



Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.
(Ezekiel 3:17)

Dear Co-Laborer in the Glorious Gospel of Christ,

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. As a fellow serving pastor in God's vineyard I recognize that your time is very precious. However, let me take a moment to encourage you to read and to respond to the materials contained in this packet. I believe the biblical truth concerning the sanctity of every human life and our biblical calling to be watchmen for God's people require from all of us a bold, biblical response.

Biblical Truth: I'm sure you will agree with me that the Bible clearly declares the preciousness of human life in God's sight. It is also evident from Scripture that the great worth God assigns to each and every human life extends from conception until death and beyond. We read in the beautiful verses of Psalm 139:15-16: *My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance, in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.* We also read in Job 10, Jeremiah 1:5, and elsewhere of the intimate connection our Creator and Sustainer of life maintains between Himself and developing infant boys and girls in their mothers' wombs.

Since the crucial debate presently going on between pro-life and pro-choice proponents revolves around the definition of "personhood" and prenatal development, let me also remind you of the account we have in Luke 1:39-45. Particularly significant is verse 44. After Mary the mother of Jesus has greeted Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist, Elizabeth tells Mary: *behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.*

Biblical Calling: Our calling as ministers of the revealed Word of God is to interpret it faithfully, preach it boldly, and apply it wisely to the flocks of God's people entrusted to our care. Included in our vocation of proclamation and application is the work of a 'watchman,' much as the Lord charged His prophet Ezekiel so long ago. We have a sacred trust to warn the house of Israel and call them to repentance and to action. This means that if we agree that Scripture declares life to be sacred, and a human being to have personhood from conception, the practice of abortion is in fact murder – a direct violation of the sixth commandment: *You shall not murder.*

Biblical Response: Fellow servants of Christ Jesus, it is now time for us to fulfill our calling as watchmen for the people of God. It is time for us to seize this important opportunity God is raising up within our own state to stem the tide of prenatal murder. I urge you to join with me in sharing this important information on HB1 with your congregations. In doing so, prayerfully seeking God's empowering Spirit, may we bring an end to this modern-day holocaust within our land. May the Lord abundantly bless you in serving His kingdom, and may God use us all to preserve the lives of all those unable to protect themselves.

In Christ,
Rev. Martin Hawley *National Legislative Director*



Church Press Release

The current 2008 Georgia legislative session presents an exciting window of opportunity to end abortion in Georgia and affirm the sanctity of life through House Bill 1. Our campaign is positive and strikes to the heart of the matter. It's called, *Let Them Live*.

Georgia is well poised to bring this bill forward and pass it into law, as we have a pro-life Governor, Senate and House. Polling data indicates at the present time that 57% of Georgians believe abortion should be outlawed in our state.

The *Let Them Live* campaign is absolutely necessary to raise awareness and sustain public support in the weeks and months ahead. It is certain that incredible pressure will come to bear on our legislators from Planned Parenthood and other organizations committed to maintaining and even expanding the abortion industry. They will be well-organized and well-funded in their drive to defeat this bill. Coupled with the heightened media and public debate surrounding the looming presidential election, pro-life organizations and people from all across the nation must come and join the fight with us.

House Bill 1 was filed in the House by Representative Bobby Franklin. It provides for criminalization of the practice of abortion and so will put abortion clinics and abortion providers immediately out of business in Georgia. More good news is that since HB1 is a bill, and not a proposed constitutional amendment, if we achieve its passage into law, its provisions will immediately save the lives of unborn children and make a bold statement in upholding the sanctity of every human life from conception to natural death. Pro-lifers across Georgia must contact their legislators with one voice: "Approve HB1! Let them live!"

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Church Action Plan

1. Use our bulletin insert template or create your own insert promoting the passage of HB1. Encourage your members to get involved through prayer, and by writing, e-mailing, phoning, and even directly visiting the offices of their state legislator.
2. Why not plan a group trip from your church to the Georgia State Capitol in support of HB1? Your congregation's presence in the offices of key legislators would make a tremendous impact for life and for these important initiatives.
3. Use your church's newsletters, website, and/or pastoral letters to underscore for them the Bible's truth concerning the sanctity of life from conception to old age and the terrible consequences of the abortion industry.
4. Beginning in February, we will be sending out a targeted letter writing schedule and encouraging everyone to take a few minutes of their time twice per week in order to personally write a letter to the leaders in the State House who are largely responsible for seeing HB1 through the legislative process. Our goal is to flood the offices of these elected officials with carefully timed waves of mail in support of our Pro-life agenda.
5. Contact your fellow pastors in nearby churches and share our Church Action Packet with them. Direct them to our Let Them Live website: www.georgiahla.com.
6. Your financial support at this time is crucial for us to continue to get the word out concerning this critical piece of life-affirming legislation. If you, your mercy or social issues committees, or any of your members are moved to assist us with a monetary gift, we ask that you make your checks payable to Pro-Life Unity with the memo reading, *Georgia's Let Them Live Campaign*. Checks may be mailed to: Pro-Life Unity, 4901 Ascot Bluff, Acworth, GA 30102.
7. If you would like to have a speaker representing our Let Them Live campaign come and share with your church our group, please contact Jennifer Hodges, Pro-Life Unity National Director (404.435.8852) or Rev. Martin Hawley, National Legislative Director (404.771.9180).