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NFL Star Has “Stunning” Family Size



Los Angeles Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers stunned Dan Patrick of The Dan Patrick Show when he confirmed he has eight children—and wants more. “You got

eight?” gasped the host. “You nailed it. Six girls and two boys....But I’ll tell you what, the three oldest are girls. Now they’re 16, 13, and 12, so we have a lotta little mamas in the house, helping out.” Rivers is a devout Catholic and his wife, and junior high school sweetheart, Tiffany, is a convert to the faith. They grew up in Alabama and married in 2001 when Rivers was a sophomore at North Carolina State. He was the #4 overall pick in the 2004 NFL Draft. [LifeSiteNews](#), 9/20/18

Alabama Top Court Judge Urges Supreme Court to Overturn Roe V. Wade

In the case of [Jessie Phillips v. State of Alabama](#), the Alabama Supreme Court unanimously ruled, “the value of the life of an unborn child is no less than the value of the lives of other persons.” Jessie Phillips, convicted of murdering his wife and their pre-born child, had appealed his conviction arguing that he shouldn’t receive the death penalty because his 6-8 week pre-born child should not be considered a person under Alabama law. In his [concurring opinion](#), Justice Parker dismissed that argument as “entirely unconvincing in light of the natural law, Alabama law, and this Court’s numerous recent decisions consistently recognizing that an unborn child is a human being from the earliest stage of development and thus possesses the same right to life as a born person...I urge the Supreme Court of the United States [SCOTUS] to reconsider the Roe exception and to overrule this constitutional aberration [and] return the power to the states to fully protect the most vulnerable among us.” The national significance of this case cannot be understated, since the question of personhood has been the lynchpin to the so-called right to abortion, ever since Justice Blackmun erroneously wrote in Roe v. Wade that children in the womb are not persons and therefore not entitled to any of the fundamental constitutional protections. *Sign petition telling Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade* [here](#).

[LifeSiteNews](#), 10/19/18

SCOTUS Petitioned to Reverse Roe V. Wade

The Moral Outcry (see [www.themoraloutcry.com](#) Petition, with over 100,000 signers, gives SCOTUS five major reasons under the "Law of Judicial Precedent" to reverse Roe v. Wade in an appropriate case:

1. Abortion is a crime against humanity, which occurs when a government withdraws legal protection from a "class" of human beings.
2. There is amazing new evidence that life begins at conception.
3. There is new evidence that abortion hurts women.
4. Given safe haven laws, which decriminalize the leaving of unharmed infants at statutorily designated locations, no woman needs abortion to be free from the burden of unwanted childcare. Police stations, hospitals, 24-hour convenience stores, Wal Marts, rescue squads, and fire stations are all typical locations to which the safe-haven law applies. All 50 states have such laws (see [www.nationalsafehavenalliance.org](#)). Safe haven is completely free as opposed to an abortion, and equally available to the rich and poor. There is no need for coat hanger abortions.
5. There are a million people waiting to adopt healthy newborn children.

What a win-win for society: justice for the child, mercy for the mother, and loving homes provided by people who are desperate to have children. It is time to reverse Roe v. Wade and allow states that desire to do so, to ban abortion. [christiannewswire.com](#), 10/24/18

SCOTUS Refuses to Hear Objections to TN Restrictions on Abortion

In a victory for abortion opponents, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear a challenge to Amendment 1, the 2014 ballot measure that eliminated the right to an abortion from the Tennessee state constitution. The high court's decision ends the long-running legal battle to overturn the measure approved by 53 percent of voters in one of the most contentious and expensive ballot fights in state history. Its passage allowed lawmakers to enact stricter abortion measures, including a 48-hour waiting period for women seeking an abortion—although that measure is facing a separate legal challenge. The measure added language to the state's constitution saying, "Nothing in this Constitution secures or protects a right to abortion."

[Tennessean](#), 10/1/18



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Judge Protects Freedom of Pro-Lifers

A federal judge in St. Louis ruled that pro-lifers could not be forced to hire, lend money to, or rent to people who advocate for or promote abortions. The decision overturned a city ordinance that barred landlords, lending agencies, and employers from discriminating against anyone for their “reproductive health decisions or pregnancy status.” Last year, the Thomas More Society, a pro-life legal group, sued the city on behalf of a number of pro-life groups and businesspeople. U.S. District Judge Audrey Fleissig ruled that Our Lady’s Inn, a home for pregnant women, and the Archdiocesan Elementary Schools of St. Louis, a group of Catholic grade schools, have First Amendment protections from employing or housing people who promote abortion. Fleissig found that “forced inclusion of teachers or other staff who do not adhere to their values would significantly affect the Archdiocesan Elementary Schools’ ability to advocate their viewpoints.” Citing the Missouri Religious Freedom Restoration Act, Fleissig also said Frank O’Brien, CEO of O’Brien Industrial Holdings, could not be forced to provide his employees with insurance coverage for abortion or contraceptives, something the ordinance required. The city is considering appealing the ruling.

[World News Group](#), 10/8/18



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Federal Appeals Court Allows Abortion Restrictions in Missouri

Missouri won a victory when a federal appeals court allowed the state to enforce abortion clinic regulations that would protect patients suffering from potentially life-threatening complications. The regulations require that 1) abortionists have hospital admitting privileges for patient emergencies, and 2) abortion facilities meet the same basic health and safety standards as other ambulatory surgical centers. As a result, the abortion chain Planned Parenthood (PP) could be forced to shut down one of its two abortion facilities in the state. PP in St. Louis has developed a terrible reputation, sending at least 65 women to the hospital in ambulances since 2009, [according to Operation Rescue](#). State inspection reports between 2009 and 2016 also showed [more than 200 health and safety violations that endangered women’s health](#).

[LifeNews](#), 9/10/18

Another Federal Contract for Fetal Tissue

The National Institutes of Health recently disclosed it has a \$13.8 million contract with the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), to procure aborted baby body parts and create humanized mice. The news comes on the heels of the revelation that the Food and Drug Administration partnered with Advanced Bioscience Resources, a tissue procurement company implicated in a congressional investigation, to obtain aborted fetal tissue. The FDA used mice with humanized immune systems to test the safety of drugs, while UCSF uses the mice to study HIV. In September, 45 pro-life leaders signed a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, urging him to find ethical alternatives to his department’s research with aborted human tissue. They also requested information on NIH spending. At the time, the NIH was doling out roughly \$100 million a year for fetal tissue experimentation. CNS News reported that the NIH said the contract with UCSF would run through 2020, and the university had already received about \$9.5 million. The contractual agreement began in 2013.

[World News Group](#), 10/22/18

PA Senate Misses Opportunity to Protect Children Diagnosed with Down Syndrome

Pennsylvania Family Council is deeply disappointed by the lost opportunity in the Pennsylvania State Senate to pass the Down Syndrome Protection Act before the session ended. House Bill 2050 would prohibit an abortion solely based on a diagnosis of possible Down syndrome. The measure passed the PA House with by a bipartisan vote—more than the two-thirds majority needed to override a promised veto. The momentum supporting the Down Syndrome Protection Act has been growing steadily and showed no signs of slowing. [PAFamily.org](#), 10/18/18