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## THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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*"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior."*  
-I Timothy 2:1-3

The National Day of Prayer events are held annually on the first Thursday of May. As I was preparing a devotional for a prayer group, I began to reflect and read through several different pamphlets and brochures that I have on praying for those in authority. As often as I receive emails and other communiqués regarding the direction our nation's leadership is taking this country, I believe that the most active means of making a difference in our nation and in the world is through prayer. J. Sildow Baxter said, *"Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons, but they are helpless against our prayers."* (Source: National Day of Prayer Bookmark).

The Bible instructs us to offer prayers for those who are in authority so that we may live peaceful and quiet lives (I Timothy 2:2). In Romans 13:1, Paul writes to the Roman church that *"there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."* God allows both good men as well as evil men to move into leadership. It is our responsibility to pray for those who govern over us. God alone is able to turn leaders toward righteousness and wisdom. Proverbs 21:1 states, *"The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord; He directs it like a watercourse wherever He pleases."*

How might we pray for elected officials who serve at various levels of government? I have a bookmark from Pray! Magazine (Issue #13) which lists 30 ways based on Scripture that we can pray for people in authority. The following is an excerpt from that list:

- That they be granted wisdom, knowledge, and understanding (James 1:5).
- That they value and regard the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Christ (Psalm 19:7-11; John 8:31-32).

- That they respect authority and practice accountability (Romans 13:1-7).
- That they be given godly counsel and God-fearing advisors (Proverbs 24:6).
- That they be honest and faithful to spouses and children (Malachi 2:15-16).
- That they be honest in financial, tax, and ethical matters (I Corinthians 6:10; I Timothy 6:6-10).
- That they have thankful and teachable spirits (Romans 1:21).
- That they desire honesty, integrity, and loyalty (Psalm 26; Proverbs 11:3).
- That they have courage to resist manipulation, pressure, and the fear of man (Proverbs 29:25; II Timothy 1:7).
- That they would work to reverse the trends of humanism in our nation (I Chronicles 12:32; Isaiah 59:19).
- That they desire humility and meekness and be willing to serve and cooperate (John 13:14; Titus 3:1-2).
- That they endeavor to restore the sanctity of life, families, divine order, and morality in our nation (Ephesians 5:22-6:4).
- That they be God fearing and recognize that they are accountable to Him for each decision and act (Proverbs 9:10).
- That they be prepared to give account to Almighty God (Hebrews 9:27).

We must remember that our true Kingdom is not of this world, but rather God has empowered His people to share the Gospel to America and a spiritually dying world until *"the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever."* (Revelation 11:15)

God will use us to do mighty things for Him amid the challenges that we face as individuals and as Teachers Saving Children®. We must stay humble before God and remain true to His calling in our lives. Beginning with each of us, let's all take time in the days and weeks ahead to remember and act on this verse: *"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* (II Chronicles 7:14)

**Sources:** "30 Ways to Pray for People in Authority" Bookmark, excerpted from Pray! Magazine, issue #13 [adapted from "Intercessors for America" newsletter, Volume 22, Number 3]; "National Day of Prayer" Bookmark, National Day of Prayer Task Force; "Pray for Those in Authority, Pray for the Heart of America, Seek First the Kingdom of God" Pamphlet, by The Christian Broadcasting Network, Inc. (CBN).

## EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH “THE WONDER OF LIFE”

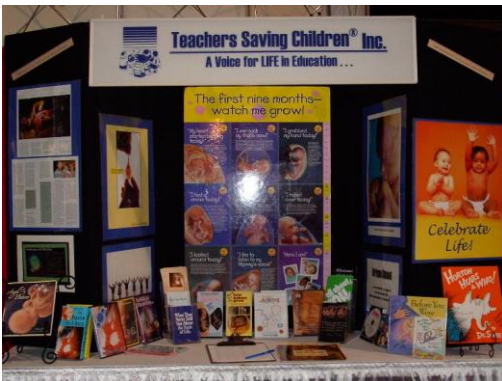
Last Fall, the Teachers Saving Children® Board of Trustees approved expanding our outreach beyond the NEA Expo. With the recent change in broadening our focus to using “The Wonder of Life” exhibit through “Educational Outreach”, Teachers Saving Children® has been and will be enabled to reach more people with the message of LIFE. Though more opportunities may arise in the months and years ahead, currently Teachers Saving Children® has two educational outreach opportunities planned. All monies for these ministry opportunities will be through donations received and specified for Educational Outreach.

The ***first opportunity*** will be the National Education Association Expo, which will be held June 30 – July 2 in Washington DC. The Lord has once again graciously provided, through you our readers and others, the funds needed for the exhibit space rental fee and the miscellaneous fees.

Due to the high volume of individuals visiting our booth, a lot of materials are needed for distribution. We have found over the past several years a high interest, especially among science and health teachers, in the materials we have purchased for our exhibit. These materials include approved brochures which are age-appropriate, positive, colorful, and scientifically accurate. We also include DVDs and books that encourage a respect for human life. We have received about \$400 - \$500 towards the materials to be purchased for distribution. We could use approximately **\$1500** more to purchase the remaining materials needed to reach educators across a wide spectrum of teaching responsibilities.



In addition, we will also need monies for getting our display materials to Washington DC and other Board approved volunteer expenses. We always research for the least expensive means of transportation and other needed provisions. The estimated amount needed for these expenses is **\$400**.

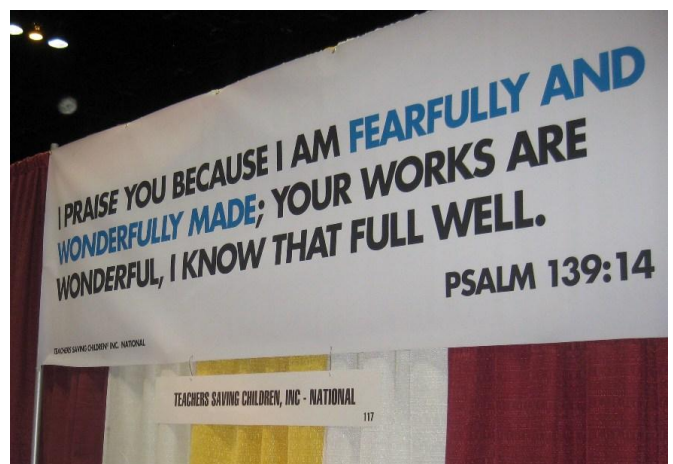


The ***second opportunity*** will be the Students for Life of America Conference to be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013, in Bethesda, Maryland. Though this conference is still 9 months away, there will be upfront expenses when Teachers Saving Children® makes application for exhibit space in the vendor area. The estimated cost for this application is \$700. There will also be expenses to send at least 2 volunteer representatives to the conference. In addition to the exhibit, Teachers Saving Children® plans to request the opportunity to do a workshop/seminar presentation. As soon as the NEA Expo is finished, more detailed plans for Teachers Saving Children® being represented at the Students for Life of America Conference will unfold.

With new outreach opportunities before us, we also need your assistance in locating individuals and corporations who would be willing to give a larger gift specifically designated to this Educational Outreach line item. If you know individuals who have the gift of giving or corporations who generously give to pro-life organizations, please share this information with them and have them contact us at [tsc-life@juno.com](mailto:tsc-life@juno.com) or 330-821-2747 for questions or additional information.

Through you, the Lord has each year miraculously provided the finances for the effective pro-life education ministry opportunity we have had at the NEA Expo, and for that provision we are grateful. Thank you for prayerfully considering being a part of these special endeavors in 2012-2013 by sending in your contribution today.

**Note:** Please make checks payable to “TSC Inc. – National”. Carefully note how the amount given is to be designated (Educational Outreach) so that the contribution will be appropriately allocated. As a tax-exempt organization approved under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, contributions received are **NOT** tax deductible.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**April 28, 2012** The Teachers Saving Children® National Board of Trustees met in Columbus, Ohio, for their regularly scheduled Spring meeting. The following are highlights of some of the items that were discussed:

1. Election of Officers for the 2012-2013 fiscal year was held. Connie Bancroft will serve as the Executive Director; Gary Winney will serve as the Assistant Executive Director; John Gordon will serve as Secretary; David Kaiser will serve as Treasurer.
2. The Board of Trustees approved a recommendation to make application for an exhibit at the Students for Life of America Conference to be held January 26, 2013.
3. The Board of Trustees accepted the reports of the State Affiliate Chapters.
4. The Board of Trustees approved providing for the 2012-2013 membership year a \$15 coupon for any first-time, new member. The coupon will be available beginning June 1, 2012.
5. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be Saturday, September 29, 2012, in Alliance, Ohio. Any member interested in attending this meeting should contact the National Office for meeting details.

## PA STATE AFFILIATE NEEDS BOARD MEMBERS

The PA State Affiliate Board of Trustees currently needs a minimum of *four* more board members. Requirements for board membership are only that the individual is a member of Teachers Saving Children®, be available for two meetings a year, have a commitment to the sanctity of life, and be interested in contributing ideas for how the members in PA can support the pro-life agenda. Board members do not have to be educators and could be retired from full-time employment. As a reminder, membership in Teachers Saving Children® is open to all concerned individuals who agree with its purpose. Therefore, if any current member from PA would like more information about either joining the PA Board of Trustees themselves, or information for someone else, please contact John Gordon at 717-944-7708 or Connie Bancroft at 330-821-2747 as soon as possible. Please pray so that these open Board positions could be filled quickly.

## 40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2013 WASHINGTON DC

Due to the Presidential inauguration ceremonies in January 2013, the March for Life has been scheduled for **Friday, January 25, 2013**. Please mark this date on your calendars now, especially since this is a major date change from previous years.

## PRO-LIFE CLUBS OPPORTUNITIES

Fred Barnes said it best in his recent Weekly Standard article, "Hidden Persuaders", stating "That the pro-life movement is bigger...younger,...and more relentless than ever."

Arizona Right to Life (AZRTL) Education Director, Brooke Burns, has witnessed this first hand as she speaks to youth around the valley. Brooke has presented to over 1,300 students at 15 different junior high and high schools in 2011, and AZRTL has plans to reach even more students in 2012. One high school student shared her reaction to the pro-life presentation saying: "*I liked how Brooke made it impossible for anyone to be pro-choice.*"



After the presentations many students have a desire to become more involved in the pro-life movement. AZRTL will meet this need in 2012 by starting pro-life clubs at junior high and high schools. They have an easy, step-by-step start-up guide with creative ideas to attract new members and spread the message of life in a positive way on the school campus.

Want to bring a pro-life club to your campus in Arizona or know someone who does? Or do you want to gain some new ideas for starting pro-life club opportunities within your state? Contact Brooke to get started. ([Brooke@azrtl.org](mailto:Brooke@azrtl.org)).

## ARIZONA BANS FUNDING TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD

On Friday, May 4, 2012, Arizona Governor Jan Brewer signed into law a bill banning abortion providers like Planned Parenthood from receiving money through the state. Brewer stated in a statement "*By signing this measure into law I stand with the majority of Americans who oppose the use of taxpayer funds for abortion.*" (Emphasis by editor)

**Source:** [http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47303496/ns/us\\_news-life/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47303496/ns/us_news-life/), May 4, 2012.

## 26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL STUDENTS FOR LIFE OF AMERICA NATIONAL CONFERENCE SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2013 BETHESDA MD

The SFLA conference will be held at the Bethesda North Marriott and Conference Center. The 2012 conference was filled to capacity months prior to the event itself. So, encourage high school and college students to plan early to register and attend this excellent conference. Watch for registration information on the Students for Life of America website: [www.studentsforlife.org](http://www.studentsforlife.org).



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## 2012-2013 MEMBERSHIPS

Teachers Saving Children® membership is open to all pro-life/pro-family educators and concerned citizens. Please be advised that, according to the Teachers Saving Children® Constitution & Bylaws, the membership year is from September 1 – August 31, though we do begin renewing memberships in June. Annual dues are \$35.00, with a reduced rate of \$15.00 for students presently enrolled in a college or university undergraduate degree program and also for retired educators currently receiving retiree benefits. Husband and wife may join under the same membership. Contributions and memberships are **NOT** tax deductible.

In June, we will begin accepting new memberships for the 2012-2013 membership year. The Board of Trustees approved providing a **special one-time \$15 coupon, which can be applied toward any first-time membership received during the 2012-13 membership year.** This coupon will be available beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. Any new memberships received after June 1<sup>st</sup> are good until August 31, 2013.

Renewal membership information will be sent to all current members in late June. **ALL** memberships are handled through the National Office. Each month, State Affiliates receive membership updates and their portion of the dues received.

Please help the Teachers Saving Children® office keep accurate records by verifying all membership information. Please make sure your membership forms are accurate, complete, signed, and dated.

Thank you for your continued support in being “A Voice for LIFE in Education.”

## NEA CONVENTION 2012

The 2012 NEA Representative Assembly will be held in Washington DC from June 30-July 5. If you are an NEA member, it is vital that you contact your delegates to the RA, letting them know your philosophy on various issues. If you have a delegate(s) from your local attending the NEA RA, contact should be very easy. However, many locals do not, or cannot, send delegates to the NEA either because of the financial burden or their small membership size. Regardless, know that someone will be representing you! Check with your local president as to who will be representing you – either as a local delegate, an at-large state delegate(s), or possibly a clustered local delegate. By the first part of May, local presidents should know who your area delegate representative(s) will be. If they don't know, ask them to find out by contacting your state affiliate NEA office. Get involved by contacting your NEA delegates! They are your representatives!

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