How Oklahoma Baptists are working together to fight abortion & protect the unborn

For more than 30 years, Oklahoma Baptists have been actively and prayerfully working to oppose legalized abortion. Below is a brief description of some of the ways Oklahoma Baptists have been involved in the issue of abortion.

Highlights of Past & Present Involvement

» **Established and Supported Pregnancy Resource Ministries.** Visionary leaders like Dr. Anthony Jordan, Dr. Alan Day and others helped establish the first crisis pregnancy ministry. Today, Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children operates five HOPE Pregnancy Ministry Centers across the state, which are saving unborn lives and ministering to abortion-vulnerable women and men with the Gospel.

» **Supported Successful Life-Affirming Legislation.** Oklahoma Baptists played a key role in achieving the passage of over 20 pro-life laws that have helped save lives. These laws including a ban on Partial-Birth Abortions; a Parental Notification Law; Ultrasound Requirement Bill; and the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act.

» **Approved Pro-life, Anti-Abortion Resolutions.** Messengers to the Oklahoma Baptists’ Annual Meeting have repeatedly spoken against legalized abortion. Since 2007, Messengers have approved 12 resolutions opposing abortion and speaking up for the unborn.

» **Played a Leading Role in Leading Events.** Now in its 30th year, the annual Rose Day Pro-Life Rally has featured speakers including Lila Rose, pro-life activist and President of Live Action; Abby Johnson, pro-life spokeswoman and former Planned Parenthood center director; and others. This event has united Oklahoma Baptists with others in the faith community through prayer and activism, all to protect unborn life.

» **Expanded the Annual Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Emphasis.** Since it was established in 1984, churches across the United States have observed Sanctity of Human Life Sunday each January. In the past five years, Oklahoma Baptists have offered videos, bulletin inserts, sermon outlines and other resources to help accelerate the impact of this annual tradition.

» **Published Articles, Editorials & Information.** In the Baptist Messenger, the flagship publication of Oklahoma Baptists, more than 100 articles have been printed in recent years on the subject of protecting children from abortion.

**Psalm 139:13-18**

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are Your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with You.