

This past Sunday October 3, 2021, a **LIFE CHAIN** event was held for one hour in our local community with **Pro-Life** volunteers positioned on all sides of the main intersection of the city. This was a peaceful, prayer, and public witness of **Pro-Life** supporters whose purpose was to remind citizens of the National Law as a result of Roe vs Wade in 1973. This law provided an abortion availability that now represents 62.5 million deaths of boys and girls who were not allowed to decide for themselves as guaranteed by the United States Constitution. A main abortion provider Planned Parenthood not only provides facilities to destroy the life of a child in the womb but to sale aborted baby parts for profit. Throughout the Bible in the inherent Word of God, scripture affirms the value of every human life from children in the womb to the elderly. All of us humans are valuable in the sight of the One who made us and gave us life. Psalm 139:13-16 says *For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Thy works, and my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from Thee, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth. Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Thy book they were all written, the days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.* This scripture is so clear as we each were known by God at the creation of the universe with His determination of our destiny and end of life and recorded in the Book of Life. He then made us a physical body when we were conceived in the womb of our mother with the egg of our mother and seed or sperm of our father. There is no debate on when human life begins as it begins in the womb when the egg is fertilized by the sperm. Man may kill the baby in the womb, but that baby is already known by God and the mother who aborted the baby as well as the physician and facility contributing to the death of the infant will in the end have to answer to God for their deeds. Children are so valuable to the Lord as He says in Psalm 127:3-5 *Behold children are a gift of the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; They shall not be ashamed, when they speak with their enemies at the gate.*

The first **LIFE CHAIN**, born through prayer, was built in 1987 by **Please Let Me Live**, a small pro-life ministry based in Yuba City, California. Half the churches of Yuba and Sutter Counties occupied assigned positions of a three-mile route through sister cities Yuba City-Marysville, with 2500 Christians holding **Abortion Kills Children** signs on both sides of the street. "It was a good stand for righteousness," was a typical response from participants. "I felt God's presence," remarked many others. The **LIFE CHAIN** elevated the Life ministry to high respectability in Yuba-Sutter by helping to unite churches and to inform the local press, law enforcement, public officials, and the area citizenry about the unconscionable killing of preborn boys and girls. Today, surgical abortions are no longer performed in Yuba-Sutter.

In 1989, Bakersfield, California built the second **LIFE CHAIN** with 7500 participants from 101 churches. Soon other California churches followed. National **LIFE CHAIN** the first Sunday in November 1991 saw 373 chains built in the US with 771,000 participants. From 1995 through 1999 approximately 900 **LIFE CHAINS** were built annually in America and Canada combined, and while total attendance has declined significantly, emphasis on prayer and serious reflection on the current abortion holocaust has increased substantially. In 2019 with organization from Michigan there were approximately 2000 **LIFE CHAINS** across the US and Canada. There has been an increase in the pro-life awareness in part thanks to powerful truths about the sanctity of life as depicted in movies such as Unplanned, the story of Abby Johnson, a pro-life activist who formerly worked at Planned Parenthood as a clinic director. Another was the 2018 documentary of the abortion atrocities of Dr Kermit Gosnell. Bernard Nathanson said that it was the people praying on the street that got to him. In trying to prove them wrong, he convinced a woman

getting an abortion and a photographer to let him videotape an abortion inside the woman's womb to show that the baby felt no pain and that it wasn't really human. He ended up converting himself instead and the videotape became the movie, The Scream. Prayer is powerful and necessary wherever and whenever we can do it.

Exposing the truth on abortion was frequently a major media story in 2019. **LIFE CHAIN** 2020 marked the 33rd anniversary of LIFE CHAIN with 2021 planned for the first Sunday in October. The dates may be different in different areas of the Nation. Persons wanting to participate in the **LIFE CHAIN** can contact their local affiliate and most churches to assist by donating time or money to this life saving program.

A baby who is planned or wanted by their parents is truly a gift from God. A mother who aborts an unwanted pregnancy is an abomination to the Lord and violates the sixth commandment "Thou shall not kill" which stresses the fact that life is sacred, and God alone gives life, and that no individual has the right to arbitrarily take it from another person. The parents of a child may be the only Bible or signpost that others see who do not know or believe in the sanctity of life. Love of a child demonstrates the love of God to each of us. Children are a blessing from God because He gives us the privilege of raising a human being into a person that not only, we want to see as believers, but mainly what God wants to see. Although parenting is not at all an easy job, we can count on God to be our Guidance and to use us to bless our children with unconditional love and resources. Our children are the basis of future humanity and how we treat them and raise them to adults may be the way they treat others throughout their lives, whether by good or by evil. Aborting a child in the womb destroys a whole branch of a family tree. In Mathew 19:14 Jesus says, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these". Further Isaiah 40:15-16 stresses "Can a woman forget her nursing child, and have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you. Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands".

A focus is mounting yet this year on the pro-life movement with particularly the Supreme Court upholding the Texas Law SB8. The law prohibits elective abortions after the preborn child's heartbeat is detectable, as the most restrictive abortion bill in the country to go into effect since Roe v Wade codified abortion as constitutional. The Texas Law joins over 60 other Pro-life laws passed by State Legislatures. Although this law will get contested in the courts the abortion industry is shaken, and extremely angry, because they can't kill babies. One Texas abortion clinic bragged that they were able to kill 67 babies in 17 hours before this law went into effect. And South Carolina Planned Parenthood centers in South Carolina committed 57 percent of all abortions in South Carolina in 2020. The Biden Harris administration is threatening to use the full force of the Department of Justice, to stop the Texas life-saving measure, acting as the abortion industry's private law firm. Apparently, his intent is to have abortions anytime for any reason during all nine months of the pregnancy. Now there are others advocating to kill babies up to three months after birth.

Then there is pro-abortion Speaker of the House Pelosi that says she will have a vote on the "Women's Health Protection Act" which is designed to remove all legal protections for unborn children on both the federal and state level as just another attempt to expand the abortion industry. The House already passed HR 4502 which includes removing the longstanding Hyde Amendment which bans federal funding for domestic abortion – yet to be approved in the Senate. Pro-life Governor Kristi Noem of South Dakota has stepped into the breach of anticipating the Biden Administration facilitating the delivery of chemical abortion pills through the mail. She issued Executive Order 2021-12 that directs the Department of Health

to establish rules preventing telemedicine abortions bypassing the requirement that women have an in-person visit with a medical professional where informed consent can be administered – this is being introduced to the State Legislature for enacting into law. Other disturbing news about abortion comes from Pennsylvania where the State Senators are introducing legislation concerning reports that the University of Pittsburgh is harvesting body parts from live and aborted babies for their use in research. Pitt's research practices gained notoriety following allegations that the university was grafting scalps from aborted human babies onto mice. The grotesque nature of the alleged experiments has led to an outcry among some public officials and policymakers. Continuing, a really terrible report is that babies are bought and sold not only for sex trafficking, but also for body parts, and that can include the harvest of blood and bone marrow for the underground Adrenochrome market. It is thought that the use of young blood harvested from young children who produce blasts of adrenalin to make serums will extend life and even eternal life of the person receiving the serum. **Can the abortionists get any worse? Yes, unless they are stopped.**

It is fitting to take a quick review of Roe v Wade as this law in 1973 originated with a case in Texas for which a new law is mentioned above:

In 1969, Norma McCorvey, a Texas woman in her early 20s, sought to terminate an unwanted pregnancy. McCorvey, who had grown up in difficult, impoverished circumstances, previously had given birth twice and given up both children for adoption. At the time of McCorvey's pregnancy in 1969 abortion was legal in Texas—but only for the purpose of saving a woman's life. While American women with the financial means could obtain abortions by traveling to other countries where the procedure was safe and legal, or pay a large fee to a U.S. doctor willing to secretly perform an abortion, those options were out of reach to McCorvey and many other women. As a result, some women resorted to illegal, dangerous, "back-alley" abortions or self-induced abortions. In the 1950s and 1960s, the estimated number of illegal abortions in the United States ranged from 200,000 to 1.2 million per year, according to the Guttmacher Institute. After trying unsuccessfully to get an illegal abortion, McCorvey was referred to Texas attorneys Linda Coffee and Sarah Waddington, who were interested in challenging anti-abortion laws. In court documents, McCorvey became known as "Jane Roe."

In 1970, the attorneys filed a lawsuit on behalf of McCorvey and all the other women "who were or might become pregnant and want to consider all options," against Henry Wade, the district attorney of Dallas County, where McCorvey lived. In June 1970, a Texas district court ruled that the state's abortion ban was illegal because it violated a constitutional right to privacy. Afterward, Wade declared he'd continue to prosecute doctors who performed abortions. The case eventually was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Meanwhile, McCorvey gave birth and put the child up for adoption. On Jan 22, 1973, the Supreme Court, in a 7-2 decision, struck down the Texas law banning abortion, effectively legalizing the procedure nationwide. In a majority opinion written by Justice Harry Blackmun, the court declared that a woman's right to an abortion was implicit in the right to privacy protected by the 14th Amendment. The court divided pregnancy into three trimesters, and declared that the choice to end a pregnancy in the first trimester was solely up to the woman. In the second trimester, the government could regulate abortion, although not ban it, in order to protect the mother's health. In the third trimester, the state could prohibit abortion to protect a fetus that could survive on its own outside the womb, except when a woman's health was in danger. Norma McCorvey maintained a low profile following the court's decision, but in the 1980s she was active in the abortion rights movement. However, in the mid-1990s, after becoming friends with

the head of an anti-abortion group and converting to Catholicism, she turned into a vocal opponent of the procedure.

The Result: Since *Roe v. Wade*, many states have imposed restrictions that weaken abortion rights, and Americans remain divided over support for a woman's right to choose an abortion.