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Schedule of Services

Sunday

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:45 am and 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
270-753-2108 Home
270-293-7027 Cell
- James Pigg
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270-293-2319 Cell

Deacons

- Larry Enoch
- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

- Jonnie Hutchison
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Supporting Works

India—Dale Foster, David Nance, & Ronnie Gootam;
MSOP—Eli Sales
BIM—Duston Pool.
Hatti/Cuba: Arnold Gerson

Location

- Green Plain Church of Christ
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A HUMAN BEING OR A BLOB OF TISSUE?

By Mike Riley

A querist asks, “How does the Bible view an unborn entity found in a mother’s womb — as a human being or merely a blob of tissue?”

When Mary (the mother of Jesus) greeted Elizabeth (a relative – Luke 1:36), who was pregnant with John the Baptist, Luke records the following response:

“And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb.....” (Luke 1:41).

The Greek word used by Luke (a physician – Colossians 4:14) for the term “babe” is “**brephos**” (Strong’s 1025) which can either refer to an un-

born child or a new-born child (cf. Luke 2:12; Luke 2:16; Luke 18:15; Acts 7:19; 2 Timothy 3:15; 1 Peter 2:2).

Luke also uses the same Greek word in Luke 2:12 regarding the birth of our Lord.

Thus we see from the inspired writer Luke, that the entity which resides in the mother’s womb is indeed **a human being** — a baby both before and after birth — not merely blob of tissue as some un-inspired humanists view it.

Almighty God condemns those who would seek to take a child’s life before its birth (cf. Exodus 21:22-25; Proverbs 6:17).

—[A Human Being Or A Blob Of Tissue? - GEWatkins.net](http://www.GEWatkins.net)

WHEN DOES HUMAN LIFE BEGIN?

By Jonnie Hutchison

If human life begins at conception what does that say about intentionally aborting a child in its mother’s womb? Would abortion then be the ending of a human life?

Would it be murder? Those who reject the God of the Bible and who embrace the Darwinian theory of evolution give a negative answer. Those

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Marie Wyatt, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Larry Enoch, Mary and Jim Lowrie, Margorie and Hayes Grady, Jesse and Mary Vincent, Bobby and Sue Hall, and Wanda Barrett all need our prayers and encouragement.

Family and Friends: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Joel White, Nat and Rita Evans, Larry and Rose Wyatt, Bonnie Byerly, Kenny Arrington, Jack and Michel Phillips and Nick Sudzam and Neal Parker. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India.

PANTRY ITEMS **May 2022:** 1—Pork-n-Beans; 8—Toothbrush; 15—Pickles 22—Mixed Vegetables; 29— Canned Carrots. Please bring any additional items you wish for the “blessing box” which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.

May 2022 Birthdays: 19—Peyton Smith; 27—Ann Thompson; 29—Mary Vincent;

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HOME BIBLE STUDY; We offer a FREE in-home Bible study entitled “Back to the Bible” for anyone who is interested in gaining more knowledge of the Bible. Simply contact us to schedule a time for your study.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our fall gospel meeting is scheduled for September 11-15, 2022 with Mike Kiser. The Fall Session of the School of Biblical Studies will begin on Monday, September 19th and continue for eight consecutive Mon-

THOSE TO SERVE MAY 2022

Announcements—Mike Ernstberger
 Preside at Lord’s Table AM—Roy & Junior
 Lord’s Table PM: 5/1-Roy; 5/8-Junior 5/15-Roy;
 5/22-Junior; 5/29-Roy
 Opening Prayer AM: 5/1-Jonnie; 5/8-Bobby;
 5/15-James; 5/22-Jim; 5/29-Mike
 Closing Prayer AM: 5/1-Perry; 5/9-Chad;
 5/15-Dave; 5/22-Jesse; 5/29-Larry
 Song Leaders: AM Perry; PM Chad; Wed Larry
 Usher: Jesse
 Count Contribution: Roy & Junior

LESSONS TODAY

Bible Study-10 AM
The Book of Acts

Worship

10:45 am— “Abortion –
 the Shedding of
 Innocent Blood”

6 pm— “Our Shepherd
 (Psalm 23)”

Wednesday Bible Class
A Study of 12John

who believe in the sanctity of human life as the special creation of God would of necessity answer in the affirmative.

Does human life begin at conception? First, it is a scientific fact that everything necessary to human life is present at conception. All the necessary chromosomes are present (23 from the father and 23 from the mother) to determine every physical aspect of the child. Since all that is necessary to life is present does that not mean that what is formed is a human life? If that which is formed is allowed to continue to grow and develop, will it not continue to be a human life? Will he or she not grow to be a human adult? How then can any person justify denying this person his or her basic human rights while he or she is still in the womb?

Second, God makes no distinction between a preborn child and one who has been born. The New Testament uses the same Greek word to describe both the newly born and the preborn (, Luke 1:41-42, 2:12, and 8:15).

Third, God knows us as individual while we are still in our mother's womb just as He did the prophets Isaiah and

Jeremiah identifying them as persons (Isaiah 49:1-5; Jeremiah 1:5).

Fourth, God's divine laws which were designed to protect a child outside the womb are applied equally to a child in the womb (Genesis 9:6; Exodus 20:13; Proverbs 6:17).

Since the Supreme Court ruling in 1973 that legalized abortion some 63 million lives have been taken through this process. No doubt the majority

of these abortions have been performed, not for needed medical reasons, but because the child was unwanted, was inconvenient, or a source of embarrassment. We hear many crying "follow the science" in reference to the Covid vaccine but are unwilling to "follow the science" which proves life begins at conception.

Abortion is the shame of this nation and abhorrent to our God who holds every life to be precious, in and out of the womb. The Bible tells us in Proverbs 6:17 that God hates the "hands that shed innocent blood." The baby in the womb is as innocent as can be. May God help us to expose and oppose this terrible epidemic called abortion!



THE DEVIL'S BEATTITUDES

If the devil were to write his Beatitudes, they would probably something like this:

⇒Blessed are those who are too busy to spend a few hours once a week with their fellow Christians in worship. They are my best workers.

⇒Blessed are the Christians who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked; I can

use them.

⇒Blessed are the touchy; with a bit of luck they may stop assembling with the church. They are my missionaries.

⇒Blessed are those who seem to be very religious but really only attend church assemblies because they are afraid of what everyone would say if they did not.

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COME VISIT WITH US

The church building is located southeast of Murray one mile off highway 641 - Near the corner of the Green Plain and Murray Paris Roads. We look forward to seeing you!

A warm and friendly welcome awaits!

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They are mine forever.

⇒Blessed are the troublemakers. They shall be called my children.

⇒Blessed are those who have no time to pray. They are easy prey for me.

⇒Blessed are they who gossip for they are my secret agents.

⇒Blessed are those who are critical of church leadership for they shall inherit a place with me in my fate.

⇒Blessed are the complainers. I'm all ears for them.

⇒Blessed are you when you read this and think it is about other people and not yourself. I'm coming after you!

– Author Unknown

I Peter 5:8-9

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”



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