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Unborn's Heartbeat Occurs at 16 Days, Study Finds



A baby's heart first beats far earlier than was previously understood. Until recently, the accepted beginning point of a baby's first heartbeat was around day 21. Now a new study published in eLife, a peer-reviewed, open-access scientific journal, finds a baby's first heartbeat occurs even earlier: at 16 days. A team funded by the British Heart Foundation [BHF] at the University of Oxford discovered that in mice, the heart muscle starts to contract as soon as it forms the cardiac crescent—an early stage in heart development—rather than the later stage when the heart appears as a linear tube. In mice, this crescent appears 7.5 days after conception, which is equivalent to day 16 in a human unborn baby. Scientists hope this discovery can help in understanding and treating congenital heart disease. (NRL News Today, 10/12/16; Christian Life Resources LifeWire, 10/13/16)

Speaking Up For Life

“Dear ones, in a culture and society increasingly divided by ideas and behaviors, let us never forget that we have no human enemies. Our God came to a ‘hostile’ people to win them with His love, not His ‘correctness.’ Let us do the same with those who are their own worst enemies. Today ... let us overcome darkness not with rhetoric and force, but with humility and faithfulness. Love one another, even those who hate you.” *Father Barnabas Powell, Cumming, Georgia*

“Do you want to do something beautiful for God? There is a person who needs you. This is your chance.” *Mother Teresa (on adoption)*

“If you keep thinking of your life—which is utterly unique in the entire universe!—as a true gift, you will draw nearer to the Giver of that gift. So, Happy Thanksgiving!” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James*

“After you have thought about your earthly blessings, take some time and meditate on your spiritual blessings from the Lord. Think of your Baptism when the Lord adopted you into His family and gave you forgiveness of your sins, life, and salvation.” *James Schroeder, LCMS Foundation*

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Owen's Mission—in Williamsburg, Iowa

From Rev. Karl J. Heck, Saint Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, Iowa:

“On Sunday, August 14, Saint Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church combined her adult Bible class and Sunday school hour (well, a little more than an hour!) and gave a great life presentation using Scriptures and some tract materials, brochures, posters, etc., (as well as other materials we had prepared) that we use in catechetical instruction and other educational in-reach and out-reach. We also used the Touch of Life fetal models we secured from you some time ago. It was great for the elderly all the way down to the little ones. We also unashamedly tied this in with the current political climate in this country and the upcoming elections this fall; votes of Christians do matter! Anyway, it was a wonderful educational time; the models were wonderful. The children relished the babies. We had no problem retaining their attention!”

In the photo (l-r): Isabella Schlesselman (holding the 12-week-old model), Angelina Heck (holding the 26-week-old model), and Samantha Schlesselman (holding the 22-week-old model). Pastor Heck wrote, “Note how carefully and lovingly they are holding each of the babies. Absolutely beautiful! God's blessings!”

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**Since Roe v. Wade in 1973:
57,762,169 abortions in America**

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