

Victorious Life Church of God,
St Thomas the Apostle, St Andrews,
Christ the King, St John the Baptist,
Veritas Detroit, and the Pro-Life Action Network welcome you to...

The annual LifeBoat Pro-Life Youth Rally!

~~Practical Resources to Know~~

- The Pregnancy Counseling Center in Ann Arbor (734) 434-3088: free pregnancy testing, free counseling, and long-term one-on one support. Online at <http://www.women-helping-women.net/>
- Arbor Vitae Ann Arbor (734) 994-8863: free pregnancy testing, free ultra-sounds and counseling. Online at <http://www.arborwoman.com/>
- The Pregnancy Help Center in Ann Arbor (734) 975-4357: free baby equipment, free formula, free diapers, and free clothing. Online at <http://www.arborwoman.com/>

~~More Information Available At~~

- Abortion Facts: resources to help you choose to be Pro-Life or Pro-Choice. Online at <http://www.abortionfacts.com/>
- Teens for Life: awesome group run by teens with branches across the States. Information on reality of abortion, emergency contraception, fetal development, peer pressure, post-abortion syndrome, relationship advice, embryonic stem-cell research, and info on sexuality and pregnancy. Start a branch at your school! Online at <http://www.teensforlife.com/>
- Rock for Life: rock band dedicated to furthering awareness of the evils of abortion. Great Q&A section and Pro-Life Handbook under the “Know” link. Online at <http://www.rockforlife.org/>
- National Right to Life: group of advocates for an end to abortion. Get the latest information on legislation related to abortion. Online at <http://nrlc.org/>
- After Abortion: the web's most complete source of information on the aftereffects of abortion and post-abortion healing. Online at <http://www.afterabortion.org/>
- Veritas Detroit: tonight’s presenters- young adults committed to the protection of the unborn! Online at <http://veritasdetroit.com/>

LifeBoat Pro-Life Youth Rally Handout

A human being begins at the beginning: fertilization. There is no greater pivotal moment in an individual's growth and development than when 23 chromosomes from the father join with 23 chromosomes from the mother to form a unique, new biologic entity- a human being who never existed prior to that moment.

Freedom and the Right to Choice

- Mother Teresa once said of abortion, 'It is a poverty that a child must die so that you may live as you wish.'
- Many suggest that the woman should be entitled to choose whether or not she wishes to keep her baby. Every woman should have the right to choose to keep her child or offer it for adoption- no human being should have the right to choose to kill an innocent human being.

Partial Birth Abortion

- Partial Birth Abortion is the process by which a baby is killed as it is being born. The baby is fully delivered except for the head, and then killed. This procedure is performed well into the 3rd Trimester. Unfortunately, this is currently legal in MI.

Abortion in Cases of Rape, Incest

- A woman who becomes pregnant due to an act of rape or incest is the victim of a horribly violent and morally reprehensible crime. Although pregnancy as a result of rape or incest is extremely rare, it does occur.
- Rape is *never* okay. All the same, the innocent child should not be killed to make up for the sins of the father. Rape does not make murder okay.
- Women in such situations are encouraged to consider the alternatives to Abortion.

Alternatives to Abortion

- *Counseling*: Most important of all, a woman is *never* alone in this! Talking through the issues and evaluating resources can be a huge support to women. There are numerous pro-life hotlines for women to explore their options and get practical help. In our area, the Pregnancy Counseling Center is a great resource- their hotline is (734) 434-3088.
- *Adoption*: One option is to let the baby be adopted into another loving home. Today, the birth-mother can even play a role in determining who her child's parents will be.
- *Parenting*: If a woman decides to keep her baby, there are numerous resources to help her. Arbor Vitae (994-8863) offers pregnancy testing, free ultra sounds and counseling. The Pregnancy Help Center (975-4357) offers clothing, food, and diapers free of charge.

Embryonic Stem Cell Research

- Adult stem cells offer an endless supply from tissues in the heart, liver, skin, and even fat. Harvesting adult stem cells does not require the killing of a person. Already, adult stem cell research has produced dramatic results in treating over 70 diseases and disorders.
- Alternatively, embryonic stem cell research uses stem cells from human embryos that are purposefully destroyed. Because this research involves the killing of a human life to harvest the cells, embryonic stem cell research is wrong! Further, this research has not produced *any* results
- Christian philosophers have long held that it is not morally acceptable to do evil that good may come of it. In this case it is not acceptable to kill an innocent child in the hope that their body may be used for scientific research.

Scripture Says What?

- Psalm 139: 13-16 *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place..."*
- Isaiah 44:2 *"This is what the Lord says- he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you..."*
- Jeremiah 1:5 *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart."*
- Proverbs 24:11-12 *"Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?"*

Be an Advocate for Life:

- Inform yourself- know your local resources, and research the reasons some choose abortion.
- Tell your friends why you're pro-life!
- Give your time- help existing pro-life groups, or consider starting a Teens for Life branch at your school!
- Vote for pro-life candidates- Your vote could help end partial-birth abortion in Michigan, or enable the Supreme Court Justices to finally overturn Roe v. Wade. Babies lives depend on your vote!