### ABORTION: What Can We Do? by Charles Fortner

In modern history the activism of women has brought about many changes in public life. At the end of the 19th century, and the beginning of the 20th, women took to the streets to demand that they be allowed to vote. During the 20th century many public jobs became available to women that only men had occupied previously. The fight for equal pay with men doing the same jobs is ongoing. These rights are just. But there is a change in public opinion and law which allows women to violate the rights of others. Abortion extends to a woman an option that is not rightfully hers. woman with child has that life in her care in a way nobody else can. That is why abortion is uniquely a mother's sin. Those who legalize it, encourage it, facilitate it, or finance it with be blamable before the throne of God for their sinful part. But to this point in our nation's history nobody can compel a woman to kill

her unborn infant. It is still her choice in a most frightening way. Christians need to sound forth the sanctity and dignity of female sexuality. Friends of young women ought to inform them that if they think temptations to sex outside of marriage is hard to resist, they may be faced with a much harder choice if they become pregnant. They may well be confronted with having to choose between raising a child in less than ideal circumstances, or murder! Aside from adoption, that is exactly the choice she will have to make if she wants to avoid the difficulty that human life has brought Pregnancy is a wonderful God-given into her life. Christians need to make privilege. In a substantial measure a much more of this "demand" side of the abortion equation. May God hasten the day when the "supply" will fail because no dear mothers want the services.

# **Events**

Baptism following evening service 1/28 VisionYouth Meeting at Hicks home 7:15 PM 1/28 7th/8th Youth Meeting at church 7:15 PM

#### **Pastors**

Stephen Byrd Gary Hendrix Charles Fortner Robert Fisher Stu Johnston **Bob Prentice** Andy Dunkerton Michael Lopes Give

Upcoming **Events** 



#### Service Times

- -Sunday School 9:30 am
- -Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- -Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm

-Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm 919-563-9249 www.grbc.net



## Morning Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn Pastor Andy Dunkerton Praise to the Lord

- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
  O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation!
  All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.
- 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He ordaineth?
- 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee! Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; Ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with His love He befriend thee!
- 4. Praise thou the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee, Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief, spreading His wings to o'reshade thee!
- 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the "Amen" sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him. Let the "Amen" sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him.

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:45-66, page 834

Pastoral Prayer Offertory

#129 Fairest Lord Jesus

Preparatory

Knowing You

1. All I once held dear, built my life upon, all this world reveres and wars to own; All I once thought gain I have counted loss, spent and worthless now compared to this. (Refrain) Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.

You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You, Lord.

2. Now my heart's desire is to know You more, to be found in You and known as Yours, To possess by faith what I could not earn, all-surpassing gift of righteousness.

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing. You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You, Lord.

3. Oh, to know the power of Your risen life and to know You in Your sufferings; To become like You in Your death, my Lord, so with You to live and never die.

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing. You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You, Lord. (repeat)

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Sermon Pastor Gary Hendrix

# **Evening Worship**

Call to Worship Opening Hymn Pastor Bob Prentice O Great God of Highest Heaven

1. O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

- 2. I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys. Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace. (key change)
- 3. Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.

# You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed. O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me. (repeat)

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Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Romans 8:1-17, page 944

Offertory For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed Thy Name, O Jesus be forever blessed, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock their fortress and their might, Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light, Alieldia: Alieldia

O may Thy soldiers faithful, true and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And win with them the victor's crown of gold, Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west, Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day, The saints triumphant rise in bright array The King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

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#### Preparatory For the Cause

For the cause of Christ the King, We give our lives, an offering 'Til all the earth resounds, With ceaseless praise, To the Son

For the cause of Christ we go, With joy to reap, with faith to sow As many see, And many put their trust in the Son

# (Chorus) Christ we proclaim, The Name above every name: For all creation, Ev'ry nation, God's salvation, Through the Son!

For the King once lifted high, To cries of rage, of 'crucify!' Endured the cross, As every sin was laid, On the Son

To the King who conquered death, To free the poor and the oppressed For lasting peace, For life and liberty, In the Son **(Chorus)** 

Let it be my life's refrain: To live is Christ, to die is gain; Deny myself, take up my cross. And follow the Son **(Chorus)** 

Sermon Nick Gaines