

**ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN SPONSORED BY MADISON CO RIGHT TO LIFE:
WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH FROM 1PM TO 2:30PM
WHERE: EASTERN BY PASS BETWEEN BAPTIST HEALTH & MADISON CO EMS
Bring a lawn chair if you are unable to stand the entire period. Signs will be supplied by RTL.**

Seven Reasons Why Christians Should Attend the Local Life Chain

1) To both receive ministry and to minister to the public, aided by the Holy Spirit. If we the church accept the ministry God has for His sons and daughters, He will empower us to minister truth to motorists and pedestrians and do so with humility, compassion, and conviction.

2) To provide God a witness to anoint and use to save lives and change hearts in each local area. Life Chain is only a first step into pro-life activism, but it's an important step that tests our hearts and helps prepare us to defend the defenseless among us. Such is the story of the Good Samaritan and the story of Christ's Bride, the humble sheep who meet urgent needs in Matthew 25. Let us the church love the Preborn and embrace *mercy* and *justice*. In so doing we defend our homeland more ably than can our military arsenal.

3) To join a national prayer chain that seeks God's forgiveness and intervention. "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray... [2 Chron. 7:14]." Consider the moral decay today in church, government, academia, and commerce. Consider the attack on traditional marriage. Consider the epidemics of pornography, sexual disease, cohabitation, illegitimacy, divorce. All are linked to abortion and innocent blood. If God used a catastrophic civil war to end institutional slavery in America, what might He use to end the legal mutilation of our preborn citizens? Under *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, America has become one of the world's most violent nations. Also, in June of 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down America's Defense of Marriage Act and opened the door for same-sex marriage in contested areas. Legal abortion and its grievous impact will cease when the church unites against it.

4) To better understand the impact abortion is having on our country and why the church must end the killing. The church can defeat legal abortion and its allies if we move beyond the "abortion issue" and value preborn humanity and their progeny as we should. Our lukewarmness grieves God, who assures us He "*avenges blood*" and does not forget "*the cry of the afflicted* [Psalm 9:12]." Of Judah, God said before their captivity, "*They do not plead the cause of the fatherless to win it* [Jere. 5:28]." Satan's goal is to steal our compassion and urgency and limit us to "good works" that do not confront deadly evils like abortion.

5) To move the church from the sanctuary to the "city gates" and "marketplace." For 45 years (since Colorado and California legalized abortion in 1967), we the church have yielded substantially to détente rather than press for a breakthrough against legal child killing. Thus the essentiality of resolute pastoral exhortation and mobilization of laity. Wrote Afro-American pastor Clenard Childress, Jr. in *No Shepherds Cry*: "*The pew cannot do what the pulpit is suppose to do.*" Of urgent need are shepherds who will lead, who will equip themselves for battle and inspire their sheep to do likewise. Then endangered lambs will have protection.

6) To honor our youngest citizens who perish needlessly, usually within blocks of multiple church altars. Let us acknowledge our replication of the German church under Nazism and cultivate heart for probably well over 100 million U.S. Preborns and millions more in Canada who have died from surgical abortions and chemical birth controls. Like unto European Jews, the children had only the church to rely on.

7) To help build a resolute army of Christians who are pro-life in both word and deed. Let us engage the enemy, boldly and strategically, until the curse of legal abortion is lifted and America and Canada again provide security and freedom for every citizen, born and preborn. That we can do. We have the means. Let us attain the will.