

Remember from earlier in our discussion that pregnancy now involves two lives. There is the life of the mother and the life of the baby inside the mother (Luke 1:41). The child and the mother are two separate lives. We are as opposed to murdering children in the womb as we are to murdering children outside the womb. This is not an issue of women's rights. This is an issue of human rights. I can remember distinctly that during the pregnancies for both our girls the doctors treated two patients. Not only did Ashley's doctor care for her body but they also took steps to protect both girls while they were developing in the womb. We watched ultrasound videos of the girls moving and playing in the womb. We named both girls before they were born. We celebrated their life before they were ever born. We are all for the rights of women. We are also advocates for the lives of unborn babies.

Conclusion

God made the church to be the light of the world (Matt. 5:13-16). We are the pillar and the ground of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15). This means we are supposed to be the voice of moral clarity. Spiritual truth is supposed to radiate from the church. There may be issues in matters of opinion that Christians can disagree on and still be the light of the world. But objective matters are non-negotiable. Abortion is one of these objective truths. Abortion is murder, plain and simple. God forgive us for turning abortion into a political issue that we only discuss once every four years. Let our hearts break that we only grieve the murder of babies when it is politically convenient.

Our overall silence on the issue is appalling. We are not here to be politically correct or play political games. We are created to be God's special people and reflect His nature and truth to the world (Tit. 2:11-14). His cause is our cause. If He hates the shedding of innocent blood, then we should too (Prov. 6:16-19).

America is truly a remarkable place with unparalleled freedoms. Abortion, however, is a dark stain on this nation's character and it must be opposed. We are citizens of two kingdoms and our allegiance to the kingdom of God should shape our interaction with the other (Phil. 3:20). I often think of Esther coming to her position of power at just the right time to affect a good outcome for her world (Est. 4:14). Who knows whether we too have come to this place for such a time as this? Speak out. Vote against it. Teach and educate others. Show a better way. Be the church.

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4. We also affirm that our opposition to abortion is not an argument against the rights of women. We are affirming our opposition to the murder of the separate life inside the woman's womb. So much of the conflict over abortion now centers on the rights of women. It is argued that pro-life advocates are attempting to tell women what they can and cannot do with their bodies. This was apparent in the recent confirmation of Amy Barrett to the United States Supreme Court. One of the fears advanced by opponents was that her confirmation would lead to women losing power over their own body. “My body, my choice,” signs read. But this is inaccurate.

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Prayer List - Members

Nancy Birch	Bobby Wilson	Susie Hargis
Jenny Partin	Loretta Leffew	Judy Lusk
Tommy Grandfield	Barbara Castleberry	Kathy Castleberry

Prayer List - Friends and Family

Mike Bouldin	Fred Hafley	Tina Brown
Tony Miller	Steve Gaines	Steve Higginbotham
Tim Randolph	Bill Greer	Juanita Johnson
Janice Smith	Grayson Ledbetter	Bessie Smithson
Diane Stacy	Becky Eustice	John Webster
Ruth Fuller	Terry Driver	Jan Burton
Tammy Hudson	Kathy Hamilton	Carol Dodd
Clinton Miller	Kenlie Carr	Willie Langley

(See additional information on each of these on the bulletin board at either hallway.)

Sick and Recovering

Barbara Castleberry is at home and is receiving some assistance from home health as well as meal delivery service for seniors. Cards and/or short phone calls would be appreciated.

Kathy Castleberry has improved and is at NHC Parkwood for therapy. She did have a blood pressure issue that required a return to the ER last Wednesday. After tests, it was determined that she had a UTI and she was returned to NHC.

The latest victims of the Covid 19 virus are **Judy Lusk** who tested positive last week. In addition, **Kali and Autumn Laster, and Jesse Lowman** all tested positive last week. **Aubrey Laster** is feeling much better at this time. Please keep the entire family in your prayers.

Freeman Cooper will have surgery on his wrist next Tuesday. Please keep him in your prayers.

Participating in Worship Service – November 1, 2020

Leading Singing: Terry Pursley Opening Prayer: Doug Rector
Lord's Supper: Steve Pell, Sr. Closing Prayer: Willard Elsea

PM Opening Prayer: Michael Jackson PM Closing Prayer: J. Compton

Sermon Topics

- **AM:** "Mission Possible" – Acts 1-2
- **PM:** Q & A
- Livestreaming continues in the fellowship room (masks mandated) for all services.

"I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me, and heard my cry. He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps." Psa. 40:1-2

IMPORTANT: Please note that everyone is required to wear a mask as you enter and leave the building. Once you are seated, you may remove your mask if you like.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays: Monday – James Groves, Kelsey Battles; Tuesday – Terry Curvin, Tim Smith; Wednesday – Caleb Qualls.

Anniversaries: Today – Curt & Melinda Horn; Tuesday – Doug & Vickie Rector; Wednesday – Grady & Jimmie Cash.

Last Sunday was **David's 11th anniversary** with our North Hamilton family. Since we didn't meet in-person last week, you may have missed that bit of information.

Take the opportunity to thank him for his service to us.

Important Dates for Your Calendar

- **November 8-12 – Gospel Meeting at Sequatchie Valley** with Jeff Archey speaking. Services will be at 7:00 PM nightly.
- **Thursday, November 26 – 61st Annual Thanksgiving Day Service** at Central Church of Christ with David Schonhoff speaking. Service at 9:00 AM.

Congregational Information

- **REMINDER:** Last week was the time set aside for the special building fund contribution. However, since we did not have an in-person worship service, the elders extended that time to this week. You are asked to make a notation on the memo line of your check that it is for the building fund.
- **Trunk or Treat** was a tremendous success again this year. The drive-thru event hosted nearly 3,000 people. A special thank you to all who helped make this possible and a VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to **Josh Elsea** who took the lead and organized the evening. Awesome job.
- Congratulations goes out to **Steve Everett** who was elected as a Commissioner for Soddy Daisy. We know he will do a great job for the citizens of our community.
- Congratulations to **Kelly Hemming**. Kelly closed on the sale of her house and the purchase of her new house located at **12544 Emerald Creek Circle, Soddy Daisy, 37379**. Please make this change in your directory.
- We have a couple of methods of communication here at North Hamilton. 1) We are on a system called "All Call" that allows us to send a message out to our members by making one call to the system. If you are not receiving these calls, please give your phone number to Joel Laney and he will add you to the call list. 2) Our bulletin is sent out electronically on Friday evening or Saturday morning each week. If you wish to receive the electronic version of the bulletin, give your email address to Gloria Greer and she will add you to the email list.
- **Freeman and Debbie Cooper** have been at it again with their travels. They have visited Phoenix and some other places these past few weeks.