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# Black Leaders Say if Black Lives Matter Then Black Unborn Babies Must Matter Too

By Fred Lucas

**A**frican American leaders are asking the Alabama Supreme Court to ensure equal protection under the law for black women and unborn black babies in the state targeted by the abortion industry.

In November 2018, Alabama voters backed a state constitutional amendment, called Amendment 930, that explicitly recognizes and protects the rights of unborn children in the state, granting them equal protection under the law.

The group of black leaders submitted the Equality Petition to the Alabama Supreme Court on Sept. 22, the 158th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation freeing slaves in Confederate states.

The petition filed in Montgomery, Alabama, specifically calls for the state's highest court to clarify for elected officials that the U.S. Constitution empowers them, and the state Constitution requires them, to prohibit discrimination against black women and unborn black children to ensure their equal protection.

"The impact could be far reaching for all preborn children, but [we're] specifically looking at the lives of preborn black children in Alabama," Amie Beth Shaver, a spokeswoman for the Equality Proclamation movement, said in a phone interview with The Daily Signal.

"As an adopted biracial child, that is a big deal to me," Shaver, who was crowned Miss Alabama 1994, said in a phone interview.

The group of black leaders promoting the Equality Proclamation say that census data shows that Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers intentionally target black women and children by setting up clinics in African American neighborhoods.

The result in Alabama, they say, is that black babies are four times more likely to be aborted than are white babies. Since the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling legalizing abortion across the nation, they say, 20 million black babies have been aborted.

Shaver, who ran unsuccessfully for a seat in the Alabama House in 2014, said:

It is a civil rights breakthrough that we are looking forward to. We signed a new emancipation proclamation, and we do look at this as a breakthrough for the lives of America's preborn children and the lives of preborn black children. We look forward to our court taking this case.

The petition cites both the 10th Amendment, which grants power to the states, and the 14th Amendment, which grants equal protection for all Americans.

Alveda King, a pro-life activist and a niece of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., said in an interview that the abortion industry traditionally has targeted the black population going back to its founding by Margaret Sanger in 1921.

"Planned Parenthood, even when it was the [American] Birth Control League, has always targeted the African American community," King told The Daily Signal. "We have been targeted in America since the days of slavery, through Jim Crow, through the civil rights movement of the '50s and '60s. We are still targeted today."

King noted the legacy of her slain uncle, which included fighting segregation in Alabama. Today, she said, the people of Alabama are "brave" to stand for life and equality in their laws.

"My prayers are totally with the people of Alabama," she said.

She quoted her uncle as saying: "The Negro cannot win if he is willing to sacrifice the future of his children for immediate personal comfort and safety."

She added that the revered civil rights activist also said: "When you value the human personality, you won't kill anybody."

Alveda King continued:

Based upon those words, I believe my uncle, were he here today, he would say there has to be a better way, a nonviolent way, that will protect women, families, babies in the womb, all the way to the tomb for every person. There has to be a better way than population control, which targets African Americans to reduce population.

It's difficult to predict how quickly the Alabama Supreme Court will make a decision, but it likely could seek a response from top state officials sometime in the next week, said Sam McLure, a lawyer for the Adoption Law Firm, which represents the group of black leaders.

The group's petition to the Alabama Supreme Court cites the *Roe v. Wade* ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court, specifically the portion that states: "We need not resolve



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**Special Thanks to all our co-sponsors and participants in the  
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## Unborn Black Babies

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the difficult question of when life begins. ... the judiciary, at this point in the development of man's knowledge, is not in a position to speculate as to the answer."

"We are answering a question that the court said they didn't know the answer to in 1973," Catherine Davis, president of the Atlanta-based Restoration Project, an African American policy group, told The Daily Signal. "The science is here today. To say anything other than 'The child in the womb is a person' is just not true. We know that the child in the womb is not a clump of cells."

Since the 1973 ruling is not clear on the science, that gives 10th Amendment standing to Alabama and other states, Davis said.

"Alabama has said that if a life in the womb is a person, and the Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* case said if the child in the womb is a person, that all of the arguments [that] are put forth would be moot because that child's rights would be entitled to due process under the 14th Amendment," she said.

Davis said she anticipates that the case could have national impact:

From a national perspective, if the Alabama Supreme Court says, 'Yes, the child in the womb is a person that is entitled to equal protection,' I think the abortion industry would then try to challenge the writ of mandamus, saying enforcement of [the] Alabama constitutional

amendment would be directly in conflict with the U.S. Constitution because they view abortion as a constitutionally protected right. So, the [U.S.] Supreme Court would then be asked to answer the question, 'Is the child in the womb then a person?' If that child is a person, then it is entitled to equal protection.

The Equality Proclamation's website explains why the group focuses on African Americans with regard to abortion.

"The petitioners seek to leave no minority or any other group of children out of the scope of this petition. Petitioners hold that Alabama's Constitution, homicide, wrongful death, and probate laws protect all children in Alabama from discrimination, and we seek to leave none of them out," it says, adding:

This petition specifically focuses upon and emphasizes its plea on behalf of black women and children in Alabama because the abortion industry's egregiously disproportionate and discriminatory practices toward black women and children are far more pronounced than in any other races. We believe that if America can open its eyes to this, the most egregious discrimination in our nation's history, that it will also open our eyes to discrimination against any child for any reason.

The group also states that *Roe v. Wade* precedent doesn't mean the U.S. Supreme Court will knock down a

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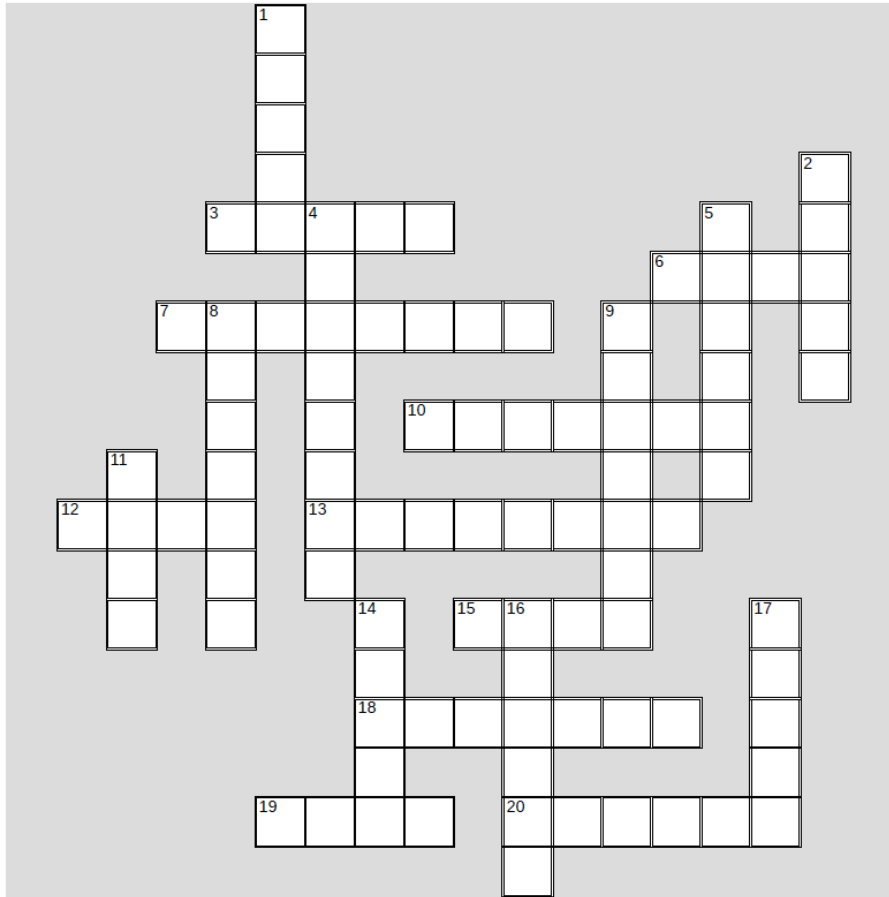
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# Puzzle the Pro-Lifer - November: National Adoption Month



## ACROSS

- 3** The basketball player nicknamed “\_\_\_” Johnson & his wife adopted their daughter as a baby.
- 6** Country singer & wife of Tim McGraw was adopted & stated that she has a great amount of respect for her birth mother for loving her enough to give her a better chance at life.
- 7** This actor, who portrayed Jesus in “The Passion of the Christ,” & his wife adopted 2 children with disabilities.
- 10** The director of the 1956 film, “The Ten Commandments” adopted 3 children with his wife.
- 12** This famous actor & comedian was often paired with Crosby in films, & he & his wife adopted 4 children together.
- 13** The actress of many British & American films, Emma \_\_\_\_, & her husband Greg Wise opened their hearts & home to a teenage refugee of the Rwandan genocide.
- 15** Forever known as Lieutenant Columbo, who effaced the TV screen from 1968-2003, this actor adopted two little girls with his first wife.
- 18** Beginning his singing career in the 80s, Lionel \_\_\_\_ & his wife adopted the daughter of family friends.
- 19** The female singer of “Soak Up the Sun”, Sheryl \_\_\_\_, has adopted 2 sons.
- 20** Adopted as a child himself, Dave \_\_\_\_ went on to found, not only Wendy’s fast-food chain, but also an adoption foundation.

## DOWN

- 1** The fashion designer, Oscar de la \_\_\_\_, adopted a son in 1984, a year after his wife had passed away.
- 2** Angelina \_\_\_\_ is best known for starring in modern kick-butt action films, but she is also known for having a large family with Brad Pitt, 3 of the 6 children being adopted.
- 4** He kept law and order in the little town of Mayberry & adopted a son in real life with his wife.
- 5** Known everywhere for his legacy of animated movies & the character Mickey Mouse, he & his wife also adopted a little girl.
- 8** This actress who portrayed the endearing Fraulein Maria in “The Sound of Music” adopted 2 Vietnam infants with her husband during the Vietnam War.
- 9** Best known for her roles in “The Blind Side” and “Miss Congeniality”, this woman adopted 2 children from New Orleans.
- 11** The genius founder of Apple was adopted from birth. He says, “My [adoptive] parents made me feel special.” “They were my parents: 1,000%.”
- 14** This seemingly-mute Marx brother was not just a comedian, but a devoted husband & a father of 4 adopted children.
- 16** The author of Little Women & many other classics adopted her young niece when her sister passed away.
- 17** Famous director of the Star Wars Trilogy & Indiana Jones franchise, this man adopted 3 children.

## WORD LIST

ALCOTT	HILL
ANDREWS	HOPE
BULLOCK	JOBS
CAVIEZEL	JOLIE
CROW	LUCAS
DEMILLE	MAGIC
DISNEY	RENTA
FALK	RITCHIE
GRIFFITH	THOMAS
HARPO	THOMPSON

# LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb Counties

## Be Calm & Carry On!

Borrowing a phrase from Winston Churchill, those of us in the pro-life movement will continue, as before, to promote respect, dignity and protection for all human life from conception until natural death. We have been doing this for more than 50 years and will continue to do so, regardless of who are national leaders are, how much or how little cooperation we receive from our churches, mainstream media, social media or even our friends and relatives. We all know that the right to life is fundamental – without it all other rights are meaningless. So, as ever, know that our cause is just and Be Calm & Carry On.

## Christmas Cards

Our cards are here. Being able to get a *LIFESPAN* Christmas card may be a little different this year. Many area churches are not allowing the cards to be offered in their vestibules or gathering spaces as before, due to COVID restrictions. Those representatives who want to offer the cards are getting very creative! Some are setting a date & telling folks that they will be in the church parking lot on a predetermined date, with their trunk lids open, & a supply of cards on hand. Others are posting their phone numbers & taking orders. Those who want cards can always call the office, 248-816-1546, & we can mail your order (to reimburse the postage, look on the outside of the

package), or you can come to the office & pick some up.

## Entertainment Books

We also have the Entertainment books again this year. The cost is \$30.00 and we have been told by the Entertainment folks that they are not being sold by big box stores (like Costco) this year. Call the office to order: 248-816-1546.

## Happy Thanksgiving

Everyone here in the Oakland/Macomb office wishes you a very Happy Thanksgiving and want you to know that each time we walk into our office, we give thanks for all of you who support our efforts. We want to offer a very special thank you to all who responded so generously to our fundraising appeal. All of your donations will allow us to continue to support moms and their babies, get our young people on those buses to Washington DC to march proudly as the Pro Life Generation and offer the programs and educational opportunities that will provide needed information so that everyone will Love Life!

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## Silence is Not an Option!

According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, 27,339 babies were aborted in Michigan in 2019. This is a 2.3% increase in abortions over 2018. Across the state in 2019, there was a rate of 14.5 abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44. Wayne County accounted for 10,120 abortions, 37% of all abortions in Michigan. In Detroit alone, 6,064 babies were murdered. The rate of abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44 in Wayne County increased from 28.9 in 2018 to 29.3 in 2019. The 2019 rate was an alarming 45.1 in Detroit. While there is great optimism for the growing presence of the pro-life movement in American society, it is sobering and tragic to digest these statistics. Regardless of the 2020 election results, an average of 28 mothers will go through an abortion each and every day in Wayne County! The challenge is for us to save as many lives as we possibly can. Do not wait, recommit and take action now through courageous public witness and loving educational outreach.

As proclaimed by the great British abolitionist William Wilberforce, "Let it not be said that I was silent when they needed me."

## New Face

Tim Pruse recently joined LIFESPAN as the new Director of the Wayne County Chapter. He has a professional background as a high school teacher and coach. Tim first became involved with the pro-life movement back in 2007 as part of Veritas, a pro-life young adult group, and as a participant in 40 Days for Life. Tim is, "Excited and humbled to join *LIFESPAN* and labor for the cause of life in our community."

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Wayne County



## Wee Care

Dear Friends,

What am I thankful for this Thanksgiving at Wee Care?

What a year this has been - deemed "non-essential," our doors were closed abruptly in mid-March - no baby showers, no donations and worst of all - not being able to provide for our precious babies!

But, back to what I am thankful for!

I am thankful that we chose to reopen in late June - albeit a different procedure - assembling packages and lining them up outside our building - no social contact and unfortunately no hugs either - but we were helping our moms!

I am thankful for the wonderful, caring friends who crocheted afghans & made blankets, sent monetary donations or very cautiously, shopped for baby supplies.

I am thankful for some very special churches (St. Kenneth's, St. Genevieve-St. Maurice, Living Word and Downriver New Cove-

nant to name a few) who sent desperately needed donations when their own churches were struggling.

I am thankful for the Foresters Co. who donated \$250 to buy baby sleepers.

I am thankful for St. Aidan's, St. Vincent Ferrer's and Divine Child parishes who made a plan and safely collected baby items and gift cards.

I am thankful we were able to help our moms (one with triplets!) and especially thankful that we played a part in a mom changing her decision about having an abortion and choosing life for her daughter.

The list is endless, but, most important, dear friends, I am thankful for YOU! For your donations, for your prayers and for your friendship! May God bless you all and may your Thanksgiving Day be filled with loved ones and laughter and overflow with things to be grateful for!

Love, Karen



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## 2020 Blind Auction

Friday, November 13 - Saturday, November 14, 2020



### **What about the 2020 Silent Auction?**

Due to COVID, we were not able to have our Annual Dinner this year, and in place of our Annual Silent Auction, we are holding a Blind Auction.

### **What is a Blind Auction?**

Participants submit their best offer for any item(s) of their choice. The highest offer for each item will be the winner. In the event of a tie, the offer submitted with the earliest date will be the winner.

### **How do I submit my offers?**

Email the following information to [mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org): Item #, Amount of Offer, Name & Phone Number.

Email is the only option for submitting offers and must be received by our Main Office from

**Friday, November 13th through 11:59 pm on Saturday, November 14th.**

### **When will I know if I won?**

Winners will be notified on Monday, November 16th. Once payment is secured, a date and time will be scheduled for pick-up at the closest Chapter office (Troy or Livonia). Any gift cards or certificates will be mailed.

### **Where can I find the list of items?**

The Chapters will email the list the week of November 9th to those people who have email addresses on file. You can also find the list on our website starting on Monday, November 9th: [www.miLIFESPAN.org/Events/2020-Blind-](http://www.miLIFESPAN.org/Events/2020-Blind-Auction)

**Auction**. Remember: All email offers must be received from **Friday, November 13th through**

**11:59 pm on November 14th** to be included in our auction.



## LIFESPAN Youth Attend the Life Advocate Intensive

**W**hat is the Life Advocate Intensive? It's a three day experience run by Protect Life Michigan in which participants "learn how to respond to pro-choice arguments and apply that training on the streets of Grand Rapids. Nervous about outreach? You're not alone. That's why we're giving you this opportunity to shadow and learn from the pros."

"You will leave this program equipped to share your pro-life beliefs, confident in your ability to dialogue with others, and encouraged after standing on the front lines next to pro-lifers across the state!" ([protectlifemi.org](https://protectlifemi.org))

LIFESPAN was fortunate to be able to send four youth: Jacob Heinz, Roza Deda, Luisa Steryci & David Eusebio to this intensive. Let's hear how they liked it!



**Jacob Heinz:** "To sum up the Life Advocate Intensive, it was honestly one of the best parts of my summer. The time spent during the talks and the training could very well have felt like a lifetime, but both the volunteers who were helping make it all happen, and the students alike made it all the

more enjoyable. Being privileged enough to hear from all of the speakers was amazing. For awhile now I've wanted to educate myself as to why abortion was wrong, and to have facts that didn't rely on my religious beliefs. It's difficult to debate someone over that because not everyone shares the same beliefs. I can definitely say that this experience gave me far greater reasoning than I ever thought it would. Being able to be a part of Outreach was awesome, and really helped solidify what I'd learned. Without it, I don't think I'd have remembered half of what we talked about. It was an amazing time, and I hope to do it again next year and for years to come."

**Roza Deda:** "Attending the PLM training was a life-changing experience. I thought that I already knew so much about defending the unborn. I realized I actually knew nothing and my defenses were merely from an

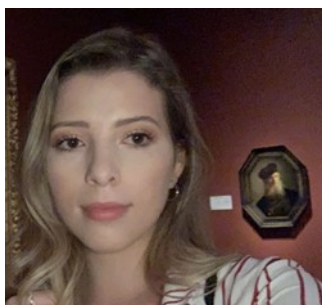


emotional stance. This training offered so much hard truth and beauty. I couldn't imagine doing anything else that weekend. I definitely did not expect to speak to others about abortion and was thrown into it. However, I got a lot of good insight and I really saw the other side.

I saw the brokenness of the situations and backgrounds

people have come from as their justification for abortion. They didn't really think intentionally killing a baby was what was happening, nor that it was right. They simply just wished better for their friend, wife, mother, or loved one. I watched as people defended their case for acceptable abortions in case of rape or circumstance. I never asked for a defense of those cases, I wanted to know if it was okay to intentionally kill an unborn baby. No one could tell me yes. Instead I saw the distractions that were presented that pro-lifers must first go solve all the problems of the world.

Life is hard. I thought I had it tough but so many people know so many others who have gone through these serious, life changing experiences which shape their views on abortions. Going forward, I want to always comfort people who have experienced troubles or know others who have, that they are not alone. I want to comfort them and tell them that it is okay and though their situation might seem impossible, there is always hope. My prayer is that all people will have the courage to choose life."

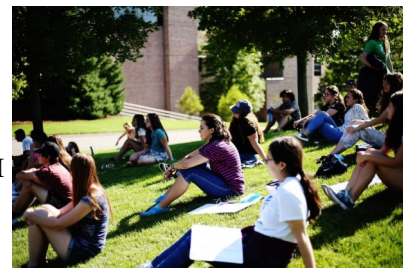


**Luisa Steryci:** "The training was great! It really helped that we did outreach both days instead of one because it's easier to talk to strangers when you get out of your comfort zone the first day especially when you you've never done outreach. It was hard to endure

the names and anger from them but the glory of defending the unborn simply outweighs any level of discomfort.

I struggled stopping people especially when they were busy and running but I learned that's when you need to as well. There was this one guy who had his headphones on and was minding his own business. I was under the impression he was pretending he didn't see us but we stopped him and ended up having a fruitful conversation. Long story short, it's safe to say he was convinced. Praise God!

I also learned to be very compassionate to others, especially those who seek to bring me down, but to live God's





way is to love and that's what was done.

The love, support, and knowledge from the team was awesome. I definitely will take what I learned to continue to defend the unborn.



**David Eusebio:** "The pro-life advocate intensive was very different from what I thought it would be. Now, as for what I was expecting, I'm not completely sure. I guess something more like a conference than anything else. But what I found there was much more in-depth and unique.

The first day was a lot of sitting in classrooms listening to speakers and doing ice breakers. Just going over basics of the pro-life argument. It wasn't all that special for me and I kind of found it boring because of how long we were sitting. The free time in the evening, however, did make things much more fun.

The next day started off quickly with our first round of pro-life outreach. We set up with abortion victim photography at all four corners of a city intersection and tried to stop people as they walked by to engage in a conversation about what abortion really is. Personally, this was way outside my comfort zone, but I knew it would be good for me, so I was half looking forward to it.

The entire 3 hours we were out there I only got two people to stop and talk, and neither of them changed their mind at least right then and there. But I gained extremely valuable experience and started to become much more comfortable with the idea of stopping random people to talk about such a controversial topic.

The rest of the day after outreach was spent listening to speakers who really dove into the ins and outs of the pro-life stance, and how to respond to and disprove many different objections. I enjoyed this much more than the first day, partly because a sense of community had been established within the small class we were in, and partly because I knew I would be using the stuff I learned today on the streets tomorrow.

One segment I found particularly helpful was when one of the speakers flipped sides and started arguing from the pro-choice perspective. He brought up some seemingly good pro-choice arguments, and we, as a group of 50, were challenged with refuting them. It proved much hard-

er than I thought. It made me realize the importance of bringing every argument back to the two main premises of the pro-life argument: 1) it is wrong to intentionally kill an innocent human being, and, 2) abortion intentionally kills an innocent human being. It makes the argument very simple and hard for the other person to talk out of.

The final day, we went out to the street corners again, and this time I was more willing to try to engage people to stop and talk. But pretty soon after we started, counter-protesters showed up. Most of them chose the street corner I was on to congregate, which caused everyone to avoid us and made my part of outreach quite uneventful. Overall though, I got so much more out of this event than I thought I could have. I feel much more confident in my knowledge about the pro-life stance because of the exhaustive talks on the issue, and got to put some of it to use and actually make a difference during outreach. Also, all the people there were great human beings.



## 2020-2021 Events

### 2020 Christmas Cards

Now Available - Call your local chapter

### 2020 Blind Auction

Fri., November 13, 2020 to Sat. November 14, 2020

### 2020 Lights for Life Campaign

November - December 2020

### 2nd Annual Wayne County Dinner-Dance

Saturday, January 23, 2021

### Movement in Motion Bus Trip

Leave: Jan. 28, 2021 • Return: Jan. 31, 2021

### LIFESPAN Baby Showers

Sunday, March 14, 2021

### Annual Dinner & Auction

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

### Mother's Day Fundraiser

Sunday, May 9, 2021

### Father's Day Fundraiser

Sunday, June 20, 2021

### National Day of Remembrance

Saturday, September 11, 2021

### Life Chain

Sunday, October 3, 2021

## From the President's Desk

I know many of you are wondering about our Dinner. I would like to give you an update. As you know due to COVID-19 we had to cancel our *LIFESPAN* 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Dinner 2020. The *LIFESPAN* Board voted to move it to October of this year. As it came close, the 10-person rule for Banquet Halls was still in effect. We conferred with our speakers "Diamond and Silk" and they agreed that we would move it a second time to May 4, 2021. We are hoping that at that time, the Banquet Hall will be able to accommodate the 800 people who have already registered. I pray that the COVID-19 restrictions are over by May. Hopefully, all of you who want a ticket have already registered.

I would also like to thank you for the generous response to our financial appeal. Due to this horrible virus the *LIFESPAN* activities came to a screeching halt causing a budget deficit. Your support has allowed us to continue our work, especially our Wee Care program. Babies are still being born to mothers in need. Thanks to you, Wee Care keeps making beautiful layettes to help moms and babies - loving them both even in hard times. Our Youth Outreach is working to organize the Annual Bus Trip to Washington DC in January 2021. *LIFESPAN* has continued to keep the doors open even though we shortened our schedule. Our Newsletters, the Candidate Survey, Raffle, Dinner, March for Life, and Lights for Life, have continued to be a focus of our work – working through COVID and hoping for the best.

At the publication of this newsletter, we approach the elections. Pro-lifers are praying for pro-life candidates to be elected. None of us know what will happen but one thing I do know, this past administration has put more judges, who are constitutionalists, in office than the past 3 administrations. This means **LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS** will mean something again. That means that maybe one day a court will take up the rights of the pre-born child. The Supreme Court of 1973 **never** heard arguments for the **rights** of the **child**-- only the right of the **mother to privacy**. I have hope that we will one day be able to give the child in the womb the same rights the rest of us have under the Constitution. It is in God's Hands!

May God give us all the courage and strength to continue to fight for **LIFE**, no matter who is in Office.

– Diane Fagelman,  
President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN

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**Timothy Champagne**

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Donations may be made in memory of loved ones who have died; a memorial card will be sent by *LIFESPAN* in your name to the family of the deceased. Donations may also be made to honor someone special, and near and dear to you, for a particular occasion, or just because... Send donations to your local *LIFESPAN* office.

## Attention all Strong Men!

Need additional men to help the present crew put up our **Lights for Life** tree at Weingartz on Grand River in Farmington Hills. **Hoping to train new volunteers for the future.**

Give of your time one Saturday in late November (2-3 hours depending on size of crew) to put up the tree and one Saturday morning in January to take it down.

Please call or email the Main Office at **734-524-0162** or **mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org**.

## Unborn Black Babies

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ruling from Alabama's highest court that unborn children have rights:

It would be morally unconscionable, constitutionally indefensible, and without judicial or legal precedent for the U.S. Supreme Court to rule that the United States Constitution prohibits Alabama from legally preventing discrimination against black babies in Alabama. No U.S. Supreme Court decision since *Dred Scott* (including *Roe* and *Casey*) would prohibit states from legally preventing discrimination against these babies.

- LifeNews.com, October 6, 2020



**Children  
In-utero  
Deserve  
Equal**

## ***CIDER Walk for Life***

**A Great Success!!**

Thank you for those who braved the weather -  
the rain held off during our walk!



A Big Thank-you to Yates Cider Mill, who provided our tasty Cider & Donuts!

You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide. A bequest in your will to *Right to Life - LIFESPAN* will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts.

Have questions? Please contact Charles Kleinbrook at 248-352-9569 or MrChip1234@aol.com

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### ***Right to Life - LIFESPAN Membership Form***

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*Right to Life - LIFESPAN* believes that human life has value in all stages of development from conception until natural death, and is committed to speaking on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves - the preborn, the aged, the incapacitated. Won't you please help in our struggle to preserve respect for human life? A contribution brings you the *LIFESPAN News* as well as educational materials and special mailings.

_____ Annual Membership	\$30.00	_____ Platinum	\$500.00 or more
_____ Student/Senior Member	\$20.00	_____ Gold	\$250.00
_____ Monthly Pledge	\$ _____	_____ Silver	\$100.00
_____ Other	\$ _____	_____ Bronze	\$50.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and return with your donation to: ***Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 100, Livonia, MI 48150-4305.*** For more information, call **734-524-0162.**



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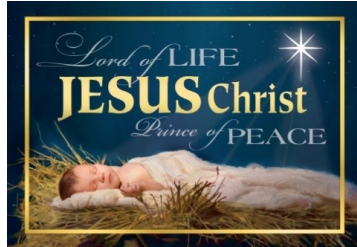
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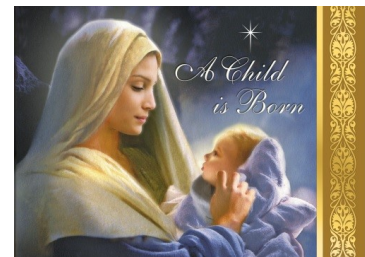
Your purchase of LIFESPAN Christmas Cards represents support for the pro-life activities, education and materials offered during the coming year.

To place an order, arrange for pickup at a location near you and/or for more information, call one of our chapter locations:

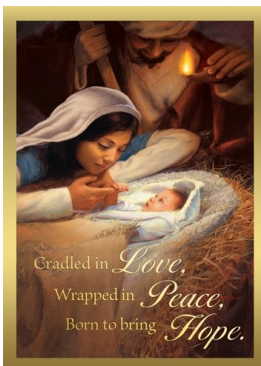
### ***Previous Years Favorites!***



**\$7 per pkg. of 10**



### ***New for 2020!***



Inside Verse:

*May the Infant newly born  
fill your hearts with the comfort of hope,  
the warmth of peace, and the joy of life.*

*Merry Christmas!*

Actual size: 4.84" x 6.75"

**\$7 per pkg. of 10**

*Looking for some Larger  
Cards? Both Chapters  
have some available  
from past years.  
Call 248-816-1546 for  
Oakland/Macomb County  
or 734-422-6230 for  
Wayne County for  
more info.  
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***All cards are made in the U.S.A.***