



## Church Connection January 2016

*Strengthening,  
Preserving  
& Promoting  
Marriage,  
Family, Life &  
Liberty*

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*Before I formed thee in  
the belly, I knew thee...*

Jeremiah 1:5a

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### **Did You Know?**

**The third Sunday of every January is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. The first Sanctity of Human Life Day was Sunday, January 22, 1984, designated as such by a presidential proclamation issued by President Ronald Reagan.**

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### *Mark Your Calendar*

WFC Presents:

*"2016: It's All About You"  
(Your impact in 2016)*

*Thurs., Jan. 14, 6-8 p.m.,  
Sun Prairie Pizza Ranch*

*Thurs., Feb. 4, 6-8 p.m.,  
Portage Pizza Ranch*

### **Saving Lives, Making a Difference**

Over the 43 years since the US Supreme Court wrongly legalized abortion, Planned Parenthood has become the number one abortion provider nationally and in our state. Planned Parenthood receives millions of dollars each year of taxpayer money that is used to promote in public schools and elsewhere, programs, materials and ideologies that encourage young people to engage in promiscuous, recreational sex—often illegal activity because of state under-age-sex laws. In so doing, Planned Parenthood is virtually assuring future business, if not for abortion at least for tests for sexually-transmitted diseases and infections.

While Planned Parenthood has been using millions, if not billions, of our hard-earned dollars to propagate its dangerous and insidious message and work, pro-life groups have managed to gain some important victories—nationally and at the state level—without drinking at the trough of government funds (a euphemism for “your money”).



In spite of this very obvious tilting of the field against us, pro-life organizations and pro-life citizens continue to gain the high ground. In Wisconsin, the number of abortions has consistently gone down over the last several years, reaching a record low in 2014 in both number of abortions performed and the abortion rate. The 2014 numbers are 5,800 abortions and 6 abortions per 1,000 Wisconsin women ages 15-44, which is well below the national statistics.

Even one abortion is too many. Certainly nearly 6,000 abortions just in Wisconsin is an unspeakable shame. However, we are encouraged the number is dropping. The number is going in the right direction because with the help of many pro-life citizens, we've passed some good laws restricting abortion and making sure women are truly informed and protected as they consider this life-taking, high-risk procedure.

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*Everything... revolves around what is happening in a mother's womb, and Scripture is clear: that womb contains a person... in the image of God. Any distinction between the unborn and a person (or a human and a person, for that matter) is both artificial and unbiblical.*

Page 65 of *Counter Culture*, by David Platt, Carol Stream, IL, Tyndale House Publishers, 2015.

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### **Please Pray**

- For our legislators as they conclude this legislative session.
- For the upcoming primaries and national elections.

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### **Take Note**

You or your church may be interested in Family Research Council's "Free to Believe" webinar on January 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn ways you and your church can impact the culture. Visit [FRC.org](http://FRC.org) for details.

But it's not just laws that are helping win the day. It's changes in the culture, as well. More people are realizing abortion at any time for any reason is just wrong. Clearly some of the pro-life media campaigns have been effective. Also, our churches have been getting the biblical pro-life message out, and families are making sure the next generation knows the truth. Gains against the formidable, well-funded pro-abortion crowd don't come easy, but they are always worth the money, time and effort expended. Who can put a price on saving the life of a baby?

That is in fact the question of the day as we mark 43 years of the abortion holocaust in our country and 43 years of Planned Parenthood's anti-life, anti-women scourge on our communities. It is also the question we need to ask as we resume Wisconsin's legislative session in January.

Wisconsin currently has three pro-life bills that won't see a vote unless the legislators feel pressure from their constituents.

- Assembly Bill 305 (Senate Bill 260): Prohibits the sale, use or experimentation involving the body parts of aborted babies. This bill is currently waiting for votes in the Assembly and Senate.
- Assembly Bill 310 (Senate Bill 237): Redirects about \$3.5 million annually of taxpayer money away from Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin and towards public health centers not involved with performing abortions. The Assembly passed this bill; it is waiting for a floor vote in the Senate.
- Assembly Bill 311 (Senate Bill 238): Bans family-planning centers such as Planned Parenthood from overbilling the state for Medicaid drugs they buy and dispense. This bill is waiting for votes in the Senate and Assembly.

Really, who can put a price—whether that price is financial, social, or political—on saving the life of a baby? Our prayer is 2016 will be another year where the number of abortions in Wisconsin goes down and where we see yet more progress in reversing the horrific effects of a disastrous, life-taking, culture-changing Supreme Court decision.

## **About Wisconsin Family Council**

*Wisconsin Family Council is a 501 (c)(3) organization that since 1986 has been advancing Judeo-Christian principles and values in Wisconsin. We have largely done this by informing Wisconsin citizens, policymakers and churches about the important legislative and cultural issues so that they can be involved in strengthening and preserving marriage, family, life and liberty in our state.*

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