



Macedonian Call

May 2019

In February and March's newsletters I discussed recent developments in the abortion debate. In February I mentioned Planned Parenthood's annual report which was released in January. That report revealed that in 2018 Planned Parenthood performed 332,757 abortions, more abortions in any year since 2011. In March I brought to your attention the passing and celebrative signing into law, New York State's radical bill legalizing the killing of babies up until the moment of birth. In addition I restated the promise of Illinois' governor, J. B. Pritzker, who declared that his state would be the most "abortion-friendly" in the nation. In response to these and other radical pro-abortionists, Sen. Ben Sasse proposed a bill in the US Senate that would protect the lives of babies that survived abortion. The bill failed to pass Senate approval in a 54-44 vote, six short of the 60 vote threshold. Thankfully, some state legislatures have taken the opposite approach to that of New York and Illinois and passed bills that do what the senate bill was intended to do—protect babies that survived abortion. Among those legislatures is our own in North Carolina. The "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act," passed by the NC General Assembly in April would require health care practitioners (including abortionists) to provide the same care to a newborn who survives a failed abortion as they would give any other child born after a full-term pregnancy. When this morally ethical and common sense bill was sent to the desk of Gov. Roy Cooper it was vetoed. That's right! A bill designed to save the lives of babies who survived the horrific procedure of abortion was vetoed by the governor of North Carolina. In a statement on his website, the governor echoed Planned Parenthood's talking

points: "Laws already protect newborn babies and this bill is an unnecessary interference between doctors and their patients. This needless legislation would criminalize doctors and other healthcare providers for a practice that simply does not exist." In their book, *Whatever Happened to the Human Race*, Dr. C. Everett Koop and Francis Schaeffer, wrote: "Infanticide is not yet legalized, but the law is strangely silent about what amounts to public confession in reputable scientific journals by medical doctors who admit that they are indeed practicing it. Infanticide is the killing of a born child—whether that killing is accomplished by a direct act on the part of someone, or whether ordinary care vital to the child's survival, such as feeding, is refused. It makes little difference whether infanticide is direct or indirect. Either way a child is killed." Koop and Schaeffer's book was published in 1979. Infanticide was happening then. We can only imagine how much more common it is today considering that human life has become increasingly less valuable. So, I have a proposal; on Nov. 3, 2020 let's veto Roy Cooper's privilege to serve as the governor of North Carolina! Any leader, regardless of political affiliation, isn't fit to serve our state (or nation), who supports the murder of babies whether the act is committed while they're still in the womb or lying on a table, struggling to live following a botched abortion.

~ Pastor Randy

C. Everett Koop and Francis A. Schaeffer, *Whatever Happened to the Human Race?* (Westchester, IL: Crossway Books, 1979), 29.



National Day of Prayer
May 2nd
Noon in the Fellowship



**Be the hands & feet of
Jesus as we minister in
our community
Saturday, May 4th
8:00 am—Noon**



Every second Wednesday of each month is C.A.R.E. Night. C.A.R.E. is an acronym for

“Christians Actively Reaching Everyone.”

We have a meal each C.A.R.E. Night beginning at 6:00 pm and ministry opportunities follow at 6:30 pm.

This month C.A.R.E. Night is May 8th. Everyone is invited to join us for this night of fellowship and ministry.



**Journey Through the Story-line
of Scripture in Sunday School @
9:45 am. We have classes for
everyone nursery through
senior adults.**



**Embrace Trip to
Chonda Pierce Movie
“Unashamed”
Thursday, May 9th
@ 7:00 pm at AMC in Hickory.**



**CrossWalk Small Group
Bible Studies
Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm**

*Seamless: Understanding the Bible in
One Complete Story*

*Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We
Imagine*

*Tortured for Christ: Inspiration to be a faithful wit-
ness for Christ No matter the cost*



**Men's Ministry Meeting
Saturday, May 25th at 7:00 am**



God is so good, and I am so happy about this beautiful weather. Spring is one of my favorite times of the year. Make sure you take time to praise the Lord for the beautiful days of Spring. We just went through a long, wet winter. There for a while it didn't look like it was going to stop raining. I think that is why this beautiful weather is so special. The Winter makes us appreciate the Spring. In life, it is also the Winter that helps us appreciate the Spring. There are days of darkness and gloom that make us run to God for comfort and strength so that when the Spring comes, we praise Him even more. Hard winters, storms, and gloomy days come, but His mercies are new every morning and we know that spring is coming. Praise God that we can look to a day when we will be with Him and there will be no more sorrow or pain. But for now, I praise Him for the winters that help me appreciate the springs. ~ Pastor Jeremy



**PARENT
CHILD
DEDICATION**

**Sunday, May 12th
(Mother's Day)
Morning Worship Service**



**Mother's Day Breakfast
Sunday, May 12th @ 9:00 am
Happy Mother's Day!**



Sunday Evenings
@ 6:00 pm in the
Youth Room

Weekly Youth Bible
Study
Wednesday @
6:30 pm

Children's Church is worship designed especially for children 3 years - 6th grade. They will meet this month on May 5th, 12th & 26th during our morning worship service.



Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm
All kids pre-k—6th grade

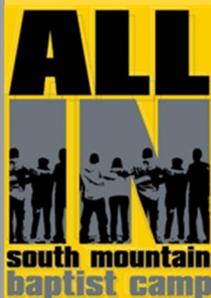
TeamKID is a fun, high-energy ministry that encourages kids to know Jesus Christ and grow in a relationship with Him.



AWANA
Approved Workmen
Are Not Ashamed
2 Timothy 2:15

Awana Clubs reach kids through energetic game activities, Bible-based teaching, Bible memorization and small group time with friends.

AWANA clubs meet Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Worship Center. 3 years—6th grade



Children's Summer Camp
South Mountain Baptist
Camp June 17—21
Sign up at the Children's
Ministry Bulletin Board
\$55 Deposit is Due May 5th



Wikipedia says that Memorial Day is a federal holiday for remembering and honoring persons who have died while serving in the armed forces protecting the rights and freedoms of Americans and others. I did a little research and found out that one necessary thing that armies need to win battles was not weapons or strategic positions on the battlefield, but a good (not great) leader who had heart and could transfer his heart to the warriors. From Alexander the Great to Napoleon to George Washington to Douglas MacArthur all shared the ability to have and pass on heart for the victory! Even Nehemiah from the Old Testament shared the same heart; Nehemiah 4:6 *So we built the wall ...for the people had a mind to work.* Mind can also be translated heart! The wall of Jerusalem was built by men having a trowel in one hand and a sword in the other. They were building and battling! Those men and women who died battling for our freedom gave us the privilege and responsibility to build. We must do it! Our kids and our grandkids need the same rights and freedoms that we have had. Seniors, (and everyone else reading this) let's get busy! Let's together build and battle! ~ Pastor Joe

JOY Ministry Weekly Bible Study
Thursdays at 11:00 am



JOY Ministry trip to the
Rodeo in Dobson, NC
Saturday, May 18th
Sign up at the
Welcome Center

SFBA Senior Rally
@ Mt. Ruhama Baptist Church
Tuesday, May 21st
11:00 am—2:00 pm
\$12 per person due May 5th