



BULLETIN BLURBS

The Gospel. Health Care. Miscarriage. Life Issues and the 2016 Elections. Adoption. Crisis Pregnancy. Abortion. Post-Abortion Healing. Dementia. Parenting. Special Needs Ministry. Aging. End-of-Life.

If any of these topics impact in your heart, then the 2016 Life Summit is for you! At this fourth annual Life Summit, you'll get inspired and informed to respond biblically, and equip others to respond biblically, to these and related life issues. The Life Summit is sponsored by Churches for Life, experts in nourishing churches as gospel-driven champions of life. Enjoy godly, professional speakers, robust fellowship, and great food on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at St. Paul's Evangelical Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Get more information and register at www.getintolife.org.

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How do I respond biblically to life issues in light of the **2016 elections**?
How can I help someone struggling with **dementia** to live out their life with dignity?
How can I help our church graciously make **abortion** unthinkable?
How can I love people struggling with **miscarriage** or a **special-needs** child?
How can I help my church consistently engage in life issues with joy, grace, and truth?

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Our culture is rebelling more and more against Jesus' desire in John 10:10. Violence, abortion, physician-assisted-suicide, and more are on the rise. Get informed and inspired to respond, and equip others to respond, with grace and truth to these and related life issues at the 2016 Life Summit. The Life Summit is sponsored by Churches for Life, experts in nourishing churches as gospel-driven champions of life. Enjoy godly, professional speakers, robust fellowship, and great food on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at St. Paul's Evangelical Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Get more information and register at www.getintolife.org.



NEWSLETTER ARTICLE/BLOG #1

“What can I do about it?”

Have you ever taken a look at what’s going on in our world and asked yourself, “What can I do about it?”

It seems like more and more Christians are asking that question in light of our society’s rampant moral decay. Our culture is increasingly devaluing the weak (unborn, elderly, and infirm) through its health care system, legislation, educational institutions, and more. Even more, it seems that we Christians are either confused or afraid to live as gracious salt and light in this increasingly hostile world. So we ask, “What can I do about it?”

Answer 1: By God’s grace, you can do much!

Answer 2: Get inspired and informed in the gospel by attending the 2016 Life Summit in St. Louis, Missouri. This annual event is sponsored by Churches for Life, an organization which excels in nourishing churches and individuals as gospel-driven champions of life. It’s a half-day of robust fellowship, delicious food, and expert speakers on topics like these:

- **Identifying and Caring for People with Dementia** - Dr. Kellie L. Flood, Associate Professor, Assistant Chief Medical Officer for Care Transitions and Geriatric Quality Officer, University of Alabama – Birmingham
- **Engaging 20-Somethings in the Life Arena** - Ms. Lucy Wynn, Digital Content Manager, Churches for Life
- **Growing a Disability Ministry in your Church** - Mrs. Judy Redlich, Regional Manager, Joni and Friends – Gateway
- **Honoring Life in Miscarriage, Stillbirth, and Infant Death** - Dr. Carol Fouse, Equipping Director, Churches for Life
- **Creating a Facebook Group for your Life Team** - Ms. Lucy Wynn, Digital Content Manager, Churches for Life
- **Handling Hot Topics in the Life Arena** - Rev. Doug Merkey, President, Churches for Life
- **Maximizing Life Ministry Through Relationships** - Donna Nicholson, Director, Bethany Christian Services
- **Training People to “Make Abortion Unthinkable”** - Dr. Carol Fouse, Equipping Director, Churches for Life
- **Integrating the Church, Life Issues, and the 2016 Elections** - Dr. Franz J. Wippold II, Professor of Radiology and Chief of Neuroradiology, Washington University

Our keynote speaker is Dr. George Grant, Pastor, Parish Presbyterian Church; Author of *Grand Illusions: The Legacy of Planned Parenthood*; Founder, King’s Meadow Study Center and Franklin Classical School.

Space is limited, so visit www.getintolife.org today for more information and to register. Also, follow us on Facebook for regular updates about Life Summit topics (search “Rescued Rescuers”).



NEWSLETTER ARTICLE/BLOG #2

Living the Abundant Life

Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10b

Our culture is doing more and more to destroy Jesus' desire for human flourishing expressed in John 10:10. Violence, abortion, physician-assisted-suicide, gender confusion, and more are on the rise.¹

- 50,000,000+ unborn children have been killed by surgical and chemical abortions in American since 1973.
- 80,000,000 Americans will be Medicare-eligible by 2035 (age 65+), putting untold pressure on medical and health services and budgets. Based on average per-person spending, that will amount to \$800,000,000,000 in Medicare expenses per year for that age group.
- 45,000,000+ unborn children are killed by abortions worldwide every year.
- 750,000+ teens get pregnant each year in America.
- 5 states in America have legalized physician-assisted suicide.
- 117,000+ children are in foster care in America.
- \$6,270,000,000 spent on porn videos and internet sites in 2006 in America.
- The 2015 Supreme Court decision legalizing homosexual marriage has resulted in an all-out assault on God's good design for human sexuality and marriage in America.

God pierces this darkness with the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is His definitive statement on holistic human flourishing from the soul, outward. Enjoying and applying the gospel to these issues is perhaps the most important opportunity God's presented to His Church in centuries.

But to respond well, and to equip others to respond well, **we need to get informed and inspired** with solid, gospel-centered, practical help. This is where the 2016 Life Summit comes in. It is sponsored by Churches for Life, a Christian non-profit that excels in nourishing churches as gospel-driven champions of life. This unique half-day Summit will comprised of godly, professional speakers, robust fellowship, and great food will equip you to help people live out Jesus' desire that we "have life and have it abundantly" in Him.

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¹ Sources: www.getintolife.org and <http://www.forbes.com/sites/dandiamond/2015/07/13/aging-in-america-10000-people-enroll-in-medicare-every-day/>



NEWSLETTER ARTICLE/BLOG #3

What "moves" you to act?

What's powerful enough to move you to do something about the moral decay in our culture? Anger? Desire for change? Zeal for God's holiness? Concern over God's judgment?

For Christians, there's no purer and lovelier motive than **gratitude for God's mercy to us in the gospel**. This is the sense of God's grand declaration through the Apostle Paul in Romans 12:1, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship." Somehow, God intends for us to be so captivated with His mercy toward us in the gospel that it consumes our vision of ourselves and how we live.

But just what is "God's mercy?" I'm glad you asked!

God's mercy is His tender compassion, grace, and forgiveness for us as sinners through the life, death, and resurrection of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. It's His freely giving us what we don't deserve (forgiveness and love) instead of giving us what we do deserve (judgment and damnation). It's His adopting us as His own instead of kicking us out and screaming, "Never come back!" And it's all a free gift to be received by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

In light of "God's mercy," it's quite natural for us to gush with gratitude and desire to live out that same mercy toward others, right?

Right! Perhaps the most fitting place to live out God's mercy to us is to live it out toward others who are still in peril. Spiritually, that includes every person on earth. Physically, it includes defenseless people whose lives are being threatened. In America, and even in our own churches, communities, and families, this includes the unborn, orphans, the elderly, those with special needs, and more.

Get inspired and informed to enjoy and live out God's mercy, especially toward people in physical peril, at our 2016 Life Summit. It is sponsored by Churches for Life, a Christian non-profit that excels in nourishing churches as gospel-driven champions of life. This unique half-day Summit will comprised of godly, professional speakers, robust fellowship, and great food will equip you, and equip you to equip others, to enjoy and live out God's mercy, especially toward those who are in physical peril.

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