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Thoughts from the Executive Director

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*"I have not
stopped giving
thanks for you, remembering you in my
prayers."*

- Ephesians 1:16

Spring has arrived. It has been more than a year since the COVID-19 pandemic has changed our lives in so many ways.

I was asked by yearbook students at school if I had a favorite quote to be included in our annual yearbook this year. Actually, I have two. Every one of my classes begins with, "Every day is a gift", and "Begin your day with a positive thought and a grateful heart."

After all, I am an anatomy/physiology teacher. Hormones such as dopamine and serotonin increase when we think positive, and cortisol, the stress hormone, decreases.

I want to let you know how grateful I am for each of you, for being the voices of truth, the light on the hill, shining for all to see.

This spring issue of our newsletter includes gratitude to Gary Winney, 30-year Teachers Saving Children® Inc. Board member. Jan Luke shares her wonderful story at the recent *Made in His Image* event in Canton, Ohio. Chuck Hlavaty describes an amazing new exhibit at the *Creation Museum* in Kentucky, and Judy Bruns suggests compassionate and loving ways of remembrance for a preborn child whose life ended early by miscarriage.



West Coast Walk for Life 2021 San Francisco, California
(Frank Ebner traveled to San Francisco to participate)

Gary Winney Celebrates His 75th Birthday

(By Connie Bancroft)

Gary Winney is one of the original board members of Teachers Saving Children®. On February 14, 2021, Gary celebrated his 75th birthday. Due to COVID-19, a party was not an option. So, his wife, Colleen, planned a surprise birthday card shower as friends from around the country sent birthday cards.

Connie Bancroft, former Executive Director and current Board members Jan Luke and Judy Bruns, planned a surprise as well. Connie and Jan went to Gary's home to sing "Happy Birthday", while Judy sang with them by phone. They shared their surprise on the porch since they could not enter the house. Gary stood inside the door in "awe" as he was serenaded. Connie and Jan brought a balloon which was "lost to the skies" and a giant muffin with "75" showing as candles. Gary really loved hearing from people and the special day celebrating the many years of life that the Lord has given him. If you still want to send Gary a belated birthday card, send it to the Teachers Saving Children® address.



Gary Winney, 30-year Board of Trustees member, with surprise birthday visit from Connie Bancroft, Jan Luke and Judy Bruns (not in picture, but "present" on phone).

Pro-Life Message Strong at “Made in His Image” Event

At a time when winter’s cold weather might have discouraged some, there was no shortage of warmth and positive pro-life energy from those who attended the annual “Made in His Image” pro-life event hosted by the *Heritage Reformed Baptist Church* in Canton, Ohio. Teachers Saving Children® Inc. was invited again, for the third year in row, to have a pro-life exhibit table with other ministries that advocate for respect and support of all human life, especially the most vulnerable.

The theme this year was “***Differently Abled***”. At a time when disabilities, both physical and genetic, can be detected in a developing child in the womb, there is increasing pressure on mothers (and fathers) to abort their child. At ***Differently Abled***, guest speakers and pro-life support groups reminded us that we are all God’s children, made in His image and likeness, and worthy of respect. Each of us is called to help in our own way to support the lives of the vulnerable.

Teachers Saving Children Board of Trustees member, Jan Luke, volunteered again this year at our table, which displayed a large variety of educational materials, including brochures such as “*Watch Me Grow*”, “*Development of a Child*”, “*Who Was Margaret Sanger?*” and “*Color Me Pro-Life*” coloring book (designed for children 4-7 years old). Jan had prepared “goodie bags” in advance which included the coloring book, the brochures and recent Teachers Saving Children newsletters, along with pencils and candies displaying a pro-life message. Jan, always great at engaging people in conversation, would ask each person who approached our table if he or she would like

a sticker with the message, “Smile, Your Mom Chose Life”. The response was 100% positive! Behind the table was a video showing the *Eyewitness 2: Next Generation*, which shows the fascinating journey through the womb with ultrasound technology. Fetal baby models at 10-weeks-gestation were also on our table. The models, a reminder of the truth to our humanity, were one of the most popular items for guests who visited our exhibit. One guest speaker encouraged each attendee to read the truth about Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, eugenicist and advocate for African American population control.

Talks at the Made in His Image event included “Joy of Motherhood” and “Raising a Child for the Glory of God”. Rebekah Cole directed the S.I.G.N. (Signing In God’s Name) choir, as they performed 3 songs, “Redeemer”, “Alleluia” and “In Christ Alone”.

Pro-life groups with exhibit tables included: (1) ***Bair Foundation***, which has provided support for 50 years in helping children and families with pregnancy support, adoption and foster care services; (2) ***Pregnancy Choices***, which provides services of childbirth classes, parenting classes, baby materials, and support groups for moms and dads. More than 7,000 diapers were donated during the 1-day event; (3) ***Access Health of Stark County, Ohio***, which specializes in “getting resources to moms and dads for a healthy pregnancy and a strong beautiful baby” all at no cost.

Jan summed up “***Differently Abled***” in three words, “It was fantastic!” Thank you, Jan. We are already looking forward to next year’s Made in His Image event!



Teachers Union – NEA (written by Judy Bruns)

The National Education Association (NEA) is under scrutiny again, this time for its opposition to in-person learning in many U.S. public schools during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Many parents are upset and teen suicides are up. Some analysts attribute the escalation to young people being separated from their friends.

Pro-lifers’ concerns about NEA’s policies go back many years before this. The union locked in its position on abortion in 1985 through its “Family Planning” statements. Today, “I-25 Family Planning” in the NEA Resolutions document spells out the union’s support of “the right to reproductive freedom” and the “implementation of community-operated, school-based family planning clinics.”

NEA believes these should be funded at both the state and federal levels.

At the 2019 NEA Representative Assembly in Houston, Texas, delegates passed New Business Item #56, which said “NEA opposes all attacks on a woman’s right to choose and will publicize widely our support for a woman’s fundamental right to abortion and Roe v. Wade.”

Is YOUR school district a part of the NEA union? If so, encourage your teachers to form an independent local union instead.

Well over 90% of NEA’s political action committee (PAC) monies have traditionally supported the Democrat party, which has stated in recent years that there is no room in the Democrat party for people who are pro-life.

Remembering Loved, Miscarried Babies and Their Families' Bereavement

Many people have become involved in the pro-life movement because they—or women they know—have experienced a miscarriage. Often the depth of their grief is not fully understood by others because a face, perhaps a name, is not connected with the loss.

In recent years compassionate remembrances of little miscarried boys and girls have been developed, so that parents can manifest their bereavement and honor their baby's short life. Perhaps, as the dignity and preciousness of human life is made visible to family and friends, someone contemplating abortion will have a change of heart.

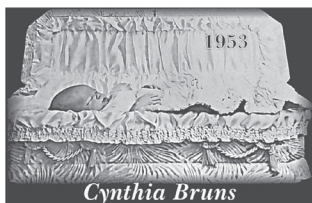
Following are some compassionate means of remembrance:

1. Some hospitals provide tiny garments or bootie pouches for the miscarried child. A pro-life doctor in Mercer County, Ohio, miscarried triplets at 18 ½ weeks. She and her husband took several photos of their little ones in baby booties at the hospital. (*One photo is shared below.*) Later, they had a private funeral at their home. People were better able to empathize with the parents' grief because they saw the humanity of the named children in the photos. (For info about *Angel Baby Creations* baby garments, or to start such a volunteer sewing group near you, contact Joan at 419-733-8367 or 419-925-4877 and leave a message specifically mentioning Angel Baby Creations.)



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2. Churches and cemeteries follow different protocols for miscarried babies. Some provide metal markers with the baby's name, date of miscarriage, etc. at no cost. Couples might choose to purchase a small tombstone instead. Today, a photo or ultrasound picture can be inscribed/lasered into the tombstone or into a metal plate inserted on the top. (*The photo below shows how one family had this done recently with the only photo of a sibling who died in 1953.*)



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3. A photo/ultrasound picture, along with the baby's name and date of death can be lasered into a metal or

marble square that sits atop an iron rod stand. It can be positioned by a tree, in a garden, or other special family place. (Contact *Innovative Laser Werkes* at 419-586-8171 or visit www.innovativelaserwerkes.com for further information about this cost-affordable process.)

4. Jewelry can be inscribed with the name and photo/ultrasound picture of the child. Information about *Dreams of You* items is available at www.sufficientgraceministries.org
5. A memorial tree or perennial bush might be planted in memory of the baby.
6. Balloons with the baby's name could be released into the sky.
7. A donation to a pro-life pregnancy help center might be made in the name of the miscarried child.
8. An obituary could be written—whether communicated to family and friends only, or publicized—honoring the little one's short, but loved life.

**Note that some of the above remembrances, if modified, might also be a means of resolution for women who regret their abortion.*

Following are books recommended for women (couples) who have miscarried:

- ***Empty Arms, Coping with Miscarriage, Stillbirth, and Infant Death, Surviving the First Hours and Beyond*** by Sherokee Ilse
- ***After Miscarriage*** by Karen Edmisten
- ***Longing for My Child, Reflections for parents and siblings after a child's death*** by Christine O'Keeffe Lafser
- ***A Gift of Time, Continuing Your Pregnancy When Your Baby's Life Is Expected To Be Brief*** by Amy Kuebelbeck and Deborah L. Davis, PH.D.
- ***Sufficient Grace*** by Kelly Gerken
- The song titled *Beam Me Up*, by "Pink," who is normally considered vulgar, was written after her miscarriage. She expresses her deep loss. The words are breathtakingly beautiful.
- The site www.babiesremembered.org provides a wealth of help for women and families that have experienced miscarriage.

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made Exhibit (Creation Museum, Petersburg, Kentucky)

As teachers we know that teaching and learning comes in many forms. Many of our students are visual learners, and teachers know the power of visual aids in helping students understand and retain information. Research has shown that visual aids help increase retention and higher order thinking skills up to 40% more than instruction without visual aids.
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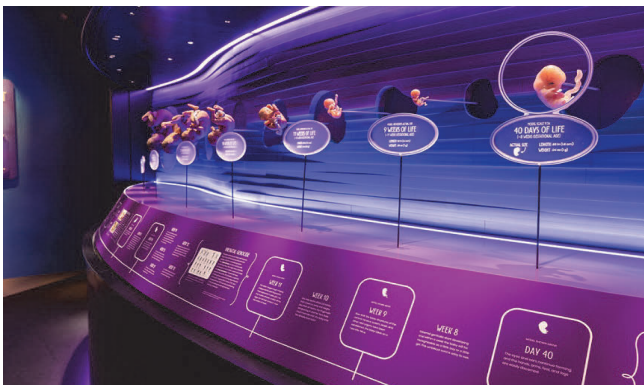
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(continued from p.3) A beautiful new exhibit, ***Fearfully and Wonderfully Made***, opened a few months ago at the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky, a 25-minute drive southwest of Cincinnati, Ohio. The exhibit, named for the biblical verse “*I praise you, for I am wonderfully and fearfully made.*” – *Psalm 139:14*, is a captivating exhibit “depicting the development of a child in the womb” through the entire 9 months of pregnancy. ***Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*** is an outstanding teaching tool.

If you are in the area, consider a visit. Think about ways you can teach the truth about human life from conception. If you need any resources, particularly items we have available at our outreach events, please contact Teachers Saving Children® Inc. by phone, mail or email.



Fearfully and Wonderfully Made (exhibit in Creation Museum)

Upcoming Outreach Events

National Education Association (NEA) Representative Assembly (RA) June 30 – July 3 (virtual this year)

(Frank Ebner is an elected delegate from California. Please send questions you would like him to submit on your behalf.)

A Note from the Editor

Thank you for your prayers and support. Please send in your suggestions for topics, thoughts and suggestions for future newsletters. Also, if there is someone you know who would like a complimentary newsletter, call, email or write to us.

–Frank Ebner

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