

### NEWS AND NOTES

- ◇ Please remember in prayer– Ken and Arlene Turner, Patti James’ son (Brian), Debbie Montgomery, Alma Townsley, June Ross (Nick & Robin’s Grandmother, Hugh Sills, and Ted Penland.
- ◇ Linda James will be having surgery on April 11th.
- ◇ Check the bulletin board for upcoming Gospel Meetings.
- ◇ Please remember also our shut-ins:
- ◇ Group 1 meets tonight.

**\*UPCOMING EVENTS\***

- Last Friday of each month - beginning in April
- 2nd Sunday each month - Afternoon Singing
- 2nd Monday night of each month - Ladies’ Bible Class.
- 4th Sunday of each month -Men’s Class

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### Assignments

Wednesday Night: 4/3/13

Song Leader: Jeremy Wharton  
 Opening Prayer: Eddie Lawson  
 Invitation: Sherman Johnson  
 Announcements: Mike Sadler  
 Closing Prayer: Nick Ross  
 Parking Lot: Colby Sadler

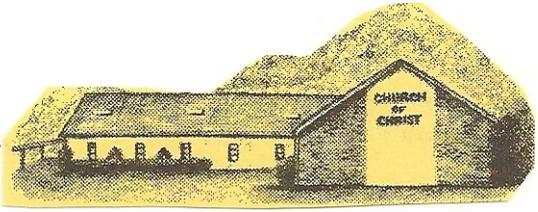
Sunday Morning: 4/7/13

Lord’s Table: Colby Sadler (B)  
 James VanDoorn (C)  
 Serving: Keith Marschall  
 Eddie Lawson  
 Song Leader: Nick Ross  
 Opening Prayer: Sherman Johnson  
 Announcements: Larry Hicks  
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Williams  
 Parking Lot: (9:00) Norm Blackburn  
 (9:50) Colby Sadler

Sunday Evening: 4/7/13

Song Leader: Larry Wisdom  
 Opening Prayer: Rodger Robinson  
 Lord’s Table: Colby Sadler  
 Announcements: Larry Hicks  
 Closing Prayer: Bucky Day  
 Parking Lot: Leon Miller

*\* Today marks the end of the teaching quarter. Wednesday evening begins quarter # 2.*



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### *“Abortion is Not the Answer”*

“Abortion is defined as the termination of pregnancy by the removal or expulsion from the uterus of a fetus or embryo prior to viability. The term abortion most commonly refers to the induced abortion of a human pregnancy. The most common surgical methods of induced abortion is by manual vacuum aspiration (MVA) which consists of removing the fetus or embryo, placenta, and membranes by suction using a manual syringe, while electric vacuum aspiration (EVA) uses an electric pump.”

- Source: CBR, Guttmacher Institute, CDC

Many people in our society are trying to sell us on the idea that abortion is not murder. Our nation’s leaders, neighbors, and friends speak upon it as "terminating a pregnancy" or “removing tissue." Indeed, that sounds much more agreeable than talking about “killing an unborn baby”.

The Bible, however, refers to the unborn in terms that are descriptive of human life.

Under the Law of Moses, for someone who had caused the death of a baby in the womb – their penalty was the same as someone who had committed murder against an adult. (Exodus 21:22-25). This indicates that God regards a baby in the womb as just as much of a human being - as one who is full-grown.

David wrote in Psalm 139:13-14, “For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.” Within these verses, we see clearly that God concerns Himself with both our creation, and formation in the womb.

During the time in which Jeremiah was called to do His work, the word of the Lord came to the prophet and declared, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” (Jeremiah

1:5) God certainly had a purpose for Jeremiah’s life before he was even born.

In Proverbs 6:16-17 we read, “These six **things the LORD hates**, yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him: A proud look, a lying tongue, **hands that shed innocent blood**”. Bear in mind that the only party who is innocent in the act of abortion - is the baby. Choosing to kill the **babe** is essentially giving the death penalty to that unborn infant, and God hates the hands that shed innocent blood.

In the second chapter of Luke, we read about how John the Baptist leaped in his mother’s womb at the greeting of Mary (the mother of Jesus). “And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the **babe** leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For

indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the **babe** leaped in my womb for joy.” (Luke 1:41-44) Within this text, we see that John (before his birth) is referred to as a “**babe**”. The word translated here in the original is “*brephos*”. That is the same word used in describing the events concerning the shepherds who were told by an angel where to locate Jesus after His birth, “And this will be the sign to you: You will find a **Babe** wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger” (Luke 2:12). This is also the same word used to describe Jesus when the shepherds later found him in Luke 2:16. The point is - John the Baptist did not become a “**babe**” at birth – he was a baby before birth! An abortion would have killed him – it would have killed a baby. (I encourage you to mull that one over.) If it is wrong to kill a baby anytime after his birth, then it is wrong to kill him before his birth!

Do we see that our nation’s laws on abortion are contrary to what God has to say concerning the matter? Make no mistake, the murder of the millions of innocent babies will not go unnoticed - or unpunished - by the Lord God Almighty. The Lord spoke to the prophet

Jeremiah, “The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it. And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it, if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.” - Jeremiah 18:7-10

We should keep in mind these verses the next time we have the opportunity to speak upon this subject. Sex education classes or instruction about "safe sex" is not the answer. Abortion grows out of a heart of defiance to the will of God. So many couples wait in line for years to adopt a precious newborn “**babe**”. Abortion is not the answer. Only the word of God will “turn the hearts of the fathers to the children” (Luke 1:17)