

STEWARDS OF THE UNBORN

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The word, Steward, means “caretaker-manager”. Christian stewardship is the management of life and all of life’s resources according to God’s will. It involves being caretakers of others - including human life in the womb. Unfortunately, abortionists do not consider an unborn child a creature of God and a human being with rights. They regard a fetus simply as a “product of conception”. Planned Parenthood counselors offer the options of abortion and, thereafter, the donation of body parts of the aborted fetus, This murderous evil flows from the denial that the unborn are children. Below are Letters to the Editor printed in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Cleveland, OH, indicating pro and con views.

Pro Death

In a Letter to the Editor, printed Sept. 18, 2015, Bruce Amsel of Mayfield Heights, OH, wrote: “... Not all religions consider the womb-dweller to be a “child” at conception. The Bible does not consider a fetus to be a child. All women must be allowed control of their bodies and make decisions without outside pressure.”

Pro Life

In response to the above, I wrote a Letter to the Editor, printed Sept. 28, 2015, which said: “Bruce Amsel stated the Bible does not consider a fetus to be a child. That is not true. The Bible gives a living unborn child in the womb human rights. In Exodus 21:22-24, the death of a fetus through a miscarriage caused by two men fighting resulted in capital punishment. If no harm was done, appropriate fines were paid. Psalm 139:13-16 describes God’s continuous process of creation in the womb. Jeremiah 1:5 and other passages portray pre-natal life of special value to God. Amsel’s Letter also stated, “Not all religions consider the womb dweller to be a “child” at conception.” This is true of religions which have abandoned the Bible as a source of absolute truth by subjectively interpreting parts of Scripture as “religious myth”. An objective, scientific analysis of a fetus reveals that a 12 week old child, about 2 ½ inches long and looking like a baby, has all organ systems functioning. Nothing new is formed thereafter. The baby simply grows. The fetus is not simply a multiplication of cells to be medically removed if unwanted. He or she is an unborn child - a human being with rights. Those who deny this, do so by

manipulating the Bible and science via subjective opinions, avoiding the Biblical text and scientific facts.”

Defund Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood receives over \$500 million in tax support every year. The money should be redirected to the more than 13,000 non-abortion Health Centers providing safe, loving, comprehensive health care.

A Call to Action

- > **Write** a Letter to the Editor to your local newspaper using information from this article and “Lutherans for Life”.
 - > **Contact** government officials.
 - > **Share** “pro-choice life” information. Inform and influence those around you in a kind, loving, Christian way.
- The time has come to put an end to the annual killing of 300,000 boys and girls!

An 8 month old baby in the womb sucking thumb

When a woman becomes pregnant, people say she is having a baby...they do NOT say she is having a fetus.



At Twelve Weeks ...

... a baby, the size of your thumb, breathes (fluid), sucks thumb, swallows, tastes, cries, sleeps and wakes. All organ systems function including the brain. The fetus is not simply a cluster of cells to be destroyed.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

www.selc.lcms.org Personal Stewardship
“Stewards of the Sanctity of Life”
www.lutheransforlife.org Pro-life Materials