



# Let's Roll



*Make a difference*

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**Welcome to the first edition of Gospel Baptist Church's newest publication, *Let's Roll: Make a Difference*.**

For several years, we have tried to keep our northern residents informed of the happenings here at Gospel Baptist Church by way of a simple newsletter. This newsletter was usually sent each month from May until October. This year, after much prayer and deliberation, we have decided to continue some of what we have been doing, but in a new format.

**In the next several issues, we will be highlighting a ministry of GBC which helps us fulfill our mission of *seeing lives changed*.** This first issue will start off with a focus on a very important ministry: our billboard on U.S. 41. In the past, the billboard ministry was used to get the message of salvation out, however, for the last two years we have felt very strongly that we need to *warn* and *help* those in need about the area of abortion. I trust you will be encouraged and may even be stirred to help us in some way when you read what is inside this publication.

**So whether you are a missionary, someone who has visited us in the past or a dear friend who has moved away, we want to use this mailing as a way to keep in touch with you, and in turn, keep you in touch with us.**

I hope these things will move you in such a way that you will ask of yourself, "*What am I doing to get the Word of God out?*"  
John Boutchia, Assistant Pastor

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**Definition: Abortion**

**Pronunciation:** *uh-bawr-shuh n*

**Function:** noun

*the termination of a pregnancy after, accompanied by, resulting in, or closely followed by the death of the embryo or fetus: as (a) spontaneous expulsion of a human fetus during the first 12 weeks of gestation (b) induced expulsion of a human fetus*

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## From Pastor Bill

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Dear Friends of Life,

Why do we spend \$17,000 a year on a billboard against abortion? Our School could really use that money, and many other ministries are in need of help financially, including missionaries.

*Why spend that kind of effort just to oppose abortion?*

A few years ago, I was deeply convicted when watching a T.V. program on the Holocaust. In the interviews, one person asked how the people of Germany who lived close to the "killing machines," could just do "nothing" and allow millions of people to die in cold blood without even a "squeak."

The Holy Spirit deeply convicted me for weeks after this statement. "How can I live next to cold blooded murder of helpless people and do nothing in protest to it?"

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Thus began an intense research of the Scriptures. My findings were interesting to say the least. We, as Christians, are not "revolutionists" and not allowed to engage in "civil disobedience," unless we are being forced to disobey the absolutely known Word of God and Will of God.

An example would be, if the government tried to force me to stop telling others about Jesus. Another would be if they said that I had to lie, steal, cheat, abort my child, or anything that was in direct contradiction of the clear Biblical commands that God has placed on my life. Obviously, these are few and far between historically, and normally.

Consequently, I asked God for a way to "protest" this awful thing of abortion in our neighborhood and community. The billboard idea had been in operation with the Gospel message for a few years already at this time. With much prayer and spiritual searching, I preached on a Sunday night to our people on the subject and shared with them my heart. They responded with a commitment to put an anti-abortion message on the "best" billboard location available in our area.



Helping to save babies everyday, our silent sentinel cries out along busy U.S. 41.

Literally, God did a miracle in answer to our prayer. We have a billboard location that "knocks your socks off." It is on a very busy highway (U.S. 41), with a six second viewing, at least, is 10x40 ft. in size, and fully lit until midnight. Here is the ringer . . . it is only \$17,000 per year, and not \$24,000, as we had expected. God gave us a discount, too.

Each year, I ask those who are interested in participating personally against abortion and spreading the Gospel, to contribute to this billboard, separate from their normal giving in other areas.

In this "newsletter" you will see some samples of these billboards, and hopefully, encourage your Pastor and church to do the same thing if you live in another area of the country.

Imagine, if every church did just one billboard . . . what that would do to overturn this horrible crime against humanity. There are at least 12 fundamental, independent, Bible-believing churches in our area. Sadly, only we are sponsoring a billboard against abortion, so far.

We can make a difference. We cannot save the whole world, but we can do something. Someday I will stand face to face with Jesus, at the judgment, and He is going to ask me what I did with the "light" I had. I just want to be pleasing to Him in that day. How about you??? Love you, Bill

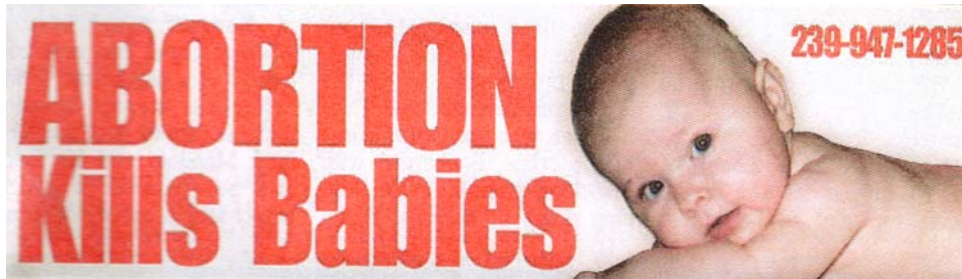
## **From the Ft. Myers News Press (January 13 & 26, 2006)**

### **"CHURCH TO ALTER SIGN PLAN"**

"Gospel Baptist Church will tweak its proposed billboard but still intends to make a powerful stand against abortion. The Bonita Springs church had proposed a billboard of a 3-month-old baby with the message: 'Abortion Kills Babies.' Lamar Advertising denied the billboard because it felt the message could be offensive to some people.

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**“BONITA CHURCH HOPES NEW ANTI-ABORTION SIGN ACCEPTED”**

“Gospel Baptist Church has submitted a new anti-abortion billboard design and is optimistic it will be approved. This time the church is letting the baby do the talking. The new board shows the baby with the message: ‘Please Don’t Abort me’ The church’s new proposed message comes days after the 33rd anniversary of the Roe v. Wade U.S. Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal.

## **How We’ve Helped One Teenager**

**Marty Moon, Youth**

One of the greatest tragedies of our day is the legalization of abortion. The sin of abortion affects not only adults, but teens as well. According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, almost 350,000 U.S. teenagers under the age of 18 become pregnant each year. Of the 350,000 teens that become pregnant, 55% of pregnant teenagers give birth, 14% have miscarriages, and 31% have abortions. In some states, teens are not required to inform their parents of their abortions. Because of fornication, many teens, sometimes as young as 12, must make a decision that will change their life forever. The Bible makes the answer clear. **God gives life and takes life.** The Lord told Jeremiah: “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.”

During the five years here as a youth pastor, I’ve known of two teenage age girls in our youth meetings become pregnant. Thankfully, in both cases, the young ladies made the right choice not to abort their babies. Also, in both cases, I visited them and their parents to encourage them in their choice and thank them for not aborting their babies. After the delivering their children, both the parents and teens were so thankful that they did not entertain the option of abortion.

Recently, I asked the mother of one of the girls **why** her daughter did not abort her baby. The mother gave me two reasons. First, she said, was the influence of Gospel Baptist Church on her daughter. We, as ministers (bus captains, teachers, Awana workers, pastors), never know the depth of impact we have for Christ on the lives we minister to. Second, she said, was her consistent teaching to her daughter that abortion was wrong throughout her life. This mother obeyed Deuteronomy 6:6,7 which reads: “And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.” May God give us more churches and parents that will teach the youth of our day the importance of the sanctity of life.

## **There Is Hope: A Personal Testimony from Lynn Lytell, Pastor Bill’s sister-in-law**

When I was young, I was very much the typical teenager. I did well in school. I had many friends and it was very important to me that I be accepted and fit in. I had the same dreams as most teenagers. I wanted to grow up, marry a wonderful man and have a family with lots of kids. I never considered that those dreams were related to my behavior. I lived for the moment as most young people do. I never thought I would do anything to ruin those dreams.

My first mistake was letting my peers’ approval become more important than my parents. My parents had the same dreams for me as I did. My friends weren’t concerned about my future; they only cared for the present. I was determined to do things my way. The Bible says *“There is a way that seemeth right to a man but the end thereof are the ways of death.”* Prov. 14:12

In my senior year of high school, I met a boy and we began dating. For the first time, I felt I was really “in love.” I wanted to give him something to prove my love and “guarantee” our relationship. I thought our relationship would last forever, so it was okay to give him the most precious thing I had: my virginity.

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For a few months it was wonderful. We seemed closer than ever. Then one day, I discovered I was pregnant. I was terrified. For the first time I was forced to see beyond the right now. My boyfriend wasn't much help. It was **my** problem. What would I do about school, my friends, my parents?

My parents found out and seemed to have a solution. No one would ever have to know. There was an "easy" way out. Or, at least it seemed so at the time.

I chose to kill my baby rather than suffer embarrassment, or lose my boyfriend, or be expelled from school. Do those sound like good reasons for murder? I never thought it was a real person . . . that is until the day *after*. I saw a commercial on television for diapers and suddenly realized what I had done. Too late.

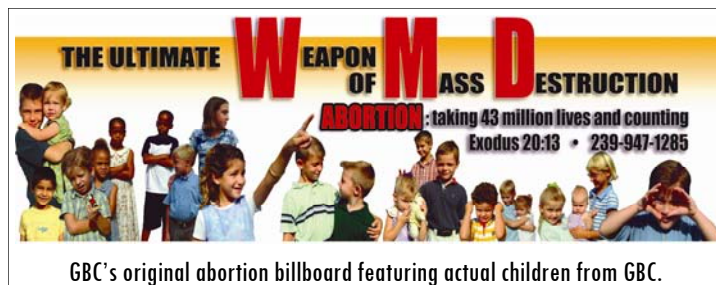
Oh well, there was still the dream. There would be other babies. I still had my boyfriend. I still had my friends. I still did well in school. Everything would be okay. Things didn't quite work out that way. My boyfriend wasn't as *in love* with me as I first thought and we broke up. I became so depressed I considered suicide.

Through a miraculous chain of events, I moved away from my friends and was reunited with a friend I had in elementary school. It was through her that I received the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.

I was forgiven for all my sins, including the murder of my child. The Bible says "Though your sin be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." What a burden was lifted. But, there were still consequences to my actions that would be with me forever.

I could never forget my baby. I believe he was a boy. I am so thankful God made a provision so that I know my son is in heaven and we will be together in the future.

But, I am always reminded whenever I see a boy who might be his age, hear friends talk about their sons, or even hear a child's laughter. It never goes away. I was never able to have any other children. There is a saying that goes "*Most unhappiness comes from giving up what I want the most for what I want at the moment.*" That is exactly what I did.



**GET INVOLVED!**  
Call the church office,  
(239) 947-1285, or  
speak to one of the pastors  
directly, to find out how you can  
be involved in this vital ministry.

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