

**Ashtabula County
Friends for Life**



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President's Note:

After four years of the most pro-life president in U.S. history, the value of life has taken a turn for the worse. Taxpayers are once again funding abortion, here and all over the world. Read on to get the latest in Pro-Life news. Please get involved – donate, pray, or volunteer.

Your FFL Board President,

Crystal Latimer (440) 466-7441

Coming Events

(Reg. meetings are at Gateway Church, Austinburg Rd)

Tuesday, May 18 – Regular FFL meeting 7PM

Tuesday, July 20 – Regular FFL meeting 7PM

August 10-15 – Ashtabula County Fair - visit us

Sunday, Sept. 19 – Candlelight Vigil 2PM

Sat, Sept 25 – Breakfast Mtg @ Best Friends 9:30

Tuesday, Nov 30 – Dinner with Friends @ Chops

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Ashtabula County Friends for Life

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Check one _____ **Bronze (\$10)**

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Annual Membership Renewal

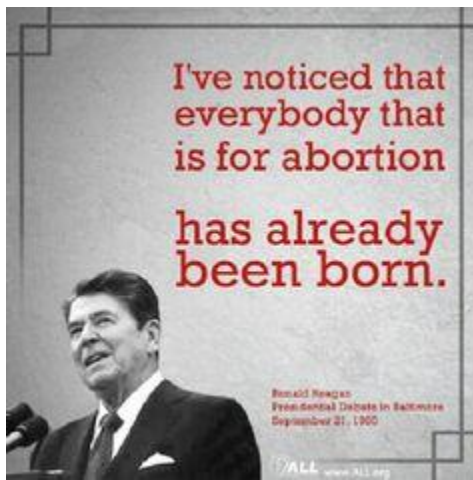
Above this article, you will find a tear-off section to fill in and send back with your membership fee. Like many non-profit organizations, Friends for Life struggles to make ends meet. One way to help out is to choose your level of membership - bronze, silver or gold. There were 109 tiny Ashtabula County citizens aborted in 2019. We are striving to make that figure shrink until it is zero. So, we invite you to become a member and make a difference!

National Pro-life T-Shirt Day

National Pro-life T-Shirt Day is April 27, so if you have a pro-life t-shirt, please consider wearing it that Tuesday (and any day afterward!). An order form was sent to our email list and FFL is ordering over 110 shirts! Two churches placed orders, plus FFL will have some available. If you didn't get to order but would like shirts, no worries, they will be for sale at the FFL booth at the fair and also at our Candlelight Vigil. If you aren't on our email list and would like to be added, make your request to: ashcofriendsforlife@yahoo.com.

Erie Prayer Breakfast, 2021

We are sad to announce that Erie People for Life is not having their annual pro-life breakfast this year due to COVID restrictions in Pennsylvania.



Ashtabula County Fair

Fair dates are August 10-15 (Tuesday through Sunday). We will once again have a booth in the Commercial Building. This year we will have the added benefit of holding a class the week before the fair begins. On Monday, August 2, at 6:00 pm, Kaitlyn Donihue from Justice For All (see 2nd article below) will lead a session for booth volunteers on how to speak to people about pro-life issues. What a blessing! Location is TBA.

Candlelight Vigil

The 15th Annual Candlelight Vigil will be held on Sunday, September 19, at Zaback-Willaims-Ducro Funeral Home at 500 West Prospect in Ashtabula. We will gather at 2:00 pm the day after *National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children*. We decided to move the winter event to the better weather in the fall. This year's speaker will be Pastor Craig Adams from Gateway Church. Afterward, everyone is invited to tour Mya Women's Center across the street (if you haven't seen it yet, here's your chance) & enjoy refreshments.



March for Life, Geneva, 2021

Although the national March for Life in DC was canceled, our area's pro-life marchers came out on a bitter but sunny winter day, Jan. 23rd for this year's 2nd annual March for Life in Geneva. It was again sponsored by the Geneva-Madison Knights of Columbus with the help of Assumption Church. Walkers and car riders left the church for downtown, stood with signs on Route 20, praying, singing and waving at passing cars, then returned to the church where short prayers and messages were offered and hot chocolate enjoyed.

Justice for All – A Must-Read!

Amanda was only 14 when she talked with a young woman named Laura about unintended pregnancy and abortion. Later, Laura discovered that she was pregnant. Because of her conversations with Amanda, Laura chose to keep her baby. Through the witness of Amanda and her family, Laura and her boyfriend later came to Christ. Justice For All equipped Amanda, and we would love to equip you as well.

Justice For All trainer, Kaitlin Donihue explains: JFA is a pro-life organization that works to equip pro-life people to talk about the issue of abortion in a way that is both loving and persuasive. Some of the men and women we have trained have had the opportunity to speak into the life of a friend who is pregnant and considering abortion. Others have been able to challenge the thinking of pro-choice people in their lives and help them rethink their position. If you or someone you know would benefit from this kind of training, please contact us. We would love to set up a training event at your church or youth group or Christian School or Bible study or even for a group of friends in your living room.

Please contact Kaitlyn Donihue at 517-435-8812 or kaitlyn.donihue@jfaweb.org with any questions or to schedule a training.



Kaitlyn Donihue of Justice for All

Crystal's Note – We are so blessed that Kaitlyn recently moved to our area. She travels all over the country to give her workshops, but she lives right here in Ashtabula County! Please check with the boards at your church to notify them of this wonderful opportunity.

Birthcare Seeking Board Members

Birthcare of Ashtabula has been helping young mothers since the early '70's. They once helped with unexpected pregnancies, and pregnancy testing, but to avoid duplication, they now refer mothers to Mya Women's Center. Birthcare provides support for young expectant mothers and mothers with infants. They provide formula, diapers, wipes, clothing (0 to 2T), car seats, strollers, and many other items. Some of these items, Birthcare itself purchases, but many are donated. They are currently located at G.O. Ministries in the old Thurgood Marshall School building on Station Avenue. Birthcare is looking for board members; they have volunteers, funds, and items for mothers but they need structural support through their board. The board meets every other month. They are needing more board members that are willing to be active. If you are interested, please call (440) 964-3260.

H.I.P. (Helping Independent Parents) works alongside Birthcare by providing food, pull-ups, and clothing for children in sizes 2T & up. HIP is part of G.O. Ministries and provides support for the whole family. If you know any family who is struggling, please put them in touch with G.O. Ministries at (440) 997-0040. Each August, G.O. Ministries provides back to school shoes & clothing and in the winter, boots and coats. If you've never been, please check them out.



Bringing America Back to Life, 2021

BABL, sponsored by Cleveland Right to Life is one of the largest pro-life conventions in Ohio and possibly the nation, was limited but not shut down by COVID this year. It was held on March 12 & 13 in Independence, OH. FFL members Phil and Cathie Schmidt were able to attend all day Saturday thanks to courtesy tickets supplied by Cleveland Right to Life (available to other FFL members too). They picked up materials to bring back and share, and Cathie submitted the BABL articles in this newsletter.



Phil & Cathie at BABL

BABL's sponsors are not confident that this annual meeting, bringing together pro-life people from around the country and world, and of various religious backgrounds, will be able to continue in the future being threatened by the present cultural atmosphere seeking to suppress the free expression of ideas. Several speakers sounded the alarm on the erosion of our freedoms including Jack Windsor, independent investigative reporter/Ohio Star, who says you have a message to share about a world that values life and the family's future, so stay engaged in pro-life issues, write, testify, be vocal... "the greatest risk is not to risk". Michael Voris, Church Militant founder speaking on "Christ and Communism" (Truth vs deception) says Christians are too comfortable; we must defend truth, fully...if we lose the battle (winning the war is God's work), we need to face it knowing we did everything possible to love Him fully. A black pastor, Carlton Smith in his talk "The BLM Diversion" revealed how three women who are advocates of homosexuality and transgenderism (and live the lifestyle) started Black Lives Matter. They have pushed their gender agenda in some schools with posters and coloring books, while hiding it by removing those materials from their BLM website. Pastor Smith, like the other speakers, encourages us to be active, put pressure on decision makers, stand strong putting on the full armor of God, resisting and overcoming. All is consistent with BABL's saying... "P.A.V.E.: Pray, Act, Vote, Educate". Mark your calendar for BABL next year (March 11&12, 2022). FFL always has a few extra tickets that we would be happy to share. It is an event you won't forget!

BABL Movie, Roe vs Wade

During the BABL convention, a full-length screening of the new movie "Roe vs Wade" was shown. Nick Loeb, lead actor and co-director, attended the convention to explain the making of this historically accurate film. It is a must-see to learn the truth. Roe vs Wade was passed by the Supreme Court (not the legislature), where two of the judges were pressured by family members who were working for Planned Parenthood. The movie also told how PP deceived the pregnant woman in the case (Roe) to achieve their goals, and did not get her the promised abortion (she eventually became pro-life). The abortion doctor, Dr. Bernard Nathanson, who performed an unimaginable, ungodly 70,000 abortions (including killing his own unborn daughter) was a lead character. See how, with God's grace, he became a Christian and went on to produce the starting video, "The Silent Scream." Executive producers are Dr. Alveda King and Troy Duhan.

BABL - Operation Warp Speed Vaccines

The following two BABL presenters' video talks about the Covid-19 vaccines were banned from being shown on YouTube where other BABL speakers' videos are shown. Sarah Quale, president of Personhood Alliance and Dr. Alan B. Moy, MD talked about the "Ethics and Scientific Facts of Operation Warp Speed Vaccines". Many people are unaware of some of the concerns and ethical issues surrounding the vaccines. Although the use of mRNA has been studied in the lab for many years, the unusual rushed development, testing and use of the Covid-19 mRNA vaccines have made populations around the world the ultimate test group for long term effects. The use of cell lines from aborted babies' bodies makes them an ethical problem for Christians who recognize abortion as the killing of innocent life. Planned Parenthood's selling of all kinds of human parts from aborted babies has been exposed. This is human trafficking and the dehumanization of mankind, who is made "in the image of God".

Whether the lines are used only in testing (Moderna or Pfizer's) or only in production, or both (J&J's), the vaccines can't be approved and sold without both steps, making all equally unethical. (Unethical cell lines are also used to make vaccines for some

other diseases, for some cosmetics, coffee creamers, soft drinks, etc. and is embedded in scientific and medical research.) Ironically, there are past and new alternative ethical cell lines available that would have made the vaccines more acceptable to many. Dr. Moy, CEO of Cellular Engineering Technologies spoke about CET's human stem cell NIH-supported research that has resulted in ethical pluripotent stem cells that don't have the cancer and virus problems of other cells. CET's new cell line will be released this year. He also mentioned some doctors have started using anti-viral medications early in infection and they have reduced hospitalizations and deaths (none in blue states). Listen to the banned video at
<https://rumble.com/vexhk1-scientific-and-ethical-shortcomings-of-operation-warp-speed-vaccines.html>

BABL Resources

Bringing America Back to Life is not only two days of excellent speakers, but almost 50 tables of exhibitors/vendors. Here's some examples of both you might find helpful:

Online Pro-life Curriculum: by Sarah Quale, president of Personhood Alliance, award-winning author of Educe*, (and a homeschool mom).

Conservative Youth Radio Show: The Charlie Kirk Show (founder & President, Turning Point USA), on the Salem Radio Network, live from 12-3 PM ET.

Racial Reconciliation: Carlton Smith, Cleveland area member of Reconciliation Eagles, a think tank committed to healing between blacks and whites, and on the national board of Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC).

Loss of a Baby/Heaven's Gain: offers dignified caskets and urns specially sized for miscarriage, or stillbirth and infant death. Also, grief support and guidance. www.heavensgain.org, 1(513)607-6083. 6962 Harrison Ave., Cincinnati OH 45247.

Truth Booth: beautiful 3D and 4D ultrasound images of a developing baby from 8 weeks onward. For church, school or special event. Program is free, delivery, set-up, return is provided. 216-661-6616, director@LifeWorksOhio.org.

End of Life Brochures: and other pro-life materials. www.LutheransforLife.org, 888.364.LIFE



Forty Days for Life, 2021

A new campaign came to life... 365 days of peaceful vigils in front of abortion businesses, prayer and fasting and community outreach coordinated by 40 Days for Life. Traditionally, there has been a spring and fall campaign in 1,000 cities in 63 countries. This Lenten season, 435 babies have been reported saved per their website as of this writing. Founded in Texas in 2007 by four individuals, not only babies have been saved, but also souls of adults. Amidst the sixth 40 Days for Life campaign in Bryan/College Station, Abby Johnson (Planned Parenthood's Director and employee of the year) changed her mind about abortion and turned to the 40DFL team for encouragement as she left her job. Less than a year later, 40DFL came to Sherman, TX, leading Ramona Trevino to leave her job managing a Planned Parenthood. These two are among the more than 200 abortion workers to experience conversion and leave their jobs through this movement. A year-round campaign will save even more babies as there is a reported 75% no-show rate at Planned Parenthood and other abortion facilities during the vigils.

The Human Life Protection Act

Our very own Sandra O'Brien (along with co-sponsor Kristina Roegner of Hudson) has introduced HB 123 which will set conditions for abortion to be illegal if certain decisions are made at the federal level. The Human Life Protection Act would halt all abortions in Ohio if Roe vs Wade was overturned. Under the legislation, any person who was found guilty of causing or inducing an abortion would be guilty of criminal abortion, a felony of the fourth degree. Immunity would be provided to the women on whom the illegal abortion was performed. Way to go, Sandy!

Fetal Remains Law

On April 6, 2021, Senate Bill 27 will take effect in Ohio. Governor Mike DeWine signed it into law on Dec. 30, 2020. Senator Larry Obhof was a Co-Sponsor. This law requires women who have surgical abortions to choose between cremating or burying fetal remains, sharpening the state's definition of "humane" disposal. Women also must meet with the physician conducting the surgery at least 24 hours before the procedure. She will be given reading materials and must sign a consent form before the surgery can take place.

Abortion providers who violate the new law would be subject to a first degree misdemeanor charge, which is punishable by not more than six months in jail, a \$1,000 fine or both. Jessica Hill of Ohio ACLU stated, "Forcing people to treat embryos as humans who have died is offensive and intrusive." Allie Frazier, communications director for the nonprofit Ohio Right to Life, called the law a no-brainer. "In Ohio, we bury our dead. We are not going to allow unborn children to be callously thrown in the trash and we believe this is a way to help uphold the dignity of not only the innocent human lives taken in an abortion, but also our own humanity," Frazier said. NBC News, Jan. 12, 2021

No Abortion Pill Via Telemedicine Law

Governor DeWine signed Senate Bill 260 on January 9, 2021, which bans the use of "telemed" (video conferencing, Skype, etc.) for the administration of the first dosage of the chemical abortion regimen. It requires a physician be physically present in the room with the woman for the first part of the procedure.

And Last but not Least

Many pro-life organizations are opposing current proposed Federal Government legislation (with misleading titles and endangering Constitutional freedoms):

HR 1 / S 1 – For the People Act of 2021

HR 5 – The Equality Act

HJ Res 17--Equal Rights Amendment
(ERA)

FFL joins our sister orgs. in opposing all of these!