

Why I Am A Black Pro-Life Pastor

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Introduction

Allow me to introduce myself, Pastor Walter S. Moss. I was born in 1954 to an unwed mother, Blanchie Moss, whom I honor for her heart for my life and that of my three siblings. I don't believe she ever considered having an abortion. She spent much of the time of her pregnancy with me attending prayer meetings and reading the word. The Lord showed me years after my call into the ministry, that God had called me in my mother's womb!

(1) **I submitted to the call of God**

"Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee and before thou camest forth out of the womb, I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." Jeremiah 1:5

During my second year at Ohio University, I submitted to God's call. Even though I was on a football scholarship, I set aside my desire for the NFL and began a quest to fulfill His plan.

As a high school student in Canton, Ohio, I had not seen many unwed mothers. If or when girls got pregnant, they were transferred to a separate school. However, as I sought God's direction, I was connected with a group of people who wanted to start a crisis pregnancy center in Canton. Of course, I had a heart for ladies with pregnancy issues, young ladies who had gotten pregnant out of wedlock. Therefore, since its beginning, I have been connected with the awesome Pregnancy Support Center of Stark County.

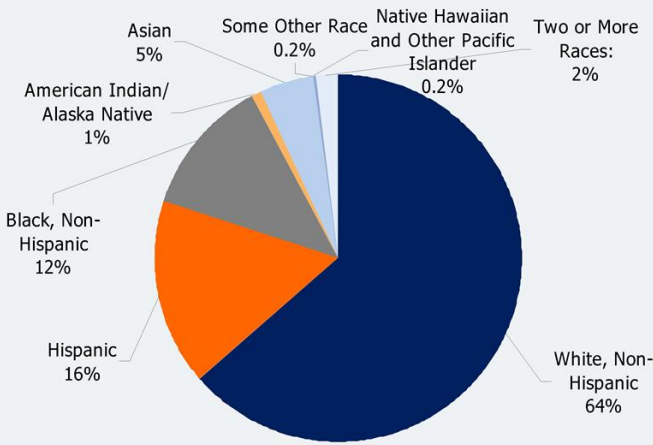
After a while, I became comfortable. I wasn't speaking out, and I wasn't speaking up about Pro-Life issues. I was pastoring, doing prison ministry, traveling, working in my community, continuing with some involvement with the Pregnancy Support Center and doing short and long term missions. I had been to Cuba more than 34 times since 1995, and I had partnered in starting two Bible schools there. It was great, but I knew there was something wrong with this abortion issue.

(2) **The statistics got my attention**

“Numbers must be important to God. “Numbers “is one of the books in His Holy Word.”

~Cindy Hopkins of Care Net

Distribution of U.S. Population by Race/Ethnicity, 2010



Total U.S. Population = 308.7 million

SOURCE: 2010 U.S. Census

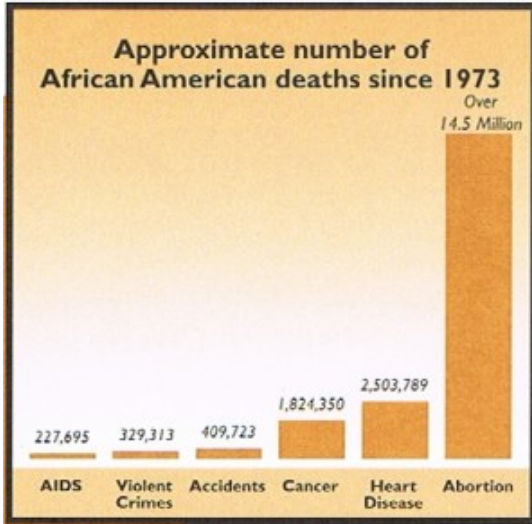


I was at a Pro-Life meeting and I realized in my heart, “I have got to do more.” The stats grabbed me. It is not AIDS, not homicide, not cancer, not heart disease, not other related illnesses that lead the causes of deaths in the Black community. By far, the leading cause of death is abortion. Out of every two pregnancies, up to, and even more than, 50% are aborted.

According to the 2010 census, the Hispanic population is at 16%. The African American population is at 12%. The African American population is being dwarfed. Since the Roe vs Wade decision in 1973, over 14.5 million black babies have been murdered, destroyed in the womb. Abortion is a euphemism for murdering babies. Any baby aborted is a murdered child. African American babies are 4.8 times more likely to be murdered than Caucasian babies. Are you concerned about population growth? Too many of whom? The 2006 census tells us that the black birthrate is at 1.9%. A 2.1% rate is necessary to replace the existing population. There you have it---genocide.

Approximately 80% of the abortion industry's death camps (Planned Parenthood and their accompanying abortuaries) are set up in minority populated cities and neighborhoods. Looking at the numbers, how can we help but cry out for the babies who are being aborted, murdered, daily?

Arnold Culbreath, Urban Outreach Director of Life Issues Institute and Protecting Black Life, has been a tremendous mentor to me in the Pro-Life movement. Here are some facts from Protecting Black Life:



- Many people do not know that since 1973 (year abortion was legalized in the US with Roe vs Wade), more African American babies have been killed by abortion than the total number of African American deaths from all other causes COMBINED.
 - ~US Center for Disease Control and the Alan Guttmacher Institute
- 35% of abortions in the US are performed on African American women while they represent only 13% of the entire female population of the country. ~US Census Bureau
- The abortion rate among married African American women is 3 times greater than it is among white women. ~Statistics Report, Volume 48, No. 11
- According to the 2000 Census, Hispanics have replaced African Americans as the largest minority in the US. The loss of over

14,000,000 black babies through abortion has played a significant part in this population decline. (14 million equals the combined total population of 7 mid-western states.) ~Used by permission of Dayton Right to Life

- Abortion has reduced the African American population by 33%.
- African Americans are the only minority in America that is on the decline in population. If the current totals continue, the black community may cease to make a significant positive contribution in society.
~ Used by permission of Dayton Right to Life
- Between 1882 and 1968, 3,446 “Negroes” were lynched in the United States. However, that number is surpassed within 3 days by abortion due to the fact that abortionists snuff out the lives of approximately 1,219 African American children each day.
- Over 750,000 teens become pregnant each year. Over 45% will abort.~ Sisters for Life
- There are more than one million couples waiting, hoping and praying for a chance to adopt. Certainly adoption is a much more desirable choice than abortion.

(3) **Pastors lead churches that are set by God to make a difference**

What should be the Black Church and the Black pastors’ response to abortion?

“Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you. And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.” Jeremiah 3:14-15

“The false priests were teachers who had violated the Law of God” (Ezekiel 22:26) The priests of the day violated the word of God because they did not speak out against the evil in the land. The same thing is going on today. What are most pastors preaching? Much of our preaching is worthless. We’re just preaching, just talking. We are not having an effect in our neighborhoods, in our cities, because too often there is fear in talking about the real issues, in coming together against the enemy of Life. How many African American pastors are really speaking out against murder in the womb?

As a pastor, I am compelled to speak out for Life. I must speak out on the issues to which God points. The church is

to make a difference. I stand as one of the 3% visibly Pro-Life Black Pastors who stand up for LIFE. Abortion is not of God. It is shedding innocent blood which Proverbs 6:16-18 says God hates. Proverbs 31:9 says, "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed."

In the Bible when it talks about looking at behavior, it means to reprove. When I worked in quality control at Ford Motor Company, I had the authority to look at parts and to determine which parts would or would not ship. I could keep those parts from going out subject to causing a problem. God is saying, "Look at what you are preaching." He's reprovng us: we are not hitting the target because we are selfish. We have been caught up in "My church, My People, My Ministry." What is so sad is that much ministry in the city, the area, the country is all about the money. If there is money flowing, too often pastors are satisfied. But to God, it is more than money. It's righteousness. The word of God is our plumb line and to this plumb line we must reprove ourselves and our people. See the warning in Ezekiel 22:26-27 " Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things; they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they showed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. Her princes in the midst thereof, are like wolves ravening, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain."

(4) The National Day of Mourning for the 14,500,000 + black babies that have lost their lives to abortion since 1973

Catherine Davis of The National Black Pro-Life Coalition from Atlanta and Arnold Culbreath of Life Issues and Protecting Black Life called to ask me to do a Day of Mourning for the 14,500,000 + Black Babies who have lost their lives to abortion. I could not sleep as I considered the task of standing during Black History Month to recognize and mourn for the loss of those babies. I knew that I had to do it. So, in Stark County, Ohio, February 28, 2011 we stood in front of Planned Parenthood to acknowledge and to expose the criminal behavior toward our unborn children. It was an opportunity for

both Catholics and Protestants, for brothers and sisters who have stood in front of Planned Parenthood to represent LIFE concerns in the Black Community.

While many would like to focus on other issues such as violence in the black community, the truth is that there is no greater violence than abortion. Ending an innocent life at its most vulnerable state is the ultimate violence.

(5) Ignorance is not bliss; it can kill you! We must expose the truth about Planned Parenthood

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to me; seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.” Hosea 4:6

Part of the problem in our community is lack of knowledge – we may not know. That is why we have in our communities only 3% African Americans being visible in the Pro-Life movement. This murder of our babies --- over 14 million is hard for us to wrap our minds around. Let’s understand that Planned Parenthood is the largest abortion provider in our nation.

Why do we stand in protest in front of Planned Parenthood? Why is there a cry for defunding Planned Parenthood?

The root and founder of Planned Parenthood is Margaret Sanger. Margaret Sanger was a racist, a eugenicist. She and others who ascribed to eugenics believed that there was a master race...that only the so-called “fit” should be allowed to live. Planned Parenthood started as the National Birth Control League. It has continually evolved to continue its mission to control population growth. A more accurate name is “Planned Barrenhood”. Anyone who really wants to have children will have to seek an office other than Planned Parenthood. There is no pre-natal care there; there is no encouragement to have a baby. There is birth control, often low dose birth control pills, second and third grade condoms, and abortion or abortion referral services. The mammograms said to be done there are actually referred to a place that has the mammogram machine, which is not Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood is the engine that keeps promiscuity and all kinds of sexual perversion going in our schools and communities. Just go to the Planned Parenthood website and

check out some the youtube videos provided on the internet. Anyone who is not shocked has already become part of the jaded society and culture of this day that has helped to increase sexually transmitted diseases, out of wedlock pregnancies and abortions ...every sexual issue, including homosexuality, in our communities. While some say that Planned Parenthood offers good services ...every "good" service they offer can be obtained elsewhere , where babies are not being murdered, where promiscuity is not being promoted, where sexual predators and sexual trafficking are not being protected. Planned Parenthood is not our friend.

(6) **Women do regret abortion**

~ Silent No More Awareness Campaign

Gwendolyn Brooks' poem, "The Mother" starts out... "Abortions will not let you forget. You remember the children you got that you did not get..." The full poem is a haunting reminder of the memories and imaginations of those who have succumbed to what is possibly the worst choice of their life...abortion.

Star Parker, post-abortive founder and leader of CURE, an UrbanThink Tank, is calling for men and women to face the truth and "...realize that the choice you make matters... that God is your source, not the government.... Abortion has scarred America. ...Abortion may be legal, but it is not lawful in the eyes of God."

A Worried Woman

A worried woman went to her gynecologist and said:

"Doctor, I have a serious problem and desperately need your help! My baby is not even 1 year old and I'm pregnant again. I don't want kids so close together."

So the doctor said: "Ok, and what do you want me to do?"

She said: "I want you to end my pregnancy, and I'm counting on your help with this."

The doctor thought for a little, and after some silence he said to the lady: "I think I have a better solution for your problem. It's less dangerous for you, too."

She smiled, thinking that the doctor was going to accept her request.

Then he continued: "You see, in order for you not to have to take care of two babies at the same time, let's kill the one in your arms. This way, you could rest some before the other one is born. If we're going to kill one of them, it doesn't matter which one it is. And there would be no risk for your body if you chose the one in your arms."

The lady was horrified and said: "How terrible! It's a crime to kill a child!"

"I agree," the doctor replied. "But you seemed to be OK with it, so I thought maybe that was the best solution."

The doctor smiled, realizing that he had made his point.

He convinced the mom that there is no difference in killing a child that's already been born...and one that's still in the womb.

The crime is the same!

"Love says I sacrifice myself for the good of the other person. Abortion says I sacrifice the other person for the good of myself..." (Unknown)

Jesus sacrificed Himself for the good of sinners! That's perfect love.

The wonder of Christ's love is that post-abortive women can find love, acceptance and forgiveness through repenting and renouncing the spirit of murder in their lives. This needs to happen for everyone involved in abortion...the mother, those who supported it and those who performed it.

The end result for women who have abortions is not only a dead baby. Potential complications for the mother include cervical cancer, breast cancer, infertility, miscarriages, premature births, psychological pain, six times higher rate of suicide, 144% more likely to abuse their children, 65% more likely to be a risk of long-term clinical depression, and even death.

(7) **Men regret abortion**

Psalm 112:1-2 "...Blessed is the man that fears the LORD, that delights greatly in His commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth; ..."

The Fathers of abortion include:

- He who encouraged or supported the woman to choose abortion
- He who pressured her to abort
- He who abandoned her to make the decision alone
- He who unsuccessfully opposed the abortion
- He who learned about the abortion after it happened

~ Father No More, 2008 Heritage House '76, Inc, 9411FN

How many men have encouraged or taken part in abortions? While the cry from some women's groups is that it is their body and they can abort if they wish, the truth is that there was a man involved in the pregnancy. Many men are involved in seeking abortions for their girlfriends or lovers outside of their marriage. Women have confessed years later that they had a pregnancy terminated without ever telling the father. Imagine the father's regret, especially if he never had another child. Worse yet, as we see in this day we are living in, is the mother not knowing who the father is at all. One pastor shared how (while in college) he helped his girlfriend at that time to get an abortion. He later greatly repented and went on a 40 day fast and vigil. He was successful in closing an abortion clinic.

There is one more man/father of abortion. He is that man who chooses to love, accept, and marry a post-abortive woman. A man who is willing to walk together with his wife through the stages of post -abortive healing.

How great to know and to be like God the Father whose joy was to give an inheritance to His children. When we think of the story of the prodigal son, how awesome was the father to provide a royal welcome back for his disobedient son.... how much more does God want to welcome into His arms those who recognize His shed blood for the remission of their sins and the purchase of their salvation with eternity in mind. It would be good to remember that "75% of all relationships in which a child is conceived and aborted ends in a break-up"~Carol Everett.

(8) Genocidal leadership must be checked

"Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man." Genesis 9:6

We have been misled by political leaders and black organizations who have endorsed immorality with such statements as, "You cannot legislate morality." Martin Luther King, Jr. called this a half-truth. Our laws are based on morality. Martin Luther King, Jr. said " ...behavior can be regulated. It may be true that the law may not make a man love me, but it can keep him from lynching me and I think that is pretty important." The situation now is that we are using the law to lynch our very own children in the womb in

an unequalled holocaust. Think about it. The leading cause of death in the black community is abortion outweighing all other forms of death combined!

Sadly, the USA has become a nation that will deny civil rights to its children in the womb. In March, 2010, our elected leaders passed a so-called health reform bill that funds the killing of innocent babies. Where are the civil rights for these children and who is crying out against this wrong?

We must guard against being “politically correct” in opposition to God’s clear word.

There are three sexuality issues that are politically affecting the children in our nation...it is a three prong attack. It is abortion, homosexuality and same sex marriage. All these are against the very word of God.

Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, was mimicking Planned Parenthood Founder Margaret Sanger when she said: “Frankly, I thought that at the time Roe was decided there was concern about population growth and particularly growth in population that we don’t want to have too many of.”

Jesse Jackson, who was formerly Pro-Life, spoke out against abortion as quoted by Pastor Clenard Childress, Jr. who was writing on “Abortion is Black Genocide” in BlackNews.com. “Yes, by design, abortion was to be seductively purposed to the African American community to reduce their numbers by ripping children apart in the womb. The plot would not only decimate the African-American community, but expedite the depletion of our national conscience.”~Jesse Jackson. When Jackson started running for President, he needed money. One of his largest contributors was Planned Parenthood, so he stopped speaking out against abortion and became Pro-Choice. Sad. Our National Black organizations have sold out to “political correctness”.

Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, has confronted the NAACP a number of times for its lack of a stand against abortion. They claim that would be divisive to the organization. Recently, the NAACP backed President Obama’s endorsement of same-sex marriage in the wake of spiraling out of wedlock pregnancies and an unprecedented number of fatherless homes.

I was asked to speak at a NAACP meeting in Painesville,

Ohio. What was I going to talk about? “Abortion.” The enemy started attacking my mind, telling me they were going to be hostile. But, I want you to know that I prayed before I went and that it was one of the easiest meetings I’ve ever been in. They were so open! They wanted some truth! (However, this is not the case with the National NAACP on abortion or same-sex marriage.) I was talking about Abby Johnson’s book, *unPlanned*. It documents an ultrasound abortion. I shared that Abby Johnson saw a baby when the abortionist went in with the instruments...she saw the baby’s backbone! I looked at the women in the audience of that NAACP meeting. Their mouths were wide open because they really did not know what goes on in abortion!

(9) **Abortion affects everyone**

“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression...” Isaiah 58:1.

Think about how abortion affects families. Diane Stevens, co-author of *Sexy Christians* with her husband, Dr. Ted Stevens, said this, “Grandchildren are your reward for not killing your children.” While she said it lightly and we laughed, the truth is that many do not have grandchildren simply because they participated in abortion that led to complications of infertility.

As stated, there is a three prong attack in this nation strategized by the devil all involving sexual impurity: 1) Abortion, 2) Homosexuality and 3) Same-sex marriage are three strategies of the devil set to destroy us. When the government makes laws in opposition to the word of God, everyone’s life is at stake.

The cornerstone of the law is the sanctity of life. When this is removed culturally, there is an acceleration of lawlessness. What does that mean? The crime rate will go up. Where there is lawlessness, where there is a spirit of death approved by government sanction, there will be a lawless society. When I see what is happening nationwide...looking at the numbers, how could I not speak up? How could I not cry for the babies whose lives are being aborted, murdered every day? Black babies are being aborted instead of us adding to the population...now add to that lawlessness, add to that black on black crime and murders in our community. So we are

losing people. God said to me, "Wake up, cry aloud, speak up, speak out."

(10) What about the baby's life and body?

"Whosoever sheds human blood, by humans let his blood be shed. Because God made humans in His image reflecting God's very nature. You're here to bear fruit, reproduce, lavish life on the Earth, live bountifully. "Genesis 9:6-7 (the Message)

So life begins in the womb, day one at conception. Over two million sperm try to attach to the mother's egg. So you are one of two million possibilities –you are special. (Heritage house, 1979)

The arguments that we are going to have all of these kids and they are going to be abused is a lie. We should not abuse our children, but the greatest abuse is to kill them in the womb. We read in James that God says we are responsible for the widows and the orphans. This is true religion, pure and undefiled. We have a responsibility within our community to reach out and help.

My ten year old granddaughter was born out of wedlock. At the time our daughter shared she was pregnant, we were upset. But I cannot imagine not having my precious granddaughter and each one of my five granddaughters, two adopted grandsons, and one adopted granddaughter who call me Grandpa. I never knew my father, I was born out of wedlock, I was the third child and I grew up in the projects in poverty. I thank God that because my mother chose life for me, I celebrated my 58th birthday on May 19, 2012.

The following beautiful account of conception up to 18-20 days development inside the womb is detailed by sunitasharma. You can find the entire account by googling: Development of a child inside the womb ~sunitasharma

The process of conceiving a child and its development inside the body of the mother is a very beautiful and amazing phenomenon. Before it takes its first breath, a human baby has to pass through an incredible and miraculous transformation from a single cell to a complex, self-sustaining organism.

First Month

Fertilization

The union of male gamete (Sperm) and female gamete (ovum or egg) is known as Fertilization that produces the first little most body part of a man called a Zygote. The act of fertilization takes place in the genital tract of a female body. A sperm remains alive for 72 hours after entering into the vagina, but its capacity to fertilize the ovum lasts for 48 hours. So, the twelfth to eighteenth days of menstruation cycle is correct for getting pregnant for a lady, because the Ovulation (releasing of ovum or secondary oocyte from the Graafian follicle of the ovary) happens about the fourteenth day of the menstrual cycle from any one side of the ovary. Many sperms encircle the ovum, but only one sperm is allowed to penetrate the ovum.

Spermatozoan fusing with the egg

After fertilization in the female's fallopian tube, the nuclei of the sperm and egg fuse to form a new cell (the zygote). This cell contains 46 chromosomes, 23 from each parent cell. As the zygote travels to the uterus, it divides, forming a cluster of cells (the morula) by about 3 days after fertilization. The morula develops a cavity and is now known as a blastocyst, which will become the embryo. This blastocyst floats freely within the uterine cavity for about 48 hours before attaching itself to a site in the endometrium (uterine lining). About 10 days following fertilization, the blastocyst is completely imbedded into the endometrium, and forms the placenta. Within the cell cover of the blastocyst's cavity, it then develops into a fluid-filled sac covering the embryo, and the yolk sac.

What determines the sex of the baby?

In Human Beings, the normal chromosome count is 46; 44 of which are autosomes and two are sex chromosomes which determine the sex of a baby. The sex chromosomes make an organism male or female. In humans and many other organisms, the sex chromosomes are X and Y, where XX is female (the homogametic sex) and XY is male (the heterogametic sex). Whether the individual will be male (XY) or female (XX), depends on the chromosome the sperm carries. If the sperm that fertilizes the egg carries the X chromosome, the offspring will be female (XX) and if the sperm carries the Y chromosome,

the offspring will be male (XY). So it is the male who is responsible for determining the sex of a baby. But, still today, there are cases of domestic violence (such as torturing a woman by her inlaws) for producing a female child.

Twins

Occasionally two eggs are released by the ovary and fertilized. This results in fraternal twins who are different in appearance and may be of different sexes because their genes form from two eggs and two sperm cells. Rarely, one embryo splits into two and both cells develop separately as identical twins, similar in appearance.

Implantation

After fertilization the single cell splits into two, then the two cells double to four, four to eight, eight to sixteen and so on. Because the cell cluster looks superficially like a berry it is called the morula (Latin for "mulberry"). The journey along the Fallopian tube continues slowly for about four days. Growth increases. By the time the womb cavity is reached, the cell cluster becomes hollow and fluid-filled, and is referred to as the blastocyst. Meanwhile the uterus is forming a spongy lining within which the embryo will implant. To achieve this the embryo burrows into the wall of the womb and is covered over by the lining of the womb. This begins six days after fertilization and is completed within the next seven days. If fertilization has not taken place, the lining of the uterus comes away at the end of the monthly cycle as the woman's menstrual period. But once implantation occurs, the embryo sends out a hormonal signal which prevents the mother's period. This is usually her first indication of pregnancy (end of development passage quoted by sunitasharma).

- 18-20 days:** Foundation of the brain, the spinal cord and the nervous system are laid.
- 21 days:** The heart begins to beat, unsurely at first, gaining strength day by day. The heart beats 70 times per minute at first, reaching a maximum of 170-190 at seven weeks, and slowing a bit to 160 -180 at 9 weeks.
- 22 days:** The eyes begin to develop and the earliest stages of the ears are now present.
- 28-32 days:** Two tiny arms make their appearance and budding legs follow two days later. The beginnings of the mouth

takes shape, the nose starts to develop and blood flows in the baby's veins, but stays separate from the mother's blood. The tongue now begins to form; the face now makes its first appearance.

- 42 days:** The brain is now divided into three parts - one to experience emotion and understand language; one for hearing; and one for seeing. Joints begin to form - mother has missed her second period.
- 44 days:** Facial muscles develop, eyelids begin to form protecting the developing eyes and elbows take shape. Internal organs are present but immature. Ninety-nine percent of muscles are present; each with its own nerve supply.
- 7 weeks:** Spontaneous movement begins. Over four weeks the baby begins to develop a collection of moves including hiccupping, frowning, squinting, furrowing the brow, pursing the lips, moving individual arms and legs, head turning, touching the face, breathing (without air), stretching, opening the mouth, yawning and sucking.
- 8 weeks:** The baby is now well-proportioned, about the size of a thumb. Every organ is present. The liver is making blood, the kidneys function, and the heart beats steadily. The skull, elbows, and knees are forming. Of the 4500 structures in the adult body, 4000 are already present. The skeleton of the arms and legs and spine begin to stiffen as bone cells are added.
- 10 weeks:** The number of connections between nerves and muscles has tripled since last week.
- 12 weeks:** The baby swallows and responds to skin stimulation.
- 4 months:** The child can grasp with hands, make a fist, swim, and turn somersaults.
- 7 months:** Eyelids open and close, eyes look around, hands grip strongly. Mother's voice can be heard and recognized.
- 9 months:** Child triggers labor and birth occurs. (Heritage House, 1979)

We were created for life in our mother's womb. I never knew that I would be playing football for Canton McKinley or that I would go to Ohio University on a football scholarship. I never knew the only way I could go to college was on a scholarship because my mother could never afford for me to go to college. I never knew that in college I would be called to preach, and I never knew 52 years ago when I was saved that I would be called to preach the Pro-Life message.

At "The Call" Washington D. C., led by Lou Engel, there was a very long red carpet with hundreds and hundreds of baby shoes placed upon it, each with a note to that family member's child, grandchild, niece, nephew or cousin to the baby they never got to hold. Somehow, these healing acts made a great impact in dealing with the holocaust of America's babies.

(11) Pregnancy Support Centers, Pro-Life Life Organizations, and the True Church offer hope

"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God." Isaiah 40:1

Thank God for the Pregnancy Support work and for Pro-Life Organizations around the country. Right to Life of Northeast Ohio members have been awesome supporters for me and others. They are the arms of the church in our communities. They say that someone has to speak up and speak out. I just said, "Lord, you have to open the doors, you have to help me to do this." There are African-American leaders around the country in the Pro-Life movement, many who are involved in the National Black Pro-Life Coalition, but we need many, many more to speak up and speak out. There is always a lot of talk about the Catholic Church's involvement whenever there is a Right to Life Issue. That's right. They set a marvelous example of what all of us need to do. We need to speak up and we need to speak out on the issue of abortion in our community.

Pregnancy Support Centers offer free and confidential services including:

- pregnancy tests
- pregnancy counsel,
- limited ultrasound
- fetal development information,
- abortion education,
- post abortion counseling,
- STD Medical clinic,
- material support ,
- parenting classes,
- adoption counsel and more.

Right to Life Organizations work through legislation and education to work against abortion, infanticide, euthanasia and assisted suicide. Right to Life is a non-partisan political group.

Pro-Life individuals and groups are for life and against abortion, choosing to encourage the mother/father to choose life and/or adoption. Pro-Life believer and Pro-Life worker should describe each of us in the church, for Jesus came that we might have LIFE. John 10:10

(12) Stand with me in the gap

The Lord has shown me that we must be willing to stand in the gap. Ezekiel 22:26-31. This passage starts by sharing that the priests had put no difference between the holy and the profane, neither a difference between the clean and the unclean...it goes on to say that God looked for a man among them "that should make up the hedge and stand in the gap before me for the land that I should not destroy it...."

I am that man and that is why I am a Black Pro-Life Pastor. Now, how about you? Will you stand in the gap?

Our land is polluted with the blood of innocent children, and it is time to repent, "to return unto the LORD and He will have mercy upon him and to our God for He will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:7)

I urge you to wake up, speak up and stand in the gap for Life. I urge you to continually pray for the unborn and their parents. I urge you to support Pro-Life organizations including Carenet , including your local pregnancy support centers, and every Pro-Life organization, particularly the National Black Pro-Life Coalition.. Allow God to use you to show His plumb line to your family, to your church, to your community, and to the world. Yes, cry out to God to use you in these areas!

Say this prayer with me:

Dear Lord, forgive me for not being your mouthpiece for Life for my family, my neighbors, my church community. Help me to start NOW to " build myself in your most Holy Faith by praying in the Holy Spirit, staying right at the center of Your love, keeping my arms open and outstretched, ready for the mercy of our Master, Jesus Christ. This is the unending life, the real LIFE." Jude 20-21(Message)

PRAYER TO END ABORTION

*Lord God, I thank you today
For the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.
I know there is nothing
That destroys more life than abortion,
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death
By the resurrection of Your Son.
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself
Never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.
I commit myself to be active
In the pro-life movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my brothers and sisters
Are protected,
And our nation once again becomes
A nation with liberty and justice
Not just for some, but for all.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen!*

Note from author: My prayer for those reading this book is that it makes a powerful difference in your life and the lives of those in your realm of influence in LIFE now and forever.

~Walter S. Moss

Sources and Resources

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www.pscstark.com	Pregnancy Support Center of Stark County 330-455-7500
Life Issues Institute	Cincinnati, Ohio 45239 513-729-3600
National Black Pro-Life Coalition	Atlanta, Georgia 888-619-NBPC
ProtectingBlackLife.org	Cincinnati, Ohio 45329 513-729-3600
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