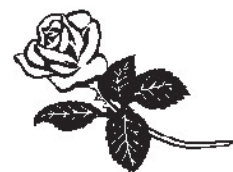




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“Abortion May Be Legal, But It Is Still Morally Wrong!”

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2016 Presidential Election

A Look Back and Ahead

By Bradley Mattes, President of Life Issues

It's impossible to predict how this presidential election will turn out, but we know what got us here. For what feels like eons, Congress and various presidents have turned a deaf ear to Americans and it's finally catching up with them. They spend our tax dollars like drunken sailors; they often exempt themselves from the twisted laws they make; and the morals and values of many qualify them as mayor of Sodom and Gomorrah, not Congress. And then there's Barack Obama, who seems determined to undermine our constitution and unilaterally change our beloved nation into something unrecognizable.

Now millions of legitimately ticked-off voters are fed up and want real change (not the Obama-ized version), and they want it now. But Congress *still* doesn't get it. Republicans have a campaign issue in the Planned Parenthood videos that reveal the most sadistic and twisted covert activity imaginable. Yet it's like pulling teeth to get them to boldly present a budget that doesn't fund the abortion giant. If they succeeded, our efforts to end the holocaust of abortion would take a huge leap forward. Lest we point fingers only outward, we have to look also to our own ranks for some of America's ills.

I could retire to a sandy beach if I had a dollar for every time a Christian told me during the last two presidential elec-

tions, “McCain isn't pro-life enough” or “I'm not voting for a Mormon.” **And despite overwhelming evidence that Mr. Obama would be the most aggressively pro-abortion president in our history, a substantial number of self-professed Christians voted for him anyway.** They kicked millions of innocent unborn babies to the curb for an expected economic return that never came.

Voters who refused to cast a ballot for the best possible candidate are partially responsible for the havoc inflicted on our nation. They enabled Obamacare, which includes massive government funding of abortion; appointments of justices to the US Supreme Court and appellate courts who routinely legislate from the bench and support abortion on demand without apologies; and an almighty government that's forcing individuals and corporations to fund and promote abortion-causing drugs. Without Mr. Obama and his like we wouldn't have homosexual marriage forced down our throats and face arrest for refusing to participate in whatever perversion is now politically correct. The list could go on.

I understand everyone's outrage. I feel it myself. Every day I grieve for our nation and generations who were never taught the concept of self-denial for the benefit of others and who think the

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Indiana Right to Life President/CEO Selected as 2016 Banquet Speaker

The 2016 Right to Life banquet speaker has been announced and it is Mike Fichter, the President and CEO of Indiana Right to Life, Inc. Mike Fichter spoke briefly at last year's banquet to explain the new laws that took effect after the 2015 General Assembly, and the Right to Life board has asked him to return as their main speaker for this special event. Mr. Fichter has served as President and Executive Director at Evansville RTL and then moved on to serve on the state level as President/CEO of Indiana Right to Life. More information will be available in future newsletters and on our web site.



Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama – Top Abortion Advocates

In Gallup's annual poll about the people who Americans admire the most, abortion advocates Hillary Clinton and President Barack Obama won the top spots in 2015. Despite winning the "most-admired" title, the two famous politicians are losing support, according to the poll released Monday. Both Clinton and Obama have ranked first on the Gallup poll before, but Gallup reported that both received lower percentages this year than they have in the past. Clinton received 13 percent of votes on the women's list, while Obama received 17 percent on the men's. Gallup also said it is typical for Americans to name the sitting U.S. president as the most admired man.

Perhaps their abortion policies have something to do with the drop in support. Clinton and Obama are some of the

most radical pro-abortion politicians in U.S. history, supporting abortion for any reason at any time in pregnancy. Clinton, who is running for the Democratic presidential nomination, supports complete, unrestricted abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. The abortion industry believes she will work to expand abortion if elected.

In a September 20 interview with CBS' *Face the Nation* moderator John Dickerson, Hillary Clinton revealed that she wouldn't support a federal limit on abortion "at any state of pregnancy" in the name of a "woman's right to choose." Obama, who has been labeled the most pro-abortion president in U.S. history, voted against protections for babies who survive abortions and admitted that he would support aborting his own grand-

child. He also has threatened to veto just about any pro-life bill that reaches his desk. These two politicians' stance on abortion is out of touch with most Americans.

Polls consistently find that most Americans oppose late-term abortions and want abortions to be more heavily restricted. A January 2015 poll from Marist University found that 84 percent of Americans want significant restrictions on abortion, and would limit abortions to, at most, the first three months of pregnancy. This includes almost 7 in 10 (69 percent) who identify themselves as "pro-choice" who support such abortion limits and oppose late-term abortions.

Several pro-life and human rights advocates also made Gallup's most-admired list for 2015.

She Ran a Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic— Now She Works for a Pro-Life Group!

By Steven Ertelt



Former Planned Parenthood health center manager Sue Thayer was a sex-ed teacher and came on board with Planned Parenthood thinking that they would help her spread a simple message of "safe sex." But the deeper she got behind Planned Parenthood's flashy veneer, the more troubled she became.

Thayer eventually saw how Planned Parenthood pushed abortions with a monthly quota that her clinic had to meet, and she saw how abortions were damaging women. Sue quit her job at Planned Parenthood and began a journey that would lead to the closing of the health center she once managed.

Now, Thayer is working for a pro-life group in the same state — Iowa — where she once peddled Planned Parenthood's agenda. "Iowa Right to Life is pleased to announce that Sue Thayer, former Iowa Planned Parenthood center manager, has joined our staff! Sue now serves as

our Lead Strategist," the pro-life group Iowa Right to Life informed LifeNews.com today.

"Sue Thayer is no stranger to Iowa Right to Life. She first called our organization anonymously several years ago. During that phone call, Sue shared her horror over Planned Parenthood of the Heartland's latest scheme: webcam abortions," Iowa Right to Life said. "Upon her refusal to perform dangerous webcam abortions, she was fired. She is currently embroiled in a \$5.5 billion Medicaid lawsuit against her former employer, Planned Parenthood of Heartland."

"Since her firing, she has gone on to become a leading statewide and national pro-life leader. She tirelessly speaks the truth about the dangers of the abortion industry and how Iowa's Planned Parenthood has gone to great lengths to deceive women," IRTL said.

"Sue Thayer is truly a remarkable woman. If not for her courage, webcam abortions would have exploded across Iowa and throughout the nation," stated Jenifer Bowen, Executive Director of

Iowa Right to Life. "Instead we have seen their plan begin to implode. Since 2012, we have seen Planned Parenthood of the Heartland shrink from 26 locations down to 13. They also never opened any of the 6 additional locations they announced in 2011. Further, we have seen Iowa abortion rates plummet 40% since 2007. Iowa Right to Life is thrilled to partner with Sue Thayer. With her knowledge of the Iowa abortion industry and her boundless passion for all human lives, born and unborn, we will continue to see even more great victories for life," concluded Bowen.

"No person, no business should view a woman's body as a profit center, yet that is exactly what Planned Parenthood does," Thayer wrote recently in an opinion column for *The Des Moines Register*. "As the former director of two Planned Parenthood clinics in Iowa, I know firsthand how massive are the profits and how terrible are the costs generated by their predatory practices on women and girls. And all the while, our tax dollars have been helping them do it."

Will the United States Elect a Pro-Life President this Year?

By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.

I know many pro-life people are asking themselves how will we ever elect a pro-life president with all the bickering taking place within the Republican Party. It is evident that on the Democrat side there are no pro-life candidates to be found, but on the Republican side there are many that have very good pro-life credentials. However, with the way they are fighting each other, you wonder if there will be anyone standing after the primary battles are over. Donald Trump continues to lead the pack and is drawing support from many Americans who feel we have gone too far on political correctness and are not strong enough on the protecting of our American citizens. His stand on the pro-life issue is in question; but as some pro-life leaders have said privately, he has to be better than Hillary Clinton. Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz are giving a strong challenge to Trump but have been fighting from behind for months, and it is anyone's guess what will happen in the early primaries. On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton is expected to be the nominee – that is

if the email scandal does not drag her into court. It is not expected the Obama Administration will do anything to hurt her chances, but independent investigations could cast a dark shadow on how she handled her office while serving as Secretary of State.

At this time the National Right to Life has not put out a voter guide on how the candidates stand on the pro-life issues. If that happens, we put it on our web site at www.daviesscountyrtnl.com. The nominees for both parties could be decided before the Indiana Primary which will be on May 3.

We do have some interesting races here in Indiana – especially the race for U.S. senator to replace Senator Dan Coats who is not running for re-election. Another big race is the governor's race, which will have the incumbent pro-life governor, Mike Pence, running for re-election against the former speaker of the Indiana House, John Gregg. Pence defeated Gregg four years ago in a close race. Governor Pence, along with pro-life elected officials in both houses,

passed legislation that has put Indiana as one of the most pro-life states in the country. This was done as both houses were controlled by pro-life republicans along with the governor's chair. John Gregg, while speaker of the Indiana House, seemed to put a hold on pro-life bills. He will not admit it, but while Evan Bayh was governor it appeared that Mr. Gregg assigned bills to committees that he knew would kill the bill. It was also widely suspected that a pact was made between Governor Bayh and Speaker Gregg not to bring up pro-life bills so Democrats would not have a recorded vote that might go against them in future elections. Daviess County Right to Life plans to have a voter guide with information on how the candidates stand on the abortion issue by the spring primary on all the races here in Indiana for state and federal offices.

In the meantime, the pro-life movement continues to pray that somehow sanity will prevail and a pro-life president will prevail in the end. Let us continue to fast and pray for that outcome.

President Obama's Final State of the Union address

By Dave Andrusko

At long last, two-term pro-abortion President Barack Obama will deliver his final State of the Union address. While he will tout all of his "accomplishments," even Democrats will have to work at ginning up enthusiasm.

According to Gallup, Obama's average approval rate over his presidency is 47% versus an average disapproval of 49%. Last week his disapproval number was 52%.

As Mr. Obama prepares for his final 11 months in office, the percentage of people identifying with the president's party is at an all-time low: 29%. Gallup's research reveals that the Democrats' lead over people identifying as Republicans–26%–is a statistically insignificant 3 points. 42% self-identify as Independents.

The public's uneasiness with Mr. Obama is nothing new and has had a tremendous impact on his party's electoral fortunes. When President Obama took the oath of office in January 2009, the Democrats held 257 seats in the House, the Republicans 178. Following the 2014 congressional elections, the numbers had almost reversed: 247 Republicans (now 246 because of a vacancy) to 188 Democrats.

When the dust settled following the 2008 elections, Democrats controlled 60 votes in the Senate (which included two Independents who caucused with the Democrat), while there were 40 Republicans. Today in the Senate there are 54 Republicans and only 46 Democrats (including two Independents who caucus with the Democrats). Remember these stark numbers as President Obama attempts to gloss over the failures of his two administrations.

Why is Abortion Still Legal?

By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.

We are dealing with "ungodly" people who do not believe in a God, and we are also dealing with "some" churches who are afraid or unwilling to speak out on the evil of abortion and what it is doing to our society. When you combine this with a majority of the news media who serve as the mouthpiece for the pro-abortion industry, what can you expect? Does that mean we give up? Not at all! We must continue to pray and to re-dedicate our efforts to the protection of the unborn and the elderly. Find out how the candidates stand on the abortion issue and vote pro-life. The unborn are depending on us.

Micki McCullough Recognized by Pro-Life Organizations



Former Executive Director Micki McCullough (center) of the Washington Pregnancy Care Center was presented with a plaque in recognition and appreciation for her contributions and service to the Pregnancy Care Center. The presentation was made by Louis Kavanaugh Jr. (right) President of Daviess County Right to Life and Yolonda Taylor (left) Executive Director of the Pregnancy Care Center at the Annual Pregnancy Care Center Dinner at the Free Methodist Church. Micki McCullough served as Executive Director of the PCC in Washington for nine years and helped to move the center into the forefront of the community where it assists mothers in unplanned pregnancies with whatever help is needed. Micki retired in June of last year. Also during the event the President of Daviess County Right to Life presented the Pregnancy Care Center with a check for \$5,000 from the proceeds of the Right To Life Banquet. Members of the various organizations were also present for the event, including Jo Hyatt, the new Executive Director for the Women's Resource Center; Van McAtee, President of Martin County Right to Life; and board members and volunteers of the various organizations.

Vote Pro-life During This Election Year

As we begin the 2016 election year we want to express to all our readers that we highly encourage them to vote pro-life for all offices in this election year. If you don't know how the candidates stand on the abortion issue, ask us, call us, or look on our web site at www.daviesscountyrighttolife.com, or watch the newspapers for our voter guide. If you vote for pro-abortion candidates, you are working against what we are trying to do. You might as well be contributing to their campaign. We will have the voter guide ready in time for the primary on May 3. Voting pro-life means voting for candidates who not only say they are against abortion but are willing to vote that way. The Right to Life has checked their background and we feel confident in them. So vote pro life and encourage your family and friends to do so.

President Obama Vetoes Bill to Defund Planned Parenthood and Repeal Parts of Obamacare

By Dave Andrusko

Four days before he delivered his final State of the Union address, President Obama delivered another message: nothing is more important than protecting Planned Parenthood and Obamacare. As expected, President Obama vetoed H.R. 3762, a bill which, as NRLC explained, "would block most federal funds from going to Planned Parenthood, and repeal many parts of Obamacare, including the program that provides tax-based subsidies for about 1,000 health plans that cover elective abortions." The president's veto came two days after the Republican-controlled House of Representatives passed "The Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act" on a vote of 240-181. Only one Democrat voted in favor of H.R. 3762 and only three Republicans voted against the budget reconciliation bill. This followed favorable Senate action in December, also passed almost exclusively along party lines.

The House has passed numerous bills in this vein which were snarled by the threat of a Democratic filibuster in the Senate. NRLC, working in conjunction with pro-life congressional leaders and other pro-life groups, used the budget reconciliation process which requires a simple majority to circumvent the filibuster. During Wednesday's debate, House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Ca.) said, "When a Republican president takes over next year, we can use reconciliation again." Friday morning, after the president's veto, House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wi.) said, "We have now shown that there is a clear path to repealing Obamacare without 60 votes in the Senate." Ryan added, "So, next year, if we're sending this bill to a Republican president, it will get signed into law. Obamacare will be gone.... It's just a matter of time."

"The greatest destroyer of peace today is Abortion, because it is a war against the child."

- Mother Teresa

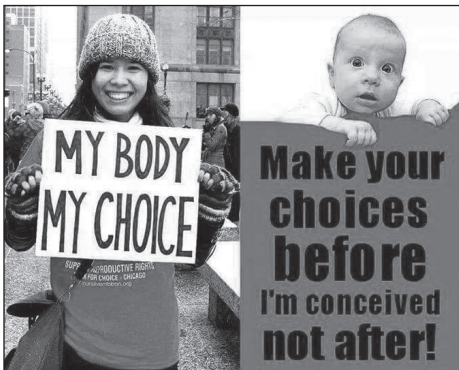


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More Bad News for the Pro-Abortion Agenda

It also has been reported the Republican Party has grown and has expanded its reach in the states. 2015 was a milestone year for Republican control of state legislatures, with the party dominating both houses in 30 states, the highest number since at least 1978. **Republicans used their electoral strength to pass 57 new state-level anti-abortion laws.** Overall, there were more state pro-life laws passed in 2011 and 2013 than this year, but that's partly because the most conservative states have already enacted so much of the pro-life wish list. To some extent, the pro-life movement is running out of things to do.

The onslaught of celebrities endorsing abortion will slow down the pro-life ship, but with revelations such as those in the Center for Medical Progress videos circulating on social media platforms that the mainstream media, to their great chagrin, cannot control. And it appears there's no telling when things could get better for the abortion movement. But when it comes to abortion, 2015 has been a lesson in how the once unthinkable becomes the new normal—and this all happened with a Democrat (Obama) in the White House. If a Republican wins the presidency in 2016, it could get even worse for the pro-abortion forces.



In Memory of Wilma Albright

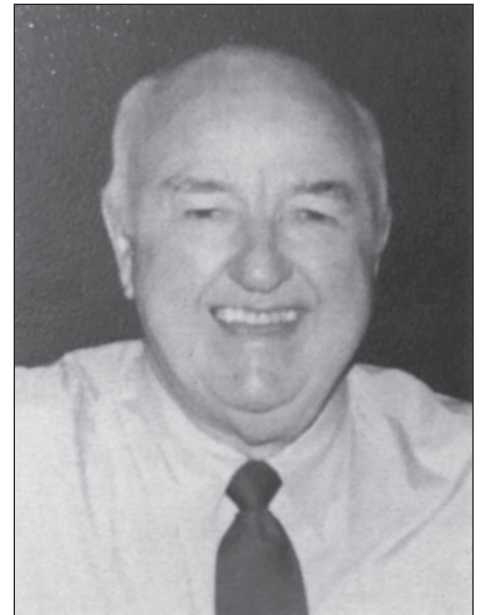
By Louis Kavanaugh Jr. President of Daviess County Right to Life Inc.



The Daviess County Right To life wishes to mark the passing of a good friend, Wilma Albright, who passed away on January 11, 2016 at the age of 84. Wilma was president of Country Pines Printing where the Right to Life has done business for many years. She helped to put together the newsletters and arrange it for me and also helped to publish the Right to Life banquet book each year. Although she never held an office in Right to Life, she was a valuable asset to me and the organization. When it came to printing she would have ideas on how we could improve the banquet book or the newsletter and made it even better than what we could hope for. When Donna Gentry passed in 2011, with Wima's help and assistance we put together a special edition that was a fitting tribute to Donna and gave us a very good deal for this very special tribute. Wilma always seemed to run close on deadlines, but she always came through for us. We owe her a great deal and we salute her not only for her fine work but also for just being a fine person. After finishing our banquet book for us in late September she got sick and did not work much after that. I know she had a lot of patience working with all her customers

and especially with me. It is with great sadness that we mourn her passing but know she is now singing God's praises. We also want to express our condolences to all her family and especially to Eloise Haycox (Wilma's daughter) who we also work very close with there at Country Pines Printing. May the good Lord grant Wilma her eternal reward!

In Memory of Gene Wood



Gene Wood passed away on December 28, 2015 at the age of 91. Gene and his wife, Patty, were the parents of 12 children and strongly believed in the Right to Life. In the early years of the Right to Life movement in Daviess County the Wood Family sang and performed for the Right to Life Banquets. They attended many of our Banquets over the years and were strong supports of the movement. Gene was always a jokester and always had a smile on his face.

Gene and Patty were not able to attend the Right to Life Banquets in the last few years after moving to one of the children's home out of the area. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Patty his wife and to their 12 children on his passing. His friendly smile and kind words will be missed. May the good Lord grant Gene his eternal reward!



Broader Protections Needed *for* Indiana's Pro-Life Ministries

INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana Right to Life today is calling on the Indiana legislature to protect the constitutional religious liberty of all Indiana pro-life pregnancy resource centers, adoption agencies, and Right to Life affiliates by providing broad Hobby Lobby type protections for faith and conscience as opposed to the narrowly drawn religious exemptions found in the introduced versions of SB 100 and SB 344.

Senate Bill 100 seeks to amend Indiana's Civil Rights statute to include sexual orientation and gender identity as a discriminatory practice. Senate Bill 344 is similar but does not include gender identity. Both bills provide for religious exemptions in narrow instances, including some adoption agencies and nonprofits, but only for those controlled by a church. The vast majority of Indiana's pro-life pregnancy resources, all 37 of Indiana Right to Life's county and regional affiliates, and some adoption agencies, religious in base and mission, are left unprotected by the proposed exemptions as they are not controlled by a church.

"We fear that faith-based pregnancy resource centers and adoption agencies will be forced to close their doors or face stiff penalties if they decline to promote, counsel, or facilitate same-sex adoptions," states Indiana Right to Life President and CEO Mike Fichter. "Any law that damages the ability of these pro-life agencies to operate by their faith principles undercuts adoption as a life-saving option to abortion. The Indiana legislature's proper role is to protect the religious liberty and right to conscience of all Hoosiers, not to decide whose liberty is protected and whose is not."

Fichter notes that Indiana Right to Life is not seeking to make same-sex adoptions illegal or to prohibit other organizations from choosing to promote same-sex adoptions. "We are simply asking that every faith-based pregnancy resource center and adoption agency, as well as Indiana Right to Life and its affiliates, be protected when exercising our constitutional right to live out our faith while helping to save unborn children from abortion."

Indiana Right to Life's mission is to protect the right to life, especially of unborn children, through positive education, compassionate advocacy and promotion of healthy alternatives to abortion.



Please Note: Paper Drive Truck Moved Back to Fastenal Lot

The Paper Drive truck has been moving around since the October 2015 Paper Drive when it was at the old K-Mart parking lot but now is back to a location just beside the old K-Mart lot at the Fastenal lot. At this point our location is temporary; but if it all works out, we hope in time it will be a permanent location.

Our October Drive was held at the Free Methodist Church on Troy Road, but the December Drive was able to be held on the Fastenal lot thanks to the management of the Fastenal store. We also want to thank Tom Boyd of Boyd Grain for their approval, since they own the lot, and for their help with moving the truck to the various locations over the last few months. We ask that you continue to hold your newspapers and your aluminum cans and help the environment by recycling.

Watch the newspapers and our web site (www.daviesscountyrtnl.com) for future announcements. Please recycle your newspapers as it not only helps the environment but also the Right to Life. For questions, call Louie Kavanaugh Jr. at 812-486-3658.

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world revolves around selfies on social networks. I worry about the increasing number of Americans who don't understand the importance of a strong military defense; who aren't moved when the Stars and Stripes is raised during the National Anthem; and who are swayed by relentless hateful attacks against those who stand on a solid foundation of Christian beliefs.

America is facing very difficult years ahead. But if everyone who holds to conservative and/or pro-life beliefs would research every candidate's stand on abortion—from the local school board to the president—and vote for the best viable option, with God's help we could turn things around.

So make sure that seatbelt is securely fastened around your waist, because we're in for many bumpy nights through the various primaries and 2016 election in November. And avoid the temptation of supporting only the "perfect" pro-life candidate. He or she doesn't exist. Use your God-given smarts to find out which viable candidates can best protect our right to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. **Note that life is listed first!**

Daviess County Right To Life Monthly Meeting is held the last week of each month at the Right To Life Office at 705 Troy Road. (Grace Baptist Church, Lower Level)
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Daviess County Right To Life Paper Drive is the first Saturday of February, April, June, August, October, December from 9 AM till 2 PM at the Fastenal parking lot, right beside the old K-Mart building. Other pick up points around the county are from 9-12 noon. If you can help, call Louis Kavanaugh at 486-3658. It would be greatly appreciated.

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