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THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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“For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing.”

-II Timothy 4:6-8

Reflective Thoughts of a Life Well-Lived

Surrounded by family during the late afternoon hours on March 13, 2014, at the age of 84, my mother, Ida Mae Bancroft, went peacefully to her heavenly home and into the arms of Jesus. She had lived a very healthy and active life until about four weeks before her homegoing. Though the doctors believed she would recover, I believe my mother knew the effects that the pneumonia was having on her body and thus had a deep desire and peace to go to her heavenly home and to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

My mother was born in Adrian MI and was the fourth child of eight children (one of whom had died in infancy). She was a depression baby and being poor, her family moved often. Finally, her family settled in a small village just south of Adrian MI. As a teen, my mother did a great deal of cooking, ironing, house cleaning, and baby sitting at home and for the neighbors. During high school, she even worked at the dime store in town.

My mother was raised in church and at a young age while attending Daily Vacation Bible School, she accepted Christ as her personal Savior. When she was sixteen, she had a life changing event when she prayed to be filled with the Holy Spirit and follow God as the Lord of her life. Life had been tough, but she was determined to live life to the fullest by setting her life apart to serve Him wherever He would lead.

One of her favorite teachers was her fourth grade music teacher who instilled in my mother a love for music. She sang alto and began to sing with her two sisters in a trio. She began playing the piano before she could afford taking lessons which she started during her 8th grade year. During high school she was given permission to walk during lunch/study hall to her teacher's home for her piano lessons. She also played the

clarinet in the high school band. Since they lived outside of town, she often stayed with relatives and friends in town so she could participate in performances and other school activities.

My mother met my father through a blind date the summer before she entered college. She attended Cleveland Bible College (now Malone University) and graduated with a music diploma focusing on piano performance. She married my father while in college and together they accepted the call to full-time pastoral ministry which they did together for 50 years.

During their early years of ministry, my mother taught piano lessons. She also directed church choirs and played the piano and organ at all the churches where my parents served together. She enjoyed teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. With her gift of teaching, my mother later returned to Malone University to complete her Bachelor's Degree and then taught music for 23 years before retiring in 1993.

During her retirement years, my mother was a caregiver for my father until he went home to glory on December 30, 2011. They had been married for 63 years. She was also actively involved in various church and community activities. She loved to attend any school or athletic event in which the grandchildren participated. She also loved to watch Detroit Tigers baseball and knew the names of the players and stats very well which absolutely amazed my nephews. She was very artistic and made beautiful greeting cards which she sent to shut-ins as a ministry of encouragement. She loved to read and enjoyed great music. She was still playing the piano up to 2 hours a day and reading books until she became ill. I am so thankful that these past two years my mother was able to do some traveling with me.

My mother had a quiet, but deep faith which was evident in the impact that she made on many individuals. She also had a heart for missions. I can remember growing up and often having missionaries in our home which had a major impact on my life. It was these connections that brought in me a deep heart for missions and during my teens years I had thoughts of serving in missions as a career. Instead, the Lord gave me the opportunity serve in the public schools, in my local church, and with Teachers Saving Children®, all of which have been ministry/mission opportunities.

My mother had written a brief bio about 3 years before her homegoing. It was through this bio that I learned how my mother found Jesus Christ as her Savior and her call to full-time ministry with my father. She concluded her bio with the following words: *“I know Whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day.”*

CNN POLL: 58% OF AMERICANS WANT ALL OR MOST ABORTIONS MADE ILLEGAL

A new CNN poll released today [March 6, 2014] confirms what prior CNN polls and others have consistently shown in recent years – that a majority of Americans want all or most all abortions made illegal. The CNN/ORC International survey also indicates that a majority opposes taxpayer money being used to pay for abortions.

According to the CNN survey, 20% say abortion should always be illegal and 38% say most abortions should be illegal – making it so 58 percent of Americans oppose all or virtually all abortions. Just 27% of Americans side with Planned Parenthood and President Barack Obama in saying abortions should always be legal. Another 13 percent say abortion should be legal in most cases, making it so only 40 percent of Americans generally favor legalized abortion in most instances.

CNN Polling Director Keating Holland pointed out additional results: “Republicans are twice as likely as Democrats to say that abortion should always be illegal. But only a minority of rank-and-file members of both parties take an extreme position on the issue, with just 31% of Republicans calling for a complete ban on abortion and just 32% of Democrats saying that abortion should be legal in all circumstances.”

As CNN notes, “Most Americans have never favored using public funds for abortions for women who cannot afford them. According to the survey, 56% remain opposed, with only 39% favoring public funding for abortions.”

American United for Life told LifeNews, “Ending public funding of abortion is the most obvious common ground in America. This poll underscores the need to protect American taxpayers from coerced funding of abortion and life-ending drugs and devices. Given what we know about the dangerous, even deadly, impact of abortion on women and their unborn children, we must act to end the forced participation in taxpayer funding of Big Abortion.”

“Politically insulated and coddled by powerful, partisan friends and allies, the abortion lobby and its business interests have prospered on taxpayer funds and subsidies,” said Yoest. “Consider this, the nation’s largest abortion provider Planned Parenthood received more than \$540 million in taxpayer monies, nearly half of its \$1.2 billion in revenue. How many people realize that so many millions in taxpayer monies support the abortion industry leader? And how many people understand that coercive policies in Obamacare compel the support of a life-ending agenda, such as the HHS mandate?”

The new survey confirms past CNN polls also showing most Americans oppose all or most abortions.

A 2011 CNN national poll of Americans showed 62% of Americans want all or most abortions made illegal. In April 2009, CNN showed Americans wanted to prohibit most or all abortions by a 64-34 percentage point margin. The margin was 63-36% in November 2008, 61%-37% in June 2008, 62-36% in October 2007, and 64-34 percent in September 2006.

Historically, the pro-life movement has shifted public opinion against abortion as CNN found a 55-41 percent pro-life split in May 2001, and a 56-41 percent split in February 1995.

The poll was conducted for CNN by ORC International from January 31 through February 2 with 1,010 adults nationwide questioned by telephone. The survey’s overall sampling error is plus or minus three percentage points.

(Source: LifeNews.com, March 6, 2014)

HIGH SCHOOL BANNING PRO-LIFE GROUP’S’ FETAL MODELS CAVES, RESTORES FREE SPEECH

Yesterday [March 19, 2014], Branford High School in Branford, Connecticut caved into demands made by Alliance Defending Freedom on behalf of Branford High School Students for Life. More than one year after starting the pro-life group at her public high school, Sam Bailey-Loomis, founder and president of Branford Students for Life, has been promised equal treatment.

This February, school administrators told Branford Students for Life that they were not allowed to have an educational table during lunch time and not allowed to pass out recruitment and educational material or host events during the school day. Two weeks ago, Alliance Defending Freedom sent a letter on behalf of Branford Students for Life to Branford Public Schools demanding that the high school administrators reverse these restrictions, respect the First Amendment rights of all students, and allow Students for Life the same opportunities on campus as other student organizations.

After a grassroots campaign to call attention to the demand letter and under threat of legal action, we are not surprised that Branford Public Schools did the right thing. Once again, the First Amendment rights of pro-life students have been restored and another school administration has learned that freedom of speech has applied equally, to all students, no matter what their personal beliefs may be. Simply speaking out and educating students on a controversial issue is not enough ground for censorship. In fact, it is issues like abortion that need to be discussed the most on high school campuses. It’s always there in the background as the majority of abortions are committed on women under age 25. “Public schools should encourage, not shut down, the free exchange of ideas,” said Legal Counsel Matt Sharp of Alliance Defending Freedom, who represented the group. “The First Amendment protects freedom of speech for all students, regardless of their religious or political beliefs. We commend Brandford Public Schools for reversing the restrictions that prevented the students from distributing pro-life literature and clapboarding to their friends and classmates during free time.”

“On behalf of Brandford High School Students for Life and on behalf of all abortion abolitionists across the nation, I am honored to say that another victory for the pre-born has been won,” said Sam Bailey-Loomis, founder and president of Branford Students for Life. “While difficult, the stand we have taken will ultimately have a positive impact on our community and on the lives of so many. I want to encourage pro-life activists of all ages to take a stand for life, even if it seems impossible. Nothing is impossible when you stand for truth and justice.”

(Source: LifeNews.com, April 20, 2014)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 5, 2014 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 2014-2015 fiscal year was held. Connie Bancroft will serve as the Executive Director; John Saxe will serve as the Assistant Executive Director; John Gordon will serve as Secretary; Gary Winney 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 in January 2015.
3. The Board of Trustees heard the report of the Public Relations Committee. Various ideas were discussed to improve communication with members and to increase membership. A new publicity brochure is being prepared.

4. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be Saturday, October 11, 2014, in Alliance, Ohio. Any member interested in attending this meeting should contact the National Office for meeting details.

THE BRINGING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE SYMPOSIUM

Connie Bancroft, Jan Luke, Greg Roth, and Gary Winney managed the Teachers Saving Children® exhibit at the Cleveland Right to Life Conference in Independent OH, on March 7-8, 2014. They report that hundreds of individuals attended the symposium and there were great presentations and speakers. In addition, our volunteers made great networking connections with individuals and other pro-life organizations. This is one of many opportunities Teachers Saving Children® has in reaching out with the message of being a Voice for Life in Education.

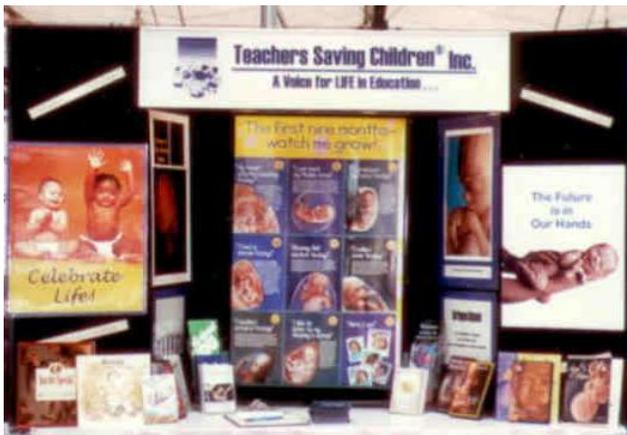
EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH: "THE WONDER OF LIFE"

FINANCIAL UPDATE

"And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus." -Philippians 4:19

Words cannot begin to express my praise to God for His provision through members. A number of individuals were led to give - over and beyond - towards the recent financial needs of the Education Outreach fund. I also want to express my appreciation for all of you who were praying that our needs would be met. Since the Easter letter was mailed on April 14, 2014, we have received \$1000.00 towards the goal of \$1500.00. That is a awesome outpouring of God's provision in less than two weeks. And I sense that even more monies will be received between the time of this writing and the time that you receive this newsletter.

THANK YOU!



So now, we ask for your prayers as we make those decisions to purchase materials for distribution to the hundreds of educators who will visit our exhibit. We want to make wise decisions in order to provide educational classroom materials, especially for science and health teachers, that will present the facts of life in a way that will have a major impact on teachers and students alike.

As we prepare to travel to Denver, we are already making plans and preparing for the Students for Life of America Conference to be held in January 2015. Though this conference is still 9 months away, there will be upfront expenses when Teachers Saving Children® makes application this fall for exhibit space in the vendor area. The estimated cost for this application is \$1200. There will also be expenses to send at least 2 volunteer representatives to the conference.

Through you, the Lord has each year miraculously provided the finances for the effective pro-life education ministry opportunity we have had at various events, and for that provision we are grateful. Thank you for prayerfully considering being a part of these special endeavors in 2014-2015 by sending in your contribution today. ***"To God be the glory – great things He hath done!"***

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.



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2014-2015 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 2014-2015 membership year. We will again be offering the **\$15 coupon, which can be applied toward any first-time membership received during the 2014-2015 membership year.** Any new memberships received after June 1st are good until August 31, 2015.

Renewal membership information will be sent to all current members in late June. 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 2014

The 2014 NEA Representative Assembly will be held in Denver CO from July 1-6. 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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