

Cornerstone Connection

Thinking Biblically by Bill Moore

President Obama: Affirming the Indefensible

It is distressing to be led by ungodly leaders, especially when they consistently pronounce as good that which is evil. President Obama continues to do so, as illustrated in his recent affirmation of a woman's right to choose to end the life of her unborn baby: "As we mark the 39th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, we must remember that this Supreme Court decision not only protects a woman's health and reproductive freedom, but also affirms a broader principle: that government should not intrude on private family matters. I remain committed to protecting a woman's right to choose and this fundamental constitutional right.

"While this is a sensitive and often divisive issue—no matter what our views, we must stay united in our determination to prevent unintended pregnancies, support pregnant woman and mothers, reduce the need for abortion, encourage healthy relationships, and promote adoption. And as we remember this historic anniversary, we must also continue our efforts to ensure that our daughters have the same rights, freedoms, and opportunities as our sons to fulfill their dreams" [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/01/22/roe-v-wade_n_1222166.html?].

Notice the President's argument. The *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision affirmed "that government should not intrude on private family matters." The ending of an unborn child's life is a "private family matter." What if the baby were brought home and the mother decided that there was more involved in caring for this child than she had anticipated? She had thought she could continue her college education without too much of a problem, but now she realizes she had miscalculated. This is "a private family matter," right? Why is it now suddenly government's matter to say that taking the life of a two-week old baby is murder, but the government blesses the taking of a two-month old unborn baby's life?

The President calls this "a woman's right to choose." To choose what, Mr. President? Please complete that infinitive phrase? To choose what? *To*

choose to end the life of her unborn child. Then again, putting it that way sounds much less innocuous than simply saying "a woman's right to choose."

The President informs us that a woman's having an abortion is a "fundamental constitutional right." A *fundamental* constitutional right? Something fundamental would be spelled out, right? Not only does the Constitution not explicitly affirm a woman's right to end the life of her unborn child, it does not even imply it. There was never, to my knowledge, a document written in the latter 1700's concerning the Constitution which even discussed the idea that having an abortion is a legitimate right. Put quite simply, such a notion was unthinkable.

The final sentence in the President's quote almost defies description: "And as we remember this historic anniversary, we must also continue our efforts to ensure that our daughters have the same rights, freedoms, and opportunities as our sons to fulfill their dreams." Again the President makes an illogical statement based on unmitigated emotion. The lives of our sons are not detoured by bearing a child, so evidently neither should the lives of our daughters. If we want equality, why don't we make the biological father *really* accountable for his actions? Why must the unborn child pay the price for selfish pleasure of others?

The taking of the life of an unborn baby, unless the physical life of the mother is unquestionably jeopardized, is murder. Those who seek it and those who agree to it, as well as doctors and abortion clinic owners who profit by it, have blood on their hands. Do not legislators who approve and defend abortion on demand have blood on their hands? Does not a president who defends abortion have blood on his hands? Does not an America which refuses to raise its voice about the barbarism of a "woman's right to choose" have blood on its hands?

Monthly projects

United Ministries continues to distribute food to needy families in our community. Cornerstone is asked to provide flour, sugar and peanut butter. Remember to pick-up one or more of these items the next time you are in the grocery store.

Don't forget to save empty inkjet printer cartridges, old cell phones, Campbell Soup and Tyson Chicken labels, and Box Tops for Education found on General Mills products for Laurens Academy.

The Laurens Baptist Association helps families in need and in crisis situations. We can help by donating the requested items each month.

Crisis Center needs for February are:

spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles,
macaroni and cheese

Baskets are outside the church office for collection of monthly project items.



Souper Bowl Sunday February 5, 2012

**The youth group will collect
monetary donations for
the Laurens Memorial Home.**

Woman on Mission
will meet on Monday, February 20,
at 7:00 PM at the church.

The WOM group is collecting dry goods
for the Safe Home through February 12.

Inclement weather:

Any changes to the church schedule will be recorded on the church answering system. Call **833-1777** to listen to the message for information of any time change or cancellation.

February Birthdays

Baylee Strickland	12
Kelci Avery	17
Maurissa Strickland	18
Eric Burrow	21
Linda Murphy	21
Ethan Kirk	21
Bobby Smith	28



Don't forget that the monthly financial reports will be on the table in the narthex on Wednesdays after the first of each month.

The reports are also available in the church office at any time.

Cornerstone's 19th Anniversary

A covered dish luncheon is planned for Sunday, March 4, to celebrate the 19th anniversary of Cornerstone.

Bring your favorite dishes for this time of fellowship.

Meat, bread and beverages will be provided.

All college students are invited as our guests.

**No evening service
on March 4.**



Updates from missionary friends:

John Mark and Sara Sheppard going to Liberia
<http://jmandsarainliberia.blogspot.com>

Peter and Sharon McMillan in Madrid, Spain
www.psmcmillan.blogspot.com

Craig and Ava Cook in Spain
email the cooks at
craig.cook@worldteam.org and ask to be
included on their email newsletter list

Paul and Elvie Barner in Philippines
www.barner.org

Thanks

Dear Cornerstone,

We just wanted to emphasize how thankful we are for allowing us to share on Sunday. We really enjoyed seeing you all and really love how warm and loving you are. Always enjoy being with you. Also, thank you for giving towards our start up expenses for Liberia. You have really blessed us!

Love,

John Mark and Sara Sheppard

As we begin a new year, I wanted to thank the congregation of Cornerstone Baptist Church for the support given to United Ministries this past year. Without your prayers, food donations and financial support, we could not have served the 6538 families that were served in 2011. This was an increase of 34% from 2010 and indicates the need is still great in Laurens County. As you know our ability to assist those in need is made possible by donations from local churches and individuals. I hope that Cornerstone will continue to support United Ministries in 2012 as we both serve God by serving others.

Best wishes for the coming year.

Sincerely,

Melvin Bailey, Director

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