeat is detectable, which usually occurs at six weeks gestation. Similar legislation has passed one legislative chamber in another state, and has been introduced in at least eight other states this year.

The *Kentucky Memorial for the Unborn* comforts men and women who've lost an unborn child

Abortion is perhaps the most difficult adversity a woman can experience. This Memorial offers a unique place of remembrance & closure.

With the legislative efforts and the state's educational organizations shedding light on the realities of abortion (TRUTH), and with the pregnancy care centers sharing down-to-earth compassion with those in untimely pregnancies (GRACE), the other key component to help affect full healing in Kentucky is an effort to comfort those who have lost an



The centerpiece of the project is a life-sized bronze statue of *Rachel Weeping for Her Children* based on Jeremiah

unborn child, but have never had the opportunity to properly memorialize their loss.

"This Memorial is an outreach to all who labor under the painful loss of an unborn child by providing a special place of remembrance and closure," said Kathy Rutledge, chairperson of the Committee that constructed the Memorial. "Families can find

healing from the pain of miscarriage, stillbirth or abortion by honoring a child who was never given a proper burial."

The Memorial is on a beautiful site in the historic Frankfort Cemetery, high on a bluff overlooking the Kentucky River and the State Capital building.

31:15-17, "A voice was heard in Ramah, Rachel weeping for her children who are no more . . . but, there is hope."

The task before the Committee now is to let every Kentucky citizen know that the *Kentucky Memorial for the Unborn* exists and that it can be a place of rest for all those who mourn an unborn child. Citizens from across the state are invited to inscribe their lost child's name in the granite wall.

Those who have labored to see this vision come to pass point out that it not only helps the individual or individuals who have suffered such a loss, but it also stands in our midst, collectively honoring the unborn as a testimony to the sanctity of unborn human life.

The Memorial is an original design created by Landscape Architect Mark Arnold. As Rutledge shared her personal story, she said, "Mark remarked that he was envisioning a 'Wailing Wall' that enfolded in the shape of a womb." When Arnold presented his drawing, the artistic

result was nothing less than astonishing. She believes God guided his hand to create a beautiful design that would miraculously touch and heal many broken hearts for years to come."



The *Kentucky Memorial for the Unborn* can give solace for those who have lost an unborn child and choose to memorialize them on the wall.

A granite memorial wall bears the inscriptions for unborn children and its stone mounting wall gradually recedes into the womb-like section that showcases the bronze statue of *Rachel*. Beneath *Rachel*, a symbolic spring reminds mourners that a Shepherd will guide them to living water, ". . . and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Rev. 7:17) The Memorial is designed to be a garden where those who have lost an unborn child can finally experience and release the buried grief they have carried in silence. The road to healing can be a long journey, but a walk through this healing and living garden will help pave the way.

You can choose to memorialize the unborn child who you lost



The *Kentucky Memorial for the Unborn* will be engraving new inscription orders soon. If you would like to remember an unborn child on the granite wall, you may place your order online by visiting www.KyMemorialfortheUnborn.org

Inscriptions are engraved directly on the black granite wall in a 3" x 10" space. Each inscription allows for two lines of text, 21 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation. More photos of the memorial site are posted on the website (*listed in previous paragraph*) and on Facebook.

If you would like to remember your child and need financial assistance to do so, please contact Kathy Rutledge at (859)230-5362 or email kgr1110@aol.com for confidential assistance.

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