



Chalmette Church of Christ

November 2, 2008

“What is Pro-Choice?”

Pro-choice is defined as: “favoring the legalization of abortion.” Pro-choice says, “I believe a woman has the constitutional right to have an abortion if she chooses to do so.” Many say, “I would not have an abortion if it were me; but I’m pro-choice, I believe others have the right to have an abortion if they chose to have one.” Some women argue they have the right to do with their body as they chose. However, they fail to consider the baby they carry is not her body!

Pro-choice is Pro-death. Pro-death sounds to gruesome and repulsive, so the term pro-choice is used. It softens the impact and makes it more acceptable to swallow. However, the end result is the same. If a woman has the right to kill her unwanted child inside the womb, why doesn’t she have the right to kill her unwanted child outside the womb? Where’s the infant’s moral and constitutional rights?

The Bible addresses this subject in no uncertain terms. Second Timothy 3:3 speaks of some who are “*without natural affection.*” Some have lost the natural instinct to *love, care for and protect* their own children. The same phrase is used in Romans 1:31 in the midst of a list of other sins. Verse 32 then says, “*Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*” We are forbidden to engage in such hideous behavior AND if we have pleasure in (by

supporting) those who are involved, we’re no better than they are. This condemns those who say “I would not kill my own children but I support others who choose to do so.”

The Bible makes no distinction between killing a child outside the womb or killing inside the womb. The same Greek word is used to describe children *before birth* (Luke 1:41, 43), *newborns* (Luke 2:12, 16), *infants* (Luke 18:15), and *young children* (Acts 7:19; II Timothy 3:15).

Do you support abortion? Are you pro-choice? They’re both the same. God forbids us to either support or defend those who shed innocent blood (Proverbs 6:16-19). Too many care more for social issues than they do moral uprightness. If we’re going to be right with God, then we must stand for and support His Way, not our own way. God is pro-family, pro-life, not pro-choice, pro-death.

By: Garland M. Robinson

Applauding in Worship

Dear Bro. Waddey: Since our new youth minister came here, our young people have begun applauding when a person is baptized. This upsets and distracts me. Am I just too old fashioned, or am I right? Larry

Dear Bro. Larry: I have experienced the same sensation as you when I have seen a group, usually led by young people, applauding at a baptism. Once they get used to applauding for that, they begin applauding for cute saying, or zinger statements by the preacher, or any other good excuse. Some justify themselves saying that a baptism is not a worship service. But many, many baptisms are conducted in the worship assembly when the sinner responds to the gospel invitation.

I attribute this practice not so much to malice as to ignorance and being led down the wrong path by youth workers and college teachers who crave something new and different for their religious experience.

One way to respond to those trying to justify their practice is to ask if they would applaud at their mother's funeral. If not, why? Would they have applauded at Christ's death and burial? Why not? A baptism is a symbolic re-enactment of the death and burial of Christ. Is that an appropriate time for applause?

Again, you might ask, "Just what is appropriate applause? Does it include screaming, shouting, hooting, stomping the feet, whistling?" If they say no, then ask just where do we find scriptural guidelines for appropriate applauding?

Applauding for such spiritual experiences is part and parcel of the thinking of those who crave entertainment in place of sacred worship. It fits with the entertaining soloists, duets, and choirs. It is natural for a performance of a band or an interpretative dance. It is the normal thing to do after a comedian gives his performance. But it is out of place in the worship of the living God.

By: John Waddey

Our Gospel Meeting and Door Knocking Campaign begins today. Please invite neighbors and friends and make plans to attend.

Also Scott Russell asked for prayers of the church on Wednesday night. May God bless him richly in his Christian walk.

WORKS WE SUPPORT

Gospel Broadcast Network
House to House Heart to Heart
Two students at the Memphis
School of Preaching
Curry Montague— Budapest
Morrne Stephanus

Prayer List

Mary Jo Lance
Malcolm Vasquez
Muriel Jones
Joe Riley
Alice Riley
Maggie Fletcher
Bill Burchett
Buck Hall



Sherry Towle
Bob Spurlin
Catherine Grant
Kathleen Grant Dunn
Earl Grant
Alice Grant
Sonny Adams
Betty Grisham
Paul Roberts
Barnabas Tibbs

*All of our brethren scattered
across the United States

* Our men and women who are serv-
ing in the military:

- Ryan Neal
- Wayne Schulz

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Services of The Church
Sunday

Bible Classes 9:00 am
AM Worship 10:00 am
PM Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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Grass Cutting

Schedule

Mark Lance– November 3-8

Bruce Scariano– November 10-15

Mike Swanner– November 17-22

Bill Green– November 24-29



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Kid's Korner

See if you can answer the following questions:

Answers from last week:

1. A dry morsel 2. When one letteth out water 3. Transgression 4. Every fool 5. The scorner

The Book of Proverbs (Continued)

Fill in the blank

1. He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that _____.
2. Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no _____, the strife ceaseth.
3. As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is _____ to kindle strife.
4. He that is _____ stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.
5. An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man _____.

Tune in next week to see if you got all the answers correct!



Cleaning Schedule

Month of November— Looking for volunteers. Please sign up if available.

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 2-6 Door Knocking Campaign and Gospel Meeting with the Memphis School of Preaching

NOVEMBER 14-16 Light From the Past

Seminar with Dewayne Bryant

November 17- Men's business meeting

November 28- Ladies Game Night