

**CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER***From the Heart of the Director**One heart at a time...one life at a time***A New Day Has Dawned for LIFE in America*****“Held: The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; Roe and Casey are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives.”****Dobbs vs. Jackson’s Women’s Health*, United States Supreme Court, Opinion of the Court Syllabus, p.1., Justice Alito, June 24, 2022

For 49 years, our nation has been plagued with federal legalized abortion that has sanctioned the death of over 63 million babies. By the grace and mercy of God, this plague was lifted on June 24, 2022, when the Supreme Court of the United States overturned *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. We praise the Lord for this colossal victory and to be a witness of this monumental day in our nation’s history.

*This will be written for the generation to come, that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD. For He looked down from His holy height; from heaven the LORD gazed upon the earth, to hear the groaning of the prisoner, to set free those who were doomed to death. (Ps. 102:18-20)*

*All glory be to God!* We believe this is the first step in building a society in which all life, born and unborn, is respected, protected and cherished.

While this month’s issue is longer than normal, I felt it was important to inform you of the cascading events directly targeting pregnancy centers, and to encourage you. Just as the Supreme Court’s decision ignited the pro-abortion camp to advance their agenda, we pray the LORD will strengthen our resolve and spur our passion to protect and defend the weakest among us.

While the battle may be over at the Supreme Court, the “battlefront” has shifted to the states. With the *Dobbs* decision, a new “beachhead” has been established. **We must press forward in the intense conflict ahead.**

**What does this decision mean?** The abortion issue will now be regulated at the state level. The citizens of each state, through their elected state representatives, will have a voice on this issue. One important thing to remember is this: votes matter and elections have consequences. While we rejoice for the babies that will be saved, we are witnessing an avalanche of hatred, vitriol, and violence from those who are vehemently angry about the decision. Crisis pregnancy centers are now directly in the crosshairs of federal and state governments and pro-abortion advocacy organizations. Anarchist groups such as Jane’s Revenge and Ruth Sent Us have claimed responsibility for vandalizing, threatening, harassing, and/or fire-bombing churches, pro-life organizations, and over fifty pregnancy centers across the nation.

**What does this mean for California?** We are saddened by California’s disregard for unborn life. It is poised to continue to allow abortion and has intensified its war against the unborn in several ways, including the following:

- Governor Newsom has pledged to make California an “abortion sanctuary” for any woman (whether she is a Californian or lives in another state) seeking an abortion at California taxpayers’ expense.
- California’s Attorney General Bonta recently issued a “Consumer Warning Alert” stating that crisis pregnancy centers may provide misinformation and inaccurate information about abortion and pregnancy.
- Our California legislature is currently working on a handful of bills that, if passed, will exponentially expand, protect, and provide abortion access. One of those bills, **AB 2586** targets crisis pregnancy centers. If passed, a working group would be created to give recommendations to the legislature of how to address and eliminate reproductive health and sexual health inequities that cover specified topics, including barriers to abortion access and contraception. They would research any “community-based organization...a public or private not-for-profit organization that provides education, resources or services and is representative of a disparately impacted community...or has demonstrated status as a trusted part of the community it serves.” Additionally, the California Reproductive Justice and Freedom Fund would be established and its “goal is to dismantle historic and standing systemic reproductive and sexual healthy inequities through medically accurate, culturally congruent education and outreach, as well as to create innovative strategies that meaningfully address and function to eliminate root causes of reproductive oppression.”
- Lastly, California intends to enshrine a fundamental right to abortion into our State Constitution by proposing an amendment (**SCA 10**), that Californians will vote on in November. Votes will matter.

**How is the federal government responding?** As you may be aware, President Biden recently signed an Executive Order focused on “Protecting Access to Reproductive Healthcare Services,” with the goal of expanding abortion care. He has directed the Secretary of Health & Human Services to “consider options to address deceptive or fraudulent practices related to reproductive healthcare services, including online, and to protect access to accurate information.” This rests on the bogus claim that crisis pregnancy centers are ‘fake clinics’ that deceive women.

Unfortunately, President Biden is not alone. U.S. Senator Bob Menendez states on his website that he led a group of Senate colleagues “in introducing the Stop Anti-Abortion Disinformation (SAD) Act that would crack down on false advertising related to abortion services by Crisis Pregnancy Centers. The bill directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to prohibit deceptive or misleading advertising related to the provision of abortion services and collect penalties from organizations in violation.”

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Sen. Menendez further continues his pejorative claim that “Every year, thousands of pregnant people seeking objective and medically sound reproductive health care end up walking into crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs), who falsely and deliberately advertise themselves as comprehensive reproductive health care providers; however, their intent is to discourage pregnant people from having abortions.”

He continues the lie that “CPCs routinely use a variety of deceptive tactics, including making false claims about reproductive health care and disseminating inaccurate, misleading, and stigmatizing information about abortion and contraception. Additionally, most CPCs in the United States do not employ licensed medical personnel or provide referrals for birth control or abortion care.” <https://www.menendez.senate.gov/newsroom/press/menendez-leads-senate-colleagues-in-introduction-of-bicameral-legislation-to-stop-anti-abortion-disinformation-by-crisis-pregnancy-centers>.

Senator Elizabeth Warren is also threatening a federal crackdown on pregnancy centers through legislation. She states, “In Massachusetts right now, those crisis pregnancy centers that are there to fool people who are looking for pregnancy termination help outnumber true abortion clinics by three to one. We need to shut them down here in Massachusetts, and we need to shut them down all around the country. You should not be able to torture a pregnant person like that.”

**What does this mean for Crossroads?** Our mission remains the same. The Lord has provided and equipped our staff and team of client advocates to compassionately “share the love of Christ in word and deed with anyone experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, post-abortion syndrome or lifestyle distress.” We are committed to faithfully serve clients needing pregnancy testing, pregnancy options counsel, parenting classes, post abortion healing, and the hope of the Gospel. We adhere to the “Commitment of Care and Competence,” a foundational document that reiterates our commitment to serving clients with integrity and honesty. The information we provide our clients is medically accurate regarding pregnancy and abortion risks and procedures. All our material has been reviewed by medical professionals and includes medical references from mainstream, peer-reviewed journals and other equivalent sources. Before making such a critical decision about their pregnancy, women are empowered knowing they have done their research about all their options and obtained the information needed to make a well-informed decision. We want to ensure women never feel abortion is their only choice. Women need to know that there are better choices than abortion.

Our mission will not change, despite the powers and forces that are trying to intimidate, spread lies, and halt the work we have been called to do for the past 37 years.

### How are we to respond to all of this?

1) **REJOICE AND BE GLAD!** *Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. **Rejoice and be glad**, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Matt 5:11-12) Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, **keep on rejoicing**, so that also at the revelation of His glory **you may rejoice with exultation**. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. (1Pet 4:12-14) Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. **Be glad in that day and leap for joy**, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. For in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets. (Luke 6:22-23)*

2) **LOVE OUR ENEMIES AND PRAY FOR THEM.** *But I say to you, **love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you**, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. (Matt 5:44-45) But I say to you who hear, **love your enemies**, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, **pray for those who mistreat you**. (Luke 6:27-28)*

3) **STAND FIRM.** *Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to **stand firm** against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to **stand firm**. (Eph. 6:11-13)*

4) **TRUST GOD:** *Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He will do it. (Ps 37:3, 5)*

5) **BE FAITHFUL:** *Deliver those who are being taken away to death, and those who are staggering to slaughter, Oh hold them back. If you say, "See, we did not know this," Does He not consider it who weighs the hearts? And does He not know it who keeps your soul? And will He not render to man according to his work? (Pro 24:11-12)*

6) **DO NOT FEAR.** *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and a sound mind. (2Tim 1:7) There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. (1John 4:18)*

**THANK YOU** for standing with us, for praying for us, and financially supporting us. We appreciate your notes of encouragement, financial gifts, your service, and your prayers.

We thank God for you.

In closing, I want to share this passage with you. May it encourage your heart as it does mine.

**Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame. (1Pet 3:10-16)**

To God be all the glory!

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