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Spend an Evening with the Benham Brothers



By Melanie Stewart
Banquet Committee

You are cordially invited to attend the Pregnancy Center East annual *Banquet for Life* on Thursday, April 27 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Cincinnati. We are excited to welcome the Benham Brothers as our keynote speakers.

David and Jason Benham, former professional baseball players, nationally acclaimed entrepreneurs, best-selling authors of several books including *Whatever the Cost* and newly released, *Bold and Broken*, are also devoted husbands and fathers. The twins have appeared on *CNN*, *Fox News*, *ESPN*, *ABC's Nightline* and *Good Morning America*, and travel the country speaking to Christians about boldly standing up for their faith, whatever the cost. The brothers have been involved in the pro-life movement for over

Banquet for Life April 27

5:00 pm: Social

6:30 pm to 9:00 pm:
Dinner and program

Hyatt Regency Hotel
151 West Fifth Street
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Reservations:
\$100. per seat
\$50. clergy/student

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30 years. Their father, prominent pro-life leader, Flip Benham, insured his family was very active while growing up. They developed a national movement

called Cities4Life, which evolved from their experiences. Cities4Life provides a comprehensive model that Christians in cities across America can implement to manage and grow a successful pro-life program.

Please join us and our Master of Ceremonies, Voice of the Bengals announcer, Tom Kinder, for an enjoyable evening of cocktails, dinner and the Benhams' inspiring story. They will share with us how with God's help the pro-life movement can continue to grow and save more lives, and why the life-affirming ministry of PCE is essential in today's culture.

Reservations are available at SupportPCE.com or call 513-321-3100. For corporate or individual sponsorship opportunities, please call Tracy at 513-321-8110. We are expecting a sell-out so reserve now!

Humanity Will Have to Decide

By **Marlin Ach**
Advisory Board
Member & Client
Advocate



On January 23, 2019 New York passed a law giving a woman the right to abort her baby up to birth, a full term baby!

The passing of this bill was met with rejoicing, clapping and laughter by supporters in the room.

It doesn't matter if you wear a pink hat to celebrate the rights of women or a red hat to support your President, if you are a Republican or a Democrat, if you are religious or not religious. The heart and soul of this country is being decided by a vocal minority of people who have not considered all the rights and health of women. Women are empowered only when they know the truth and have the education and support to make a truly informed decision.

By my understanding, the era of slavery and the Holocaust are both defined in the same way, as EVIL. How could good people stand by and allow these atrocities?

Wilber Wilberforce was a world changer. Beginning at 21 years of age, he fought for the next twenty years in British Parliament to abolish slavery. He was met with fierce opposition, because slavery was an enormous economic force throughout the British Empire. Nevertheless, he toppled the biggest giant England had ever seen: the slave trade.

During that time, Wilber's friend, John

Newton, who had personally transported over 20,000 slaves from Africa to the West Indies, had a change of heart. John realized the evil he was doing and also became involved in ending slavery. Thus, he wrote the familiar song, "Amazing Grace" that "saved a wretch like me."

*Evil will triumph
when
good people
do nothing.*

Indeed, one of the more profound moments of awareness that I experienced was at a conference in Austria. A forum entitled, "Evil Will Triumph When Good People Do Nothing: Genocide Survivors Tell Their Stories" gave me the extraordinary opportunity to listen to a panel of survivors tell their powerful stories. Their stories were difficult to hear; one from a young Rwandan woman, another from a German priest, and another from Holocaust survivor, Gerda Weissmann Klein. Mrs. Klein's memoir became the Oscar-winning documentary, *One Survivor Remembers*.

Because these atrocities took so many lives, a common thread of understanding emerged that these brutal deaths could have been prevented if average people would have taken action. Common leadership, political and social circumstances contributed to these

exterminations.

The question: Can we view abortion in the same way we view the Holocaust or slavery? Isn't 50 million deaths by abortion also an atrocity?

Now that laws have declared that an unborn baby can be aborted as late as nine months, we must acknowledge that there is a real person to consider in this decision to terminate - *a live baby*.

I pray that we can be world changers in this climate of hate and quick judgments. This country needs the leadership of good people who are willing to face the truth. We must look past our moral failures and human flaws and move in a direction that will unite us in saving humanity from this continuing culture of death. Humanity will have to decide. God help us.



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Dear Fellow Pro-life Friends of PCE,

Answering God's Call is prayerfully at the center of our mission at PCE. He continues to abundantly bless the work of our hands. In hard numbers, the client services that YOU make possible on behalf of LIFE, these services continue to grow each year after year. Families find hope, not death and despair, in their times of need! That's a major step to change our Culture! One life of one child at a time. One mother and one father at a time. Nurturing one family at a time.

Thanks to your constant prayers and generosity, our PCE future of Hope is looking even brighter! Together, you and our fellow pro-life PCE friends have '*Answering God's Call*' to envision and now provide a brilliant future for our shared ministry: Our new Comprehensive Center is in the early stages of becoming a reality! We wanted you, our faithful friends, to be among the first to know. Thank, God! Exhilarating for such an answer to prayers. Of course, so much is yet to be

accomplished in actually "making our new home" and then "maintaining our home" over the upcoming years...so yes... your generous support will definitely be needed now as much as ever! Let us take time to prayerfully relish this historic moment of gratitude for all of our prayers answered! Many more exciting details of our plans will be forthcoming for you! You certainly won't want to miss our fantastic *Banquet for Life* 4/27/20! But for now let's be wrapped in thankfulness. Thank you, St. Joseph, as well. God's Call continues to be answered!

Prolife is overwhelmingly on the march in America! Nearly 1.5 million in Washington for the annual March for Life. This historic time also speaks to defending our precious religious liberty. In 1785, James Madison described religious liberty as "a right towards men" but "a duty towards the Creator". I love this quote from our

former PCE board member:

"...it is our Christian duty to leaven society by courageously speaking the truth about what it means to be human--that human nature is more than biology, more than matter in motion. It is sacred. That we are created from conception in God's image with immortal souls; that our life in this world should only end with a natural death, when we will finally realize our true destiny and fully experience the true, the good, and the beautiful in the presence of God." (Anthony J. Aretz, Ph.D.)

This is the hope and the healing that our PCE clients find now and later in our new comprehensive home. *Please continue to be both prayerfully and financially generous! None of this happens without YOU!* Let's continue to work to bring public attention to the cause of Life. Keep legislators engaged with the Pro-Life cause! THANK YOU FOR VOTING FOR LIFE.

God is good!

Jane Hoffman, Board Trustee

CHASTITY ON THE FRONT LINES

Welcome, Emily Young

by Zachary Nelson
Chastity Educator

This winter we wished our Chastity Education Manager, Shayne Reno, a warm farewell as she moved to a part-time position as Pastoral Associate at St. Susanna Catholic Church. St. Susanna is blessed to have her, and we wish her the best of luck!

With the departure of Shayne, I am thrilled to introduce our new Chastity Educator, Emily Young. Emily joins me as we bring *In Control* to over 3300 students a year and prepare for our summer *Theology of the Body* camp.

Emily was born and raised in Southern California. She studied history and reli-



gious studies at the University of Alabama, where she met her husband, Matt. In September they welcomed their first child, Maria Thérèse.

Emily brings a wealth of experience to *In Control*. She and her husband served as VIA missionaries to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, where they ministered to youth, inspiring them to grow in their faith. Emily explains, "I came to Cincinnati to help youth come to know their dignity as children of God, and I am excited to join the team at PCE to continue doing exactly that!"

Emily loves the message of chastity, especially how it can encourage women. Emily says, "My heart is especially with young women and girls growing up in today's culture which is so hostile to authentic femininity." We are blessed to have Emily join the PCE staff!



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Client Chronicle: Five Years of Gratitude

Dear Pregnancy Center East:

I am writing just to say thank you. Several years ago, I came there, and you all helped me more than you could ever know. I am now a mom of an amazing 5-year-old son, Brayden. I met a girl in the parenting classes that I have formed a lasting friendship with who delivered her daughter just two days after I had my son. We're actually having a play date this week. I would love to talk to you and give you my thanks in person!

With gratitude,
Robin

