



My sweet mother, Faye Ellen Digby, taught ninth grade English and literature. As one of her many students, I read “A Tale of Two Cities” by Charles Dickens. “It was the best of times, and the worst of times” during the French Revolution. We are living in the best of times and the worst of times.

Thanks to you, Mississippi Baptists and the Christian Action Commission, I had the opportunity on January 17-19 of representing all of you at the Evangelicals for Life Conference in Washington, D.C. I learned much about the pro-life issue and heard many great speakers on that Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

What a privilege for me to be a part of the March for Life on our National Mall. It started under the Washington Monument and ended in front of the Supreme Court Building. My meeting kept me in Washington on the next day, Saturday. As we moved about, we were mindful of a second march in Washington. These two marches on consecutive days reflected a “Tale of Two Cities.”

I call the two days Good Friday and Sad Saturday. They were a “Tale of Two Marches.” Friday’s March for Life was huge. Our 45th President addressed the 45th March for Life live via satellite from the Rose Garden in the backyard of our White House. The speakers on Sad Saturday were the typical liberal politicians who care nothing about Religious Liberty.

We (Becky, Bailey, Kaleb, and I) were in the middle of the Friday March. It took us forever to get to the Supreme Court building. We then took advantage of the Jefferson Building (Library of Congress) being just to the south. When we came out of the Library of Congress two hours later, the March for Life was still going. Thousands and thousands were standing up for the unborn. At the beginning of the march, there were masses of people from the Capitol all the way to the Lincoln Memorial. The size of Friday’s March

A Tale of Two Marches



SUPPORTING LIFE – Kenny Digby (front, second from left), executive director of the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, attends the national March for Life in Washington, D.C., while participating in the 2018 Evangelicals for Life Conference on Jan. 17-19.

shut down the bus system, the “circulators.” During Sad Saturday, the bus system worked fine.

I felt a little bit like Forrest Gump, but we were not protesting about death, we were celebrating life. We

do need to end the war (not in Vietnam, but the war on the unborn). I had always wanted to be on the Mall at a Biblical, moral rally — thanks to you, our family was.

The March for Life was multi-generational. We are winning on the pro-life front with the younger generation. Youth and college students were everywhere. Both genders (there are only two) were well represented on Friday. The March for Life is growing. So, when it comes to Generations, Genders, and Growth, the March for Life is winning.

I visited the Holocaust Museum on Sad Saturday. There were “death marches” from concentration camps retreating into Germany as the Nazis tried to hide the truth of their genocide. Ironically, the Nazis called this tragedy the “Final Solution.” Today those who are “pro-abortion” prefer “pro-choice,” but neither the Jews had a choice nor do unborn babies today have a choice.

We need a solution for abortion — the reversal of *Roe v. Wade* would help. We have wandered in the wilderness for over 40 years (January 22, 1973). A whole generation of Americans have been murdered.

We must be consistently pro-life (that includes many complicated, medical issues such as some stem cell treatments or some research and development of vaccines). However difficult, we don’t need to cop out; we must be courageous and compassionate.

We have at-large slots open for the Christian Leadership Institute for high school young men at Blue Mountain College July 9-13. If your association, church, Brotherhood/Men’s Ministry or family would like to sponsor someone, call us. We need future leaders who will be PRO-LIFE.

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Staff Changes



SHILOH SOUTHERN CHURCH, MAN-TACHIE, has called Blake Buchanan as youth minister. Shown are Donny Cates, Ray Smith, Buchanan, and Ronald Harris.



FIRST CHURCH, MORTON, has called Marty Wilson as pastor. He comes with his wife, Debbie. Shown are David Hollingsworth, Debbie Wilson, Wilson, and Fred Johnson.



INGOMAR CHURCH, UNION COUNTY, has called Chris McCluskey as minister of students beginning Jan. 1. He is a native of Oxford and a 2010 graduate of the University of Mississippi. He recently graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.



CENTRAL CHURCH, MERIDIAN, has called Glenn Jackson as pastor beginning Jan. 2. He comes from Neshoba County where he has served the last 9 ½ years as AMD.

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