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

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Right to Life Banquet Draws over 500 Brad Mattes Main Speaker

Mike and Jill Winger Family Honored as 2019 Adoptive Family

Pictured right is the Mike and Jill Winger family as they were being honored at the annual Right to Life banquet held on Thursday evening, October 17, at the Simon J. Graber Building.

Shown here in front is Mike Winger, his adopted son Elijah Lee, Jill Winger holding her adopted daughter Anna Louise and Louis Kavanaugh Jr., President of Daviess County Right to Life. The Winger family has adopted two children in the last several years. Speaking on behalf of the family Jill spoke of how she always wanted to adopt children after they had children of their own.

But that was not going to be possible so they began the process of preparing for adoption. Jill spoke of the excitement of receiving those calls telling them that their prayers had been answered as they were about to become parents. She said they were always pro-life but this has made them even more attentive to the fact that all young mothers should be encouraged to choose life over abortion and she praised the work of the Right to Life organization and the Pregnancy Care Center for their work in the trying to end abortion and for the care of mothers in unplanned pregnancies.

A special tribute in Memory of Marvin Arvin was given by President Louis Kavanaugh Jr. and his widow Virginia Arvin and his two Daughters were there and took part in the remembrance. Over 500 people attended the annual banquet in which Brad Mattes of Life Issues Institute was the main speaker for the evening. This event is held annually as a fundraiser for the Right to Life organizations of Daviess, Martin and Pike Counties and much of the proceeds



from the special event is given to the Washington Pregnancy Care Center and funding is also given to Daviess and Martin County RTL groups.

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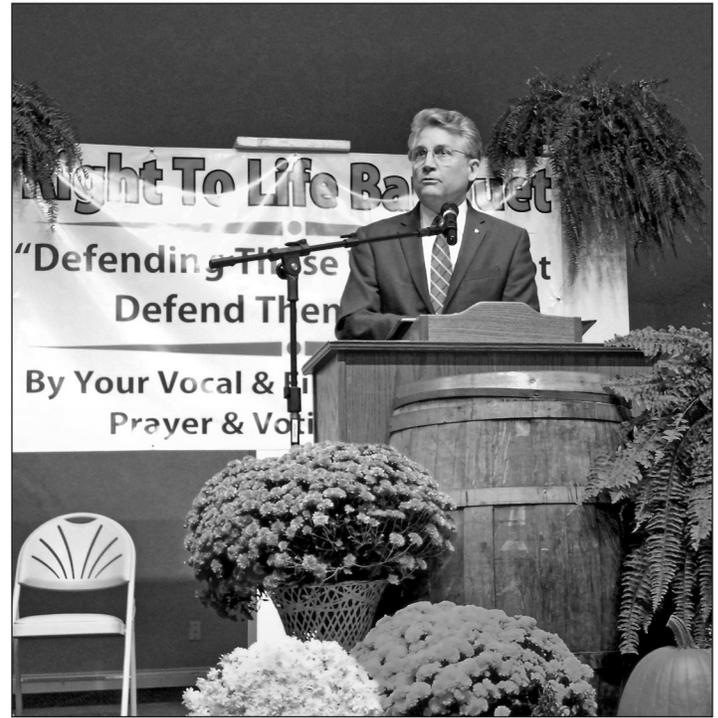
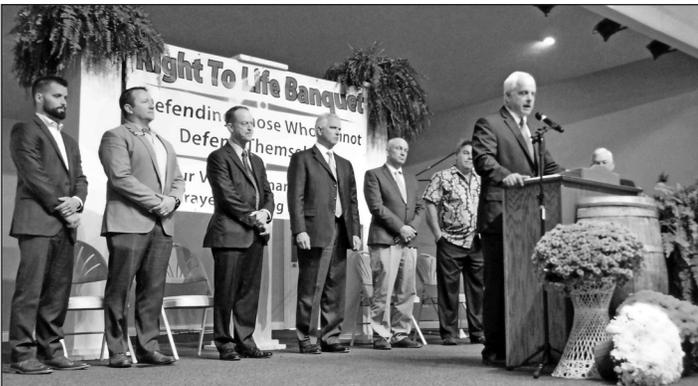
Matt and Danielle Hoffman Receive Humanitarian Award

Shown below are Matt and Danielle Hoffman as they receive the 2019 Humanitarian Award for Dannielle's volunteering at the Pregnancy Care Center and for their caring for children in the Foster Parent Program. Louis Kavanaugh Jr., who made the presentation, praised the two individuals for their service to the PCC and to the Foster Parent Program and encouraged others to be a part of this special program.



Local Right to Life Organization Honors Local Legislators

Shown below is Indiana Right to Life President Mike Fichter (at podium) and Daviess County Right to Life President Louis Kavanaugh Jr. (far right) as they honor all six local legislators for their 100% pro-life voting record. Shown here is (L-R) State Rep. Matt Hostettler, Dist. 64; State Rep. Shane Lindauer, Dist. 63; State Senator Mark Messmer, Dist. 48; State Senator Eric Bassler, Dist. 39; State Rep. Jeff Ellington, Dist. 62; and State Rep. Bruce Borders, Dist. 45. All of these legislators attend the Banquet from time to time but this is the first time that all six were there at the same time. The Pro-Life movement is appreciative for these men and their support of the unborn.



Brad Mattes, Main Speaker for Right to Life Banquet

Shown above is the Right to Life main speaker, Brad Mattes, from the Life Issues Institute, who have recently relocated their offices to Tampa, Florida. Mattes, who has been involved in the pro-life movement for over forty five years praised the turnout from the rural community as he said "this is where we get our life blood in the movement, not from New York or Virginia." Mattes, who at one time served on the National Right to Life board along with Louis Kavanaugh Jr., stated: "We are making some great strides in protecting the lives of the unborn in spite of what you read or hear in the major press."

He went on to say that laws are being passed in pro-life states that are making it very difficult for Planned Parenthood and other pro-abortion organizations, and that is why their friends in the press are raising such a storm and trying to discredit anyone who stands up for lives of the unborn. He also praised President Donald Trump for his appointments of federal judges and the appointment of people to key positions in the administration who are helping to dry up funds going to pro-abortion organizations who received these funds during the Obama years. He stated: "President Donald Trump is the most pro-life president we have ever had. I say that even though I was such a big fan of President Reagan. This president has done more to stifle the pro-abortion movement than any president; and the press hate him, and they are doing what they can to destroy him."

Mattes is president and CEO of Life Issues Institute and is also very involved in the International Right to Life Federation. Daviess and Martin County, along with their friends in Pike County, put on the banquet each year as a fundraiser, and this year was another banner year for the organizations.

Democrat Candidates Running for President in 2020 All Support Abortion up to the Time of Birth

by Louis Kavanaugh Jr.

If you are not following the 2020 Democratic presidential election then you may not know that all Democratic candidates for president support abortion up to and including the birth of the child. The Democrats are no longer trying to conceal their all-out support for the killing of the unborn and for “free stuff” for all. Well, as Brad Mattes explained it at the Right to Life banquet, you may not like everything the president says or does; but one thing is for sure: President Donald Trump has done more for the pro-life movement than any president in our lifetime. He went on to say that the president has appointed pro-life judges to the federal court system and two Supreme Court appointments and this is starting to reap benefits. The president has made key appointments to administration posts that have helped to dry up funds to pro-abortion organizations. He has been able to cut 60 million dollars from Planned Parenthood who is the leading abortion provider in the country. Brad Mattes outlined how the president has helped the pro-life agenda and has helped to block the abortion industry, but he has had to battle the liberal court system at every turn.

Now for those people who think they can't vote pro-life, Brad Mattes pointed out that if they don't vote for President Trump, or just don't vote at all, they are supporting the abortion agenda. **For people not voting or voting for Democrats for president, Mattes asked: “What kind of judges would a President Biden, or someone like him, appoint to key positions in his administration?”** Mattes said, “You'd better think about what you are doing, as you may be part of the problem of people voting pro-abortion!” When leaders of the pro-life movement tell you that how much President Trump has done for the pro-life cause and you go against that, what are you thinking? Who are you going to believe, the pro-life leaders or the Democrats or the liberal press? You'd better think about that!

Pray For Our President Trump

We are asking for everyone to consider praying each day for our president and his administration. The liberal media along with Democrats, the Hollywood crowd, and the anti-Christian people in America are working daily as a resistance mob to bring down this administration. They will stop at nothing to discredit the president in every way they can. We truly have a pro-life administration working for us and we need them to continue working to save the lives of the unborn. Let us continue with our prayers for President Trump. Please take time each day to lift up our president and all our elected officials in prayer. Even pray for those who are pro-abortion—let us pray for their conversion.

Have you attended a Right to Life Banquet?

If you have not attended a Right to Life banquet, you might consider doing so. If you are pro-life, show your support to the people who have worked so hard to keep the organization going. **If they give up the fight, who will keep it going?** If you are unable to work in the organization, then please encourage the leaders of the local organization who have given so much of their time and talent for the protection of the unborn by your attendance at this special event. You can encourage them by your presence at the annual banquet. It is one night a year when you can say “Thank you, keep it up!” They are all volunteers and they receive no pay for their hard work. **So please show your support, and we hope to see you next year.**

Special Thank You to All Who Help to Make the Banquet a Huge Success

By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.

On behalf of the Local Right to Life organizations we want to thank all those who helped to make the 2019 Right to Life banquet another big success. To those who helped sell ads in the banquet book, sold tickets, or helped to set up at the banquet hall or helped in any other way, we say “Thank you.” We also want to thank the many individuals who made financial contributions to our organizations. As it turned out, this was one of the most successful fund drives we have ever had out at the banquet. This will greatly benefit our local Right to Life groups and the Pregnancy Care Center. It will go a long way in the battle against abortion.

Indiana March For Life, Wednesday January 22, 2020, at Indianapolis

If you are interested in going to Indianapolis for the March for Life observance on Jan. 22, you can catch a bus in Washington, Indiana at one of the local churches and travel to Indianapolis and return later that afternoon after the March. If you are interested, call Daviess County Right to Life at 812-486-3658 for additional information. If you would rather attend a March for Life in your local state, call us today. The cost is very reasonable at \$25 for a round trip ticket. If you are interested, call for more information.

Media Desperation Fuels Attacks on President Trump, Longing for a New Democrat to Enter the Race

By Dave Andrusko, National Right to Life

First, it is impossible to exaggerate how sharp the media's knives have become. They are obsessed with defeating President Trump in 2020, and, preferably, somehow to drive him from office prior to November 3, 2020. **Nothing** is out of bounds.

Second, President Trump has amassed a formidable re-election machine, which is both bringing in extraordinary amounts of money for a second term campaign and identifying massive numbers of Americans who are favorably disposed to the president. *The New York Times* wrote about it this week and bemoaned how inadequate the Democrats' response has been.

Matthew Rosenberg and Kevin Roose write: **That campaigns are now being fought largely online is hardly a revelation, yet only one political party seems to have gotten the message. While the Trump campaign has put its digital operation firmly at the center of the president's re-election effort, Democrats are struggling to internalize the lessons of the 2016 race and adapt to a political landscape shaped by social media.**

Making a bad situation even worse, every time they assault Mr. Trump, he has turned the assault to his advantage. The Trump campaign is digitally so far in advance of any Democrat's, Laura Edelson, identified as a researcher at New York University who tracks political advertising on Facebook, quipped it's "like a supercar racing a little Volkswagen Bug."

Third, as we've talked about since almost the day after her electoral defeat in 2016, pro-abortion maximus Hillary Clinton continues to drop hints she's thinking about still another campaign. And whether it be Clinton, or someone else not in the

race, it illustrates a truth the Democrats and the major media keep trying to finesse: the current crop of Democrats running for president is desperately weak.

As the newspaper of record for Democrats and the abortion industry, the *New York Times* dutifully floated trial balloons galore this week under the headline, "Anxious Democratic Establishment Asks, 'Is There Anybody Else?'" Five paragraphs in, Jonathan Martin writes:

"With doubts rising about former Vice President Joseph R. Biden's ability to finance a multistate primary campaign, persistent questions about Senator Elizabeth Warren's viability in the general election, and skepticism that Mayor Pete Buttigieg, of South Bend, Ind., can broaden his appeal beyond white voters, Democratic leaders are engaging in a familiar rite: fretting about who is in the race and longing for a white knight to enter the contest at the last minute.

But the alternatives are, to be kind, less than powerhouses. Former Secretary of State Clinton? Former Secretary of State John F. Kerry? Former Attorney General Eric Holder? Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg? Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown? To even roll these names out makes it easy to understand why former First Lady Michelle Obama's name periodically bobs to the surface.

And the more obvious the weaknesses of the current crop of Democrat candidates becomes, the more we will read stories just like Martin's and the more vicious and unhinged the attacks on President Trump will become.

The following letter has been published several times before but I think it provides worthwhile food for thought!

I recently read this thought-provoking article that a dear friend gave to me and I would like your opinion.

Would you consider abortion in the four following situations?

1. There is a preacher and wife who are very poor. They already have 14 children and now she finds she is pregnant with the 15th child. They are living in extreme poverty. Considering their poverty and excessive world population, would you consider recommending an abortion for her?
2. The father is sick with the sniffles, the mother has TB. They have 4 children, one is blind, one has died, one is deaf, and one has TB. The Mother finds herself pregnant again. Given the extreme situation, would you recommend abortion?
3. A white man raped a 13-year-old black girl and she became pregnant. If you were her parents, would you recommend abortion?
4. A teenage girl is pregnant and she is not married. Her fiancé

is not the father of the baby and he is very upset. Would you recommend abortion?

If you recommended abortion in any of these cases, please consider this:

1. In the first case, you would have killed John Wesley, one of the great evangelists in the 18th century.
2. In the second case you would have killed Beethoven.
3. In the third case you would have killed Ethel Waters, the great gospel singer.
4. In the fourth case, you would have killed our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The main theme in these four cases is to stop and consider these situations before you decide to murder your own child or encourage someone else to do so. You may be destroying a truly great man or woman of the future. You just never know what benefit or destruction your actions may cause for future generations.

Virginia Couple Adopts After Viral Pro-Life Post Telling Expectant Mothers not to Get Abortion

A Virginia couple who went viral earlier this year with their pro-life plea to pregnant women has had their dreams answered. Blake and Sarah Thomas, of Radford, posted a photo on Facebook about nine months ago pleading with expectant mothers to not have an abortion.

“Please don’t abort. We will adopt your baby!” a sign in the photo said. They had posted the image in response to the passing of a New York bill on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade that legalizes abortion up to birth in many cases.

“We believe as Christians that we are called to love and care for orphans,” Sarah Thomas told Fox News recently.

Soon after the post went viral, the Thomas’ agreed to adopt a child, but that fell through. To their surprise and joy, the mother decided to keep and parent the baby.

However, their wishes of taking a child in were answered, and they told Fox News they are in the process of adopting an 11-year-old boy from Bulgaria.

“We recently felt God burdening our hearts for older orphans, specifically boys, who statistically are the least likely to be adopted,” Sarah Thomas said. “We’re so excited to meet him and we’re amazed by how God has already filled our hearts with love for this boy on the other side of the world that we’ve never met.”

This child won’t be the first entering their family through adoption. “God has given us a heart for the fatherless, and 3 years into our marriage we were convicted of our selfishness in waiting for children and obeyed God’s calling to become foster parents,” Sarah Thomas said.

The Thomas family – who have a 1-year-old biological son – have also adopted Kayden, 3, through the foster care. They described him as a “blessing and such a joy.”



The Thomas family: Blake, 31, Sarah, 30, Kayden, 3, and Elliott, 1. (Stephanie Parker Photography)

The Virginia couple said dozens of mothers reached out to them saying they decided to keep their babies after their post on Facebook was shared over 17,000 times.

“I’m Facebook friends with many of the mothers that contacted me back in January, and my Facebook is covered with baby pictures right now which makes me so happy!”

Sarah Thomas said she had one woman write to her: “I wish I had seen your post before I aborted. I would’ve given my daughter the life she deserved, away from her abusive father, instead of deciding her fate.”

Catholic Priest Denies Joe Biden Communion Because He’s Pro-Abortion

Micaiah Bilger Washington, DC

Joe Biden reportedly was denied communion Sunday at a Catholic church in South Carolina because of his support for the killing of unborn babies in abortions. Biden, who claims to be Catholic and is running for president, has adopted an increasingly radical stance on abortion and now supports forcing taxpayers to fund them.

Editor’s Note: Pro-life Catholics have said for a long time this should be done. If someone in your community was giving scandal for any reason, would not the local priest step in and say or do something? Same here, action is required by priests, bishops and cardinals. Some may not have the guts to do so, but it needs to be done. As Barney Fife would say, “Nip it in the bud!” It needs to be done. If clergy keep turning their head, what does that say about them? Stand up for the unborn!

900 Abortion Clinics Have Lost Taxpayer Funding Thanks to President Trump

By Stephen Ertelt

Think a president can’t make much of a difference when it comes to abortion? Think again.

A new report indicates President Donald Trump has been responsible for de-funding almost 900 facilities that either perform or promote killing babies in abortions.

Last May, the Trump administration published a new proposal for Title X that would prohibit Planned Parenthood and other abortion businesses from receiving any of those tax dollars unless they completely separate their abortion businesses from their taxpayer-funded services. Federal courts eventually let the defunding rules move forward and eventually Planned Parenthood and other abortion activists left the Title X program and gave up \$60 million of taxpayer dollars.

Democrats Pass Bill to Stop Abuse of Pets, But Block Bill to Stop Infanticide of Babies

By Steven Ertelt, Washington, DC

The House of Representatives today voted for the Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture Act, or PACT bill, which will now make acts against animals a felony. The legislation, sponsored by pro-abortion Florida congressmen Ted Deutch and Vern Buchanan, would make animal abuse a federal crime with serious penalties and sentence abusers to as much as seven years in prison.

Here's more: This includes the crushing, burning, drowning, suffocation, or other violence causing serious bodily injury to animals. The new law will also revise a previous law passed in 2010 that banned "crush videos," or videos showing animals being tortured to death by humans.

Right now, federal law only prohibits animal fighting and criminalizes abusers when they create and sell videos showing animal cruelty. If passed, the new law will allow authorities to arrest animal abusers since they will now have federal jurisdiction and not be bound by state laws. The PACT Act will permit authorities to go after those who abuse domestic pets. **But when it comes to abuse — and death — of babies who survive abortions, Democrats are silent.**

Nancy Pelosi and House Democrats continue to refuse a request to allow a vote on the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, legislation that would stop infanticide and provide medical care and treatment for babies who survive abortions.

House Democrats refused a vote on the bill 80 times — reading the same statement they have read the previous 79 occasions that claims there is no bipartisan agreement to bring the bill up for a vote. Despite the claim, Republican leaders have repeatedly asked Pelosi and top Democrats to reach an agreement for the bill to receive a vote.

Brittany Hughes of the Media Research Center pointed out the hypocrisy. "The House just unanimously passed a bill making it a federal crime to abuse an animal. And while that's all fine, well and good, this same House under Democratic leadership still refuses to take up a bill that would mandate medical care for human babies born alive following a botched abortion. Because apparently, kicking a dog is worthy of jail time, but leaving a living, breathing infant to die alone in a closet is no big deal," she said.

Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council agrees. "Maybe the DNC's strategists are out to lunch, or maybe the Left real-



ly is this shameless, but I can't wait to see some of these politicians standing on debate platforms next year telling the American people that when it comes to protecting living things: We chose cats over kids," he said. "I suppose we should also tell firefighters when they run into burning houses to look for the pets first? After all, on the Democrats' sliding scale of 'wantedness,' shouldn't we find out how loved

someone is before we decide if they're worth saving?"

Earlier this year, Democrats voted to fund infanticide. LHHS Ranking Member Tom Cole (R-OK) offered an amendment to withhold funds to any medical entity that does not ensure that any infant born alive following an abortion receives the same medical care as any other infant born at the same gestational age. Every Republican voted for the pro-life amendment to stop infanticide, while every Democrat on the committee, except Texas Democrat Henry Cuellar, voted for infanticide.

In April, Republican Whip Steve Scalise and Representative Ann Wagner moved forward with a discharge petition to force Speaker Pelosi to schedule a vote. That's a petition any member of Congress can sign to allow legislation to move out of committee and to the House floor when the party controlling Congress refuses to allow a vote on it.

So far, 201 members have signed on, including three Democrats — short of the majority necessary to get the bill to the floor for a vote. The blocking of a vote on a bill to stop infanticide comes even as national polling shows Americans — including people who are "pro-choice" on abortion — oppose abortion up to birth and infanticide. And doctors indicate abortions are never needed to protect a woman's health and women admit having abortions on healthy babies.

And a new poll finds a massive 17 percent shift in the pro-life direction after Democrats have pushed abortions up to birth and infanticide nationally. H.R. 962, the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, introduced by Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO), ensures that a baby born alive after a failed or attempted abortion receives the same medical care as any

other newborn. It would also penalize doctors who allow such infants to die or who intentionally kill a newborn following a failed abortion.

Every single Democrat in the Senate who is running for president voted against a bill that //continued on PAGE 7



Facebook and the Pro-Abortion NAACP Both Oppose Pro-Life Free Speech

By Ryan Bomberger, Washington, DC

The NAACP has forgotten its history. Apparently, free speech is no longer a civil right. Who knew? “I Have a Dream” would be erased from our collective memory. A former slave by the name of Frederick Douglass would be unknown. Our nation’s historical fight for human equality would’ve been impossible without the liberating power of the First Amendment.

Today, that very freedom is threatened as the Left censors and deplatforms ideological opponents, mainly Christians and conservatives. Big Tech engages in what I call Jim Crow 2.0—reshaping platforms to be more separated and unequal. And civil rights organizations, like the NAACP and NAACP Legal Defense Fund, are praising the censorship under the false pretenses of “hate speech.” Facebook has suppressed my speech repeatedly. I was also sued, ironically, by the pro-abortion NAACP for truthfully parodying their name in an article entitled, “The National Association for the Abortion of Colored People.” NAACP executives absurdly claimed they’ve never taken a position on abortion as their president at the time, Benjamin Jealous, was headlining a \$1000-a-ticket fundraiser for Planned Parenthood.

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would stop infanticide and provide medical care and treatment for babies who are born alive after botched abortions. That includes Bernie Sanders, Kamala Harris, Cory Booker, Elizabeth Warren, Kirsten Gillibrand, and Amy Klobuchar. While they all voted to support infanticide, President Trump spoke out against infanticide in two tweets saying that it’s nothing short of “executing” babies to let them die after failed abortions.

Has the Bible changed its view on abortion? I don’t think so!

If abortion was wrong before, it is still wrong today; and no slick-talking individuals can make abortion right!

It may be legal in the eyes of “some people,” but it is still morally wrong!

God’s Word remains the same!

We won this free speech case after a surreal two years in federal court.

But Americans are losing this sacred right one social media platform at a time. Facebook’s founder and CEO, Mark Zuckerberg, recently tried to cast his company as a defender of freedom of expression in a Georgetown University speech. Instead, he delivered contradictions, conflation and little credibility. He awkwardly tied his \$16.9 billion company to the rich self-sacrificial legacy of the civil rights movement, providing situations that actually belie his confused narrative.

Zuckerberg invoked Martin Luther King Jr’s *Letter from Birmingham Jail* to bolster his “dedication to free speech.” King was jailed because infamous segregationist Bull O’Connor got an unconstitutional injunction against all free speech protests in the city. King denounced local clergymen who considered him an outsider: “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” The real suppression going on is that of the truth. And the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is helping to lead the way.

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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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