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BALTIMORE ABORTIONIST STILL ALABAMA- BOUND

An aging Baltimore doctor is still making regular trips to Alabama to perform abortions, Defend Life has learned.

Dr. Richard Stuntz, 77, who lives in the Mt. Washington section of Baltimore, comes on Thursdays and Fridays to the Reproduction Health Services abortion clinic in Montgomery, according to Deborah Giles, director of Sidewalk Counselors of Montgomery.

'I just saw him two weeks ago,' said Mrs. Giles in a June 4 telephone interview. 'For a while I thought he had stopped--but he has changed his schedule.'

Defend Life phoned Reproductive Health Services June 29 and asked for Dr. Stuntz. 'He's not in; may I help you?' was the reply.



Dr. Richard Stuntz

The clinic employee would not answer repeated queries as to when Stuntz could be reached. She took the caller's name and phone number and promised to give him the message.

He did not return the call. Stuntz, who is co-owner of Reproductive Health Services with the manager, has been coming down to Montgomery for at least 15 years, said Mrs. Giles.

About five years ago Defend Life, in cooperation with Alabama pro-lifers, distributed flyers in Stuntz's neighborhood, informing his neighbors of his Alabama baby-killing activities.

At that time he reportedly was also performing abortions at the Women's Community Health Center in Huntsville. He has not done abortions at the Huntsville clinic for several years, according to Major Fecteau, president of the

Huntsville chapter of Catholics United for Life.

'He's getting up there in years; he's probably pulling in some of his activities,' said Mr. Fecteau.

Since Defend Life's leafletting, Reproductive Health Services has moved from East South Boulevard to a building on South Perry Street that it shares with the local Planned Parenthood office.

Sidewalk Counselors of Montgomery has followed. Its members regularly hand out brochures to women at the clinic and attempt to dissuade them from undergoing abortions.

Reproductive Health Services performs abortions on unborn children of up to 16 weeks gestation, using the vacuum aspiration method. Costs range from \$350 for abortions under 12 weeks to \$600 for abortions from 15 to 16 weeks.

Dr. Stuntz, an obstetrician-gynecologist, received his medical degree from Vanderbilt School of Medicine in 1950. He has been licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland since 1978.

Mrs. Giles said that if Defend Life pickets or demonstrates against Dr. Stuntz in Baltimore, her group will do a demonstration in conjunction with it -- 'Anything to let him know we're watching him,' she said.

MESSAGE TO STUNTZ: LET ALABAMA BABIES LIVE!

Defend Life is planning to let Dr. Stuntz and his neighbors know we're unhappy with, and ashamed of, this Baltimore doctor's continued baby-killing activities in Alabama. If you'd like to take part in an informational demonstration, please call 410-296-LIVE and let us know.