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Roe v. Wade

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Due to the controversy around the Supreme Court reversal of Roe v. Wade, I don't generally like to make public position statements on platforms like social media. I think it is better for me to try to understand both sides rather than to get into heated arguments with anyone. Really, no one's mind was ever changed by an argument or a condescending meme on social media.

Here is my take on it. It is heartbreaking to hear the tragic stories around unwanted pregnancies and especially those caused by rape, sexual assault or incest. It is a tragedy that no woman should have to worry about but in this broken world, it is reality. I can see that in this world with that possibility looming it might be comforting to have the security of knowing the option exists if it happened.

I also am aware of the enormity of the problem of children in foster care and state custody with far too few foster parents to care for them. That too is a tragedy for our time and one with no easy answers. This is also an area where Christians can and should pitch in and help wherever they can. I can understand how restricting or banning abortion in states that are already bursting at the seams with children who need care might completely overwhelm the system and make a bad situation worse; maybe much worse.

I struggle a little more to understand pro-choice argument from the perspective of the "right" to an abortion. I'm trying to grasp it from the perspective of someone who believes that when a baby is in utero, he or she is a part of the mother's body and therefore should bear no more consideration or have any more status than her appendix or her tonsils. The baby is just a growing mass of tissue and should be thought of in a similar light as an ovarian tumor or an offending bicuspid.

No matter how hard I try, I just can't see it that way. To me, from the moment of conception, a new life is created. A child, a baby, distinct from his or her mother in many ways. This child has the potential of life and even if it is inconvenient or a burden to society, deserves a shot. When that life is terminated because it was unplanned or inconvenient, how can it be anything but taking a life that is only God's to take?

We have a lot of problems in our world but there are few cultures where killing the problem is a viable option. Many won't even conscience the killing of unwanted puppies or kittens but seem to have no issue with killing unwanted babies as long as it is just before birth. I don't have all of the answers but I believe there are some answers that just not moral and should be excluded at the first.

I know that the Supreme Court reversal of Roe v. Wade does not end abortion. I'm guessing that most states that restrict or even ban abortion will keep exception clauses in for rape and incest and other extreme cases. Maybe they should. Other states will continue with business as usual and open their clinics to make it easy for pregnant women from other states to terminate their pregnancies there. It is not the best-case scenario for either side. However, it is a step in the direction of valuing human life. It allows state governments with a pro-life position to affirm that all human life, even that of the unborn is valuable and should be protected.

I believe that is the direction God, as the creator of human life, would want as well. No matter where one stands on the issue, pleasing him is the top priority.

Last Week

Class - 96	Giving: \$ 15,142
Worship -193	Weekly Budget: \$13,380
Wednesday Night	YTD Giving: \$ 323,055
Bible Study - 32	YTD Budget: \$ 361,270

Prayer Requests

Jerri Tabor will be having shoulder surgery in mid-July. Please pray for successful surgery and full recovery with lessened pain which will allow improvement to her overall mobility.

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Brent Ruple and family in the tragic loss of his nephew, Todd. Pray especially for Brent's brother Nick and Alisha as they grieve the loss of their son. May God surround them with comfort as only He can.

Continue to remember:

Norman Shay, father of Cindy Jones, in Hospice care
Tami Robinson

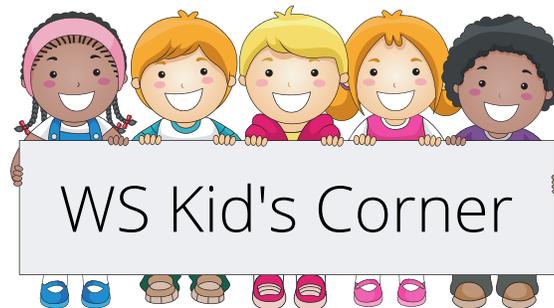
Baby Shower

Remember the Baby Shower in honor of Dillon and Sarah Rabb this afternoon Sunday July 10th from 2-4pm in the Rock.

Sophia Jane is due to arrive in August, and the Rabbs are registered at Amazon and Babylist.com

<https://www.babylist.com/baby-rabb-2>

Our summer meal program to feed the homeless is in need of Little Debbie snack cakes and fruit cups. Please leave donations in the MNFTM box located in the main hallway.



Vacation Bible School is coming up next week! Lots of planning and decorating is going on in preparation for a great week of VBS. Little Kids Worship will be in room 12 this Sunday due to decorating. Parents you'll sign in the kids as usual and drop them off in room 12. Thank you for your cooperation.

Everyone is afraid of something. Whether it's spiders, snakes, or being in the dark, lots of things can be scary! This week in Little Kids Worship we will continue our study of Daniel. We will learn how he and his friends trusted God and experienced God's protection even in frightful situations.

Congratulations to Enrique Hernandez on his baptism last Sunday! Way to go Enrique! Welcome to the family!

Mark your calendars for the next Picnic in the Park coming up on Sunday July 24th @ 5pm in Old Post Park. More details coming soon.



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