

PRAISE TO GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS

In 2005, we traveled over 13,600 miles to almost 50 churches in Wisconsin and Iowa. God graciously gave us strength and travel safety as we proclaimed the pro-life message. Abortions are on the decrease in Wisconsin, but there are other pro-life issues which challenge us, such as the increase in out-of-wedlock births, the legalization of assisted suicide, and same sex marriage. The definition of marriage bill passed through the Senate, with a vote yet coming in the Assembly. Contact your representative and let him or her know how you feel about this subject. Jesus said that marriage is between one man and one woman (Matt. 19:4). Jesus created all things (John 1:1-4) and, thus, He created man and woman in the beginning (Gen. 1:26-27).

The Alpha Women's Center in Milwaukee continues to see 15-20 clients per day. Through the ministry of the Access Center in Madison, abortion-minded women have changed their minds and kept their babies. The Agape Women's Resource Center in LaCrosse continues to influence people with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

COMING EVENTS

- Jan. 23, 2006** From Noon to 1PM - BFLW Roe vs. Wade Rally, State Street entrance to the State Capital building in Madison
- April 20, 2006** Starting at 6PM - Banquet at Bay City Baptist Church, Green Bay
Dr. John Stormer, speaker. Music by Northland Baptist Bible College
- April 21, 2006** Starting at 6:30PM - Annual meeting and banquet, Calvary Baptist Church, Sun Prairie.
Dr. John Stormer, speaker. Music by Maranatha Baptist Bible College.

**BFLW NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.
WE ARE HUMBLY GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR CHURCHES AND
INDIVIDUALS WHO SUPPORT US.
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE \$25 PER YEAR
AND \$35 FOR COUPLES.**

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Pro-Life Proclaimer

Director's Corner

Dr. Gene Green

Jesus said in Matthew 11:28-30, "*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*" Paul's challenge in Galatians 6:22 is "*Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.*" Because the labors and burdens of people were a concern to both Jesus and the Apostle Paul, they should also be of concern to local churches. Regardless of one's physical, mental or spiritual condition, each individual is precious to God (Psa. 49:8; 1 Pet. 1:18-19) and has a God-given value or worth. Every human life is sacred, because each is created in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-28). Our Lord commands us to "*love one another*" (John 13:35; 15:12), and we are to obey Him. A reality of life is that, daily, people become ill, suffer and die. Medical professionals relieve the pain and suffering of their patients, but churches must care for their souls.

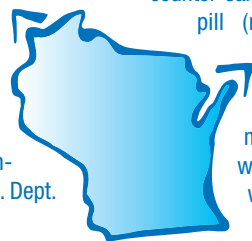
Webster defines "*hospice*" as "*an inn for strangers, one kept by a religious order.*" We get the words "*hospital*" and "*hospitable*" from this word. Today, hospice is used to describe caregivers for individuals experiencing terminal illnesses. Hospice caregivers are

needed. Spiritual needs are as urgent as medical needs. We cannot understand and care for people without addressing their spiritual, ethical and theological needs. The physician can examine his or her patient and run various tests to evaluate a person's physical condition. The doctor can then prescribe appropriate medical treatment. However, medicine cannot address the spiritual dimensions of illness, disease and dying. Spiritual needs and their proper care cannot be determined by instruments and human reasoning. People's spiritual needs are met when they are led to the place of dependence upon God.

Baptists For Life has a program called "*LIFT*" (Loving Individuals in Final Transition) which helps local churches to learn how to care for the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the chronically and terminally ill. We must be present with love and compassion to minister to the spiritual needs of the ill from the Word of God. Only then can they experience the peace and comfort that can be found in our Lord Jesus Christ. LIFT helps church families assure the terminally ill of three common concerns: 1) they will never be a burden, 2) they will not die in pain, and 3) they will not suffer alone. Life is sacred in the beginning of life (at conception) and life is just as sacred at the end of life. Contact our BFLW office if we can help your church with this program.

STATE OF OUR STATE

The Summit Women's Health Organization, an abortion clinic in Milwaukee closed in November 2005. Milwaukee now has only two abortion clinics. There were 14 abortions per 100 births in 2004, compared to 29 abortions per 100 births in 1980 in Wisconsin. This is a decrease annually in the number of abortions in our State. (Wis. Dept. of Health and Family Services).



However, over 9,000 abortions were performed in Wisconsin in 2005 which should break our hearts even more. These are defenseless, innocent lives that have been destroyed.

Gov. James Doyle has authorized a lawsuit against the U. S. Food & Drug Administration because it has delayed approval of over-the-counter sales of the emergency contraception pill (morning after pill). (Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel 12/9/2005).

"Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD. But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death." Prov. 8:35-36. May our light shine for Christ in a world of darkness.

As of December 19, 2005, 115 murders were committed in Milwaukee in 2005. This is terrible, and we certainly regret these killings.

STATE OF OUR NATION

According to a Gallup poll, 54% of Americans oppose all or most abortions, but they allow for abortions in extreme cases such as rape, incest, or to prevent death of the mother, while 26% say that abortion should always be legal (LifeNews, 12/2/05).



We praise the Lord that more and more American people are becoming pro-life. BFLW is 100% pro-life, regardless of the circumstances. May we continue to shine the light of the Gospel in a world of darkness (Matt. 5:16).

The U. S. reached a record high for out-of-wedlock births in 2003 as one out of every three babies was born out-of-wedlock (Culture Facts. 9/29/05).

FROM THE PEN OF THE "POETIC PARSON"

What is life, but a God given right;
So we as His creation can live and our lives willingly give.
For our Father above, who in Christ so loved.
Yet there are those who destroy lives without much thought,
And bring life to an end, which God has wrought...

- By Pastor Frank Moore

STATE OF THE WORLD

The Dutch government is setting up a commission to determine rules that would allow doctors to euthanize "seriously suffering" newborn babies that they believe would not live without medical care and attention (LifeNews.11/30/05). This gives doctors a freer hand to end a baby's life. This is another step down the slippery slope that once a society begins to slide down it may not be able to stop before euthanasia on demand becomes acceptable for those who cannot defend for themselves.



Peter Singer, Princeton professor, advocates euthanasia to be chosen freely by ill adults who prefer to die, or by parents who say

their disabled children are better off dead. He predicts by 2040 "only a rump of hard-core, know-nothing religious fundamentalists will defend the view that every human life, from conception to death, is sacrosanct" (World, 10/29/05). Is he right? Are we sliding down the slippery slope that fast? "The thief cometh not, but for to steal and to kill and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Life has value at every stage and under every condition because we are made in the image of God (Gen. 2:26-27).

A Norwegian study confirmed that women who have abortions suffer from mental anxiety, guilt, shame and distress years later (LifeNews, 12/12/05). But our God "... healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3).

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the efforts being made to open a pregnancy care center in the Green Bay/Appleton area. Pastors and people are working to open a center in or near the Appleton area in September 2006. They need your prayers. Expenditures of \$16,000 to \$18,000 per year will be necessary to operate that center.

We are seeking God's leading as to where BFLW should open the next center in our State. Our goal is to see a center opened in each of the 13 cities in the State of Wisconsin that have a state university. While BFLW itself does not open nor operate pregnancy care centers, we do help churches, or a church, to open and operate them giving direction and guidance.

Pray for our up coming BFLW annual meeting when officers to our executive board are elected.

Pray for funds to come in so that we can do more in the pro-life cause. We are praying for 100 churches to begin to support BFLW with \$25 per month. Some churches could do more. Friends, we need your help. Would you consider partnering with us?

Pray for the ministry of each center, for counselors to have spiritual insight, for baby needs, and for clients to be open to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.