

July Edition: It's Time to End Abortion!



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As people celebrate the royal baby's birth, we encourage everyone to celebrate the birth of every baby....including babies with special needs. Every baby is a gift from God; life is a gift.

People with perceived disabilities enable us to see glimmers of God's love. People with special needs like Down syndrome are gifted with unique abilities to display uninhibited love, joy, and faith in Jesus. They see the beauty in life and in others and they give love

unconditionally.

With all that said, it is a horrifying fact that the abortion rate of Down syndrome babies is over 90%. Yes, you read that correctly. The fact that over 90% of expectant mothers who are told that their unborn child carries the high risk of Down syndrome choose to abort the baby should make us all shudder. The devaluation of human life and human dignity is astounding. Abortion is literally genocide of the unborn and it must stop!

We're thankful for the many pro-life organizations who are speaking up for unborn with special needs and who are fighting hard to end abortion. Public figures like Sarah Palin and Rick Santorum (who have special needs children of their own) are also fighting hard for life.

In Loving Memory of Col. Bud Day 02/24/1925 - 07/27/2013



We are deeply saddened to learn that Col. George "Bud" Day passed away. A native from Sioux City, Iowa, he was a retired U.S. Air Force Colonel and Command Pilot who served during the Vietnam War. His years of service include five years and... seven months as a Prisoner of War in North Vietnam. He was the most decorated U.S. service member since General Douglas MacArthur. Col. Day received some seventy decorations, a majority for actions in combat. In addition, Col. Day was a recipient of the Medal of Honor and the Air Force Cross.

Yes, Col. Day was a remarkable man and

When someone aborts a Down syndrome baby, they miss out on an angel on earth. How tragic! Encourage all your family and friends to let their doctors know that you believe it's time to stop automatically suggesting abortion when a baby is prenatally diagnosed with Down syndrome.

People with Down syndrome are blessing all through life -from childhood through their adult years. For example, here's a video about a beautiful lady named Robin, who is in her fifties and who has Down syndrome. Enjoy this inspirational video about Robin and learn about the great impact her life has made on others: <http://www.joniandfriends.org/television/when-robin-prays/>

This edition of Unite the USA is filled with helpful information, action points to stop abortion, and articles by Dr. Albert Mohler and Maura Butler. Perhaps someone will choose life as a result of this edition of Unite the USA; that is our prayer.

God bless you,
Carrie Stoelting and Stacie Stoelting
Founders of Unite the USA

America Loves Trig



As most of you know, we recently founded a FaceBook fan page for Trig Palin. Over 27,000 have already joined to show support for Trig and all people with Down syndrome and special needs. It's a place for Americans to show their love and support for Trig and all people who have special needs. (Here is the link to the page: www.facebook.com/trigpalinisagift.)

Meanwhile, don't you thank God that the Palin's chose life?!

Will Babies with Down Syndrome Just Disappear?

By Dr. Albert Mohler
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one of America's greatest heroes. He will be missed very much and his passing will be long felt. We had the great honor of meeting him - an experience we will always treasure. Col. Day deeply loved his country and freedom. He solidly believed in the U.S. Constitution and freedom. But Col. Day was the first to tell you that complete freedom comes from knowing Jesus Christ Who set us free from sin and death. In honor of Col. Day, we are sharing John 3:16-17, verses he would want everyone to take to heart: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." Don't put it off. Make sure that you know Jesus personally, too. Click here to learn more: <http://peacewithgod.jesus.net/>

Col. Day knew Jesus as his Savior and Lord and we know he's alive in heaven with Him right now. May the Lord comfort his family as they miss Col. Day.

God bless,
Carrie and Stacie

Action Points to Save Babies from Abortion

1. If you are pregnant and need help, please call CareNet at 1-800-395-HELP. Remember... God loves you and your baby too!
2. Keith and Melody Green's ministry (Last Days Ministries) has an excellent pro-life section on the web site. Please [click here](#) to learn about abortion and what you can do.
3. Talk to your kids and grandkids about the sanctity of life. Public schools, colleges, and universities are constantly teaching that abortion is OK. The kids in your life need your support to keep them



The development of prenatal diagnostic technologies presents a constellation of moral issues -- with the diagnosis of Down syndrome front and center. Over the past several years, a marked decrease in the number of babies born with Down syndrome has been both observed and widely reported. This decrease can be traced directly to the decision to abort after prenatal diagnosis.

As Science Daily reports, a new leading article to be published in Archives of Disease in Childhood points to developments in the near future that will likely increase the diagnosis of Down syndrome [DS] during pregnancy. "New tests expected to be introduced next year will offer a simple blood test that poses no risk to the fetus and delivers a definitive diagnosis of one of more of the genetic variants of Down syndrome -- trisomy 21, translocation, or mosaicism," the journal reported.

The development of these new tests will almost surely make the practice of prenatal screening for Down syndrome more widespread. At present, the available tests pose some risk to the fetus and are invasive. The new tests expected next year are based on simple blood tests.

The new research is based on work by Dr. Brian Skotko, a clinical genetics fellow at Children's Hospital Boston. Skotko, who has a sister with Down syndrome, asks this haunting question: "As new tests become available, will babies with Down syndrome slowly disappear?"

His research reveals deeply troubling trends. Between 1989 and 2005, births of babies with Down syndrome decreased by 15 percent. As Science Daily explains, "In the absence of prenatal testing, researchers would have expected the opposite -- a 34 percent increase in births -- due to the trend of women waiting longer to have children; known to increase the chances of having a baby with Down syndrome."

In an article published in 2005, Skotko argued that doctors are often ill-prepared to discuss the diagnosis of Down syndrome with their pregnant patients. Chillingly, he also revealed that a significant percentage of the doctors "reported that they 'emphasize' the negative aspects of DS so that patients would favor a termination."

With the new technologies of prenatal diagnosis so close on the horizon, Skotko now sees a "true collision" on its way. "More women will be going through the testing process, which could lead to a lot of difficult, uncomfortable conversations between physicians and expectant patients."

The reason for the decrease in the number of babies born with Down syndrome comes into clearer focus when The Washington Post cites Skotko's research indicating that 92 percent of women who learn they are

focused on the value of life and the reasons why abortion is wrong.

4. Support ministries that aid teenage mothers. Examples include [Bethany Christian Services](#), [Birthright International](#), [Care-Net](#), [Christian Life Resources](#), and [Life Dynamics](#). Donate time, money to Christian ministries, and help dissuade potential mothers from having abortions.

5. Contact your Congressmen and state legislators and urge them support anti-abortion legislation. [Click here](#) to find your state legislators. [Click here](#) to find contact information for your Congressmen.

6. Write letters to the editor. Make your voice heard about your pro-life position. Explain why abortion is wrong.

7. Vote for pro-life candidates. Research and support proven anti-abortion candidates. Help elect pro-life men and women to office.

8. Pray for our politicians and that Roe v. Wade will be repealed. Pray for the mothers whose hearts were broken by abortion. Pray for families whose tables are not as full as a result of abortion. Prayer is powerful!

9. Support ministries and organizations that are bravely fighting to stop abortion and to protect all life. Here are a few worthy pro-life groups worth your attention: [National Right to Life](#), [Give Cures](#), [Embryo Adoption Services](#), and the [Susan B. Anthony List](#).

10. Remember that innocent, unborn children are depending on you to give them a voice. Cry out for the babies that never cry!

About Dr. Albert Mohler

carrying a baby with Down syndrome choose to abort the pregnancy. That is more than nine out of ten.

The dimensions of the "collision" Dr. Skotko sees coming now come into view. If these percentages hold, the development of these new tests will almost certainly lead to a vast increase in the number of babies aborted after the diagnosis of Down syndrome.

This presents a grave moral challenge to the medical community -- and to the society at large. Medical care is a social good for which the entire society is responsible. The development of prenatal diagnostic technologies and procedures brings a moral crisis right to our doorsteps -- and our hearts. Will we see people with Down syndrome simply disappear?

In his 2005 article, published in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Skotko explained that prenatal testing for Down syndrome presents expectant parents with a simple choice -- continue the pregnancy or abort. He continued:

Knowing this, health care providers have historically operated under the assumption that if a woman consents to prenatal screening or diagnosing, she must believe that having a child with DS would be an undesired outcome and wish to terminate her pregnancy if such a diagnosis were made prenatally."

Expectant parents should read that sentence over and over again, and so should those who counsel them.

As Dr. Skotko understands all too well, this moral crisis is not limited to babies with Down syndrome. He asks: "Should expectant parents be able to select out fetuses with an undesired sex? Should fetuses with genes that predispose them to adult breast cancer be prenatally identified? Should couples in the future be supported if they wish to terminate fetuses with genes correlated with sexual preferences?"

The fact that 92 percent of women who are told that their unborn child carries the high risk of Down syndrome choose to abort the baby should shock us all.

What does that say about our devaluation of human life and human dignity? This can only mean that these women see a child with Down syndrome as not worth having -- and the baby as a life not worth living.

Dr. Skotko points to the new tests just around the corner and sees a collision coming. Given his important research, we had better see a moral crisis looming. The Culture of Death is gaining momentum before our eyes. Who will be next in line to be considered unworthy of life?



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90% of Down Syndrome Children Aborted, Survivors Bring Joy

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There is an ugly statistic made well known by none other than The New York Times from a [2007 article](#); [90 percent](#) of all pregnancies where the unborn child is given a diagnosis of [Down Syndrome](#) end in abortion.

Can you wrap your head around that? 9 in 10; 90 in 100 - that is a lot of life snuffed out because of the possibility of one pesky extra chromosome.

Have you ever met a child with Down Syndrome or with other special needs? I have met plenty of them. In fact, one of my own children has special needs. We say she may be delayed at most things, but she's very advanced at loving.

I'm not going to paint a rosy picture and say it's all sunshine and smiles being the parent of a [child with special needs](#). There are extra trials and days you wonder if you'll be able to keep your head while your heart feels like it's breaking. My husband and I explain it to our other young children that their sister needs extra help, more help than most kids her age. Sometimes it's not easy being a sibling of a child with special needs. But none of us could ever imagine our life without her, without her smile, her laughter, her hugs and (extra wet) kisses.

That's why that statistic causes me to shudder. How many beautiful children meant for this world have been killed because some test didn't come back perfect? How many smiles and hugs has the world lost because this little life wasn't given the chance to take a breath and change minds, hearts and lives? Here's a newflash: none of us is perfect; some of us just have more visible crosses than others.

"We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary." Pope Benedict XVI said this a few years ago, and I have since had conversations with other parents who have children with special needs about the last part: necessary. These kids who have extra struggles, extra pain, need extra help, are necessary. Many a lesson can be learned from them: selflessness, humility, sacrifice, joy, triumph.

The extra struggles lead to greater triumphs. The first time she independently got that morsel of food to her mouth or was able to sit up for a few minutes without [assistance](#), joy welled up inside of me far exceeding that of my other kids [reaching](#) appropriate developmental milestones. Parents are not the only ones who feel this way. Siblings share

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Featured Founding Father



Charles Cotesworth "C. C." Pinckney (February 25, 1746 - August 16, 1825), was an early American statesman of South Carolina. As a Revolutionary War veteran, he was a prisoner of war during the 1780 defense of Charleston against British siege. Later, Pinckney became a delegate to the Constitutional Convention. Pinckney played an important part in securing the ratification of the Federal constitution in the South Carolina convention of 1788, and in framing the South Carolina Constitution in the convention of 1790. He was involved in the XYZ Affair and he was twice nominated by the Federalist Party as their presidential candidate but he never won.

in the extra joy too mushrooming into an exponential effect for the whole family.

Daily, my daughter teaches me these things and more. In fact, for the time being, I'll be taking a break from this column and a professional break from the front lines in the fight to build a culture of Life so her lessons sink in more deeply. I thought I needed to go out into the world to help build a culture of Life, but lo and behold a daily building will occur in menial tasks with the potential for monumental triumphs. Families with children who need extra help do this every day and are a testament to the world that each life matters, including, and perhaps especially, the special ones.

In God We Still Trust



Listen to Carrie & Stacie sing In God We Still Trust!

America is facing numerous unprecedented moral challenges. Clearly, our country needs to turn to Christ. Listen to "In God We Still Trust" for inspiration to keep "fighting the good fight".

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