



THE MESSENGER

MAY 16, 2021

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
TBD

Weekly Bible Studies
Tuesdays at 11 on Zoom

Times of Service
Sunday

Bible study: 9:45 AM
Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible study: 7:30 PM
(Immediately followed by a
short worship service)

First Friday of Month
Singing
On hold

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LIFE IS PRECIOUS (2)

One of the longest lasting and most controversial debates throughout history is trying to answer the question of when life begins. Scholars from every academic discipline with a self-perceived stake in the game have theorized and postulated an answer with minimal agreement. At various times one particular answer has been settled on and then institutionalized by government only to be replaced by some other answer promulgated by whatever special interest group has the ear of lawmakers.

With regard to human beings, there are variations to the question: When does life begin? Prominent answers given with great sincerity include "life begins at conception; when a fetal heart beat is first detected; at the beginning of brain activity; when tissues in the fetus separate into different types; and there are several other suggestions. Even Aristotle, a premier Greek philosopher who lived from 384-322 BC suggested that male fetuses begin life at 40 days after conception and female fetuses at 90 days. When life begins has become even more complicated by changing the question to when does a fetus have a right to life? Or, when does the fetus become a person?

Since man cannot come to an agreement about the beginning of life, or about the right to life, or even about when a person actually becomes a real person, perhaps man should just give it up. Better still man needs to realize when life begins is not for him to determine. Deity, the eternal Spiritual Being, has already determined because He is the Creator.

I find it very interesting that the Second Continental Congress, almost 250 years ago recognized that the right to life was granted by the Creator and could never be subject to the whims of man. Here is how the Continental Congress stated that fact in the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. Notice that the right to life is unalienable and has been endowed by our Creator. In other words, God has provided his creation with the right to life and it is not to be taken away. It is obvious that those words were carefully selected by Bible-believing men. Who would dare, then, to grab from another that which was given by God? Yet, that is exactly what is being done to upwards of 1,000,000 unborn babies each year in the U.S.

Members Needing Our Prayers

Pat, Seabolt, Janet Brundige,
Julie Patton, Jackie and Evelyn
Litmer, Joyce Bolton, Karen
Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy
Bradbury, Paul Atkisson,
Rhonda Boyd (and family)

Others Needing Prayers

Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder,
Mark Nickles, Dale Lyons,
Adam Fusco, Rachel and
Sarah White, Duane Harrod,
Grace Meyer, Andy Seabolt,
Meredith Nicholson, Alice and
Lonnie Anderson, Glen
Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry
Daniels, Harvey Baker, Leroy
Weatherholt, Robert
Brundige, John Blessing,
William Roberts, Paul and
Marrian Lyda, Dana and her
children, Shane (a relative of
Cindi), Ron Harmon, Debbie
Lanphear

To Our Guests

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There are a couple of eye-opening and striking passages of scripture that settle, for me, when, in God's sight one is a being, that is, has existence, with person-hood and the right to life. When God called Jeremiah, He said *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."* (Jeremiah 1:5) This prophet of God had an identity and a purpose even before he was conceived and born. Prior to his life on earth, he lived in the mind and plans of God. King David, in Psalm 139, verses 15-16 wrote some words from which we ought to conclude that what is in the mind and eye of God is not to be trifled with as a matter of convenience. *My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.* Can this nation not stop the insanity of abortion? Life is the precious gift of God. John Thompson

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| Troy Antle | Richard Brundige | Adam Litmer |
| David Collins | Adam Daniels | |
| John Thompson | Adam Litmer | |
| | Frank Patton | |
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