

MSBC NEWS

A CONNECTION TO GOD & EACH OTHER

Soli Deo Gloria

From The Pastor

JUSTICE FOR THE LITTLE ONES

On May 15, 2019 the state of Alabama passed into law the Fetal Heartbeat Bill which prohibits nearly all abortions after 6 weeks (when the heartbeat of a fetus can be detected). It was just a few months earlier (January 22, 2019 to be precise) that New York state enacted the Reproductive Health Act which eliminated several restrictions on abortion and made it possible for a woman to have an abortion even up to the point of birth.

Utah Senator Mitt Romney is not pleased with these developments. In a recent interview, he stated:

"You're seeing laws on both sides of this argument that are in the extreme. And whether it's New York and Virginia, or whether it's Alabama and Missouri, people have gone to the — to the wings, if you will. I don't think that's productive. I think something much more toward the center makes a lot more sense."

With all due respect to our former governor, I think these developments are *very* productive. Abortion is a serious moral issue and these state laws are forcing us to think deeply about the matter and are helping us debate this matter openly and honestly. It is time for each of us to take a stand and choose a side: is abortion something good or evil? Are you *pro*-abortion or *anti*-abortion? (NOTE: this is not about being pro-choice or pro-life; these terms may make us feel better about our respective positions, but they are far too vague to be helpful.)

As for me, I am anti-abortion. I am convinced that abortion is violent and gruesome, and always (when "successful") ends in the death of a child. It is, without question, the intentional killing of a baby in the womb... and it does severe damage to the soul – and many times the body – of a desperate woman. Therefore, I am against such a procedure, believe that it is a great evil in our society, and should be wholly banned. Those doctors who perform such procedures should be prosecuted and punished.

Why I Am Anti-Abortion

First, because I am a Christian. I believe in the God of the Bible, the God who hates "hands that shed innocent blood" (Proverbs 6:16-17), who severely punishes those who would harm the least and most vulnerable of His people (Matthew 25:31-46); and who welcomes and prepares His Kingdom for little children (Matthew 19:14). Furthermore, this God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, into the world, not just as a man, but first as an embryo conceived by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:31). This first joyful welcome Jesus received was from His cousin John, himself a fetus at the time! (Luke 1:43-44) I believe that God the Father is not at all like

the pagan gods, Molech and Baal, who demand the sacrifice of children on their altars. He is the God of love who sent His only Son to give His life for the salvation of the world. (John 3:16; Romans 5:8)

Second, I am anti-abortion because I am an American. According to the Declaration of Independence, “we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness...” Abortion denies these unalienable rights to human beings who have done nothing to deserve losing such rights. In other countries, the rights of the individual, even the right to life, are thought to be granted by the State (rather than by their Creator). This is why Adolf Hitler in Germany, Joseph Stalin in Russia and Mao Zedong in China ordered and oversaw the murder of millions of their own people. That may be the Nazi and Communist way, but it is not the American way.

Abortion is never good. It is a trauma, not a solution. Even in the heinous cases of rape and incest, a woman has indeed been horribly violated...but not by her baby. Let the rapist lose all of his rights, the child is innocent. And for those who accuse anti-abortion protestors of being anti-woman, let it be known that there are presently over 3,000 Crisis Pregnancy Centers in the United States (like the Pregnancy Care Center in Haverhill) offering spiritual, emotional and material support to women facing unplanned pregnancies. These centers and the millions of us who support them are anti-abortion precisely *because* we are pro-woman.

Abortion kills an innocent baby. It is *only* evil, *every* time. This is why the Mitt Romney “middle-way” sickens me. For what fellowship does light have with darkness. Good must never compromise with evil. I prefer the Martin Luther King approach: “We are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.” That is exactly what we are seeking – Justice for the Little Ones!

God bless,



Kid's Day Plan & Pray Meetings

7:00 pm Wed: June 5 & 19 & 26

Held at All Saints Church (basement)

All are welcome



Market Street Baptist, All Saints, Rock, and Holy Family Churches will be a part of the Amesbury Days Celebration “Kids' Day at the Park”. We host “**THE KID’S KINGDOM**” consisting of a Bouncy-house and an Obstacle-course inflatables along with free sno-cones & popcorn and the Gospel Obstacle Course. Our goal is to provide a safe and fun environment for families to enjoy the day together at no cost to them or the City. We also take this opportunity to share the gospel and to invite the public to our church’s summer programs as well as to worship with us.



Birthdays in June



Birthdays in July



OFFICE UPDATE...

Please send newsletter articles to our Communications Assist, Dorothy at her special address: msbccom37@gmail.com

The deadline for the August newsletter items is Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

MEETINGS:

June 18 & 25, July 16, 23, 30, Tuesday Prayer Group

Meeting on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Tuesdays of the Month

In Church Library, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

We welcome anyone who is seeking to pray with others or are in need of a prayer for a specific concern. Come as needed.

July 28, 2019 - Pot-Luck & Quarterly Business Meeting, After Worship

Please feel free to bring something to the pot-luck and stay for the Quarterly Business Meeting.

June 23 & July 21, 2019 - Deacons' Meeting, 12 pm

(in the Office)

June 2, 2019 - Bible Reading Club, 6:00 pm

No Bible Studies for Women, Men or Friday during July & August

Missions Trips

CANADA TEAM to visit MSBC - Monday, June 24 - Tuesday, July 2

Please contact the pastor if you are interested in hosting the team for a lunch or dinner during the week.

MSBC TEAM to visit CANADA

We have a date for July 27-Aug 3. If you are interested in this trip, please the pastor know.

PRAYER CORNER

Please contact church office to have your request and/or results printed in the newsletter at 978-388-0930 or email msbcsec@verizon.net.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Merton Chute was voted into church membership April 28
Adelia Purdy & Josef Nocera were married on May 4



YARD SALE

Saturday, June 8

Church Gym

8:00 am – 12 noon

Funds to go to chapel chair fund.

DONATIONS can be left on gym stage.

Kids' Day In The Park

Amesbury Park, Friend Street

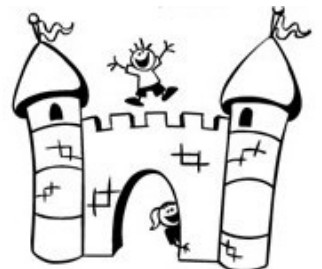
Thursday, June 27

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Bouncy Castle, Obstacle Courses, Games, Sno-cones & Popcorn

Sponsored by:

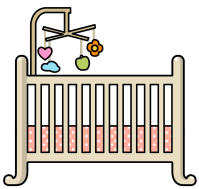
Market Street Baptist Church; All Saints Anglican Church; Rock Amesbury; Holy Family Church



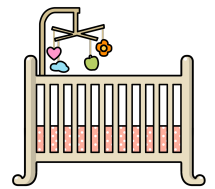


CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Greg Marshall, member of Boy Scout Troop 4 sponsored by the church. He has completed his requirements for his Eagle Scout Award. For his Eagle service project, he coordinated close to 70 man hours re-habbing the room (upper room) over the kitchen. All of the walls were cleaned, holes plastered, sanded and re-painted. When the walls were done he scrapped and cleaned the floor. Using members of the troop, family and friends, he coordinated the materials and labor to get the job done. He is a senior at Amesbury high and will graduate in June. Greg becomes the 70th Eagle Scout of the troop.



Some Nursery workers will not be available this summer. Therefore, the Nursery will not be staffed some Sundays.



So sorry for the inconvenience!

HopeMail *NOTES*

New Brothers Fellowship Prison Ministry

If you have a few minutes once a month to encourage a man or woman who is incarcerated by praying and sending them a verse and/or encouraging words...

Contact Ruth Kerr for names and how-to info

Financial Updates



Offerings 2019

Jan \$12,586 / Feb \$14, 072 / Mar \$15, 788 / April \$19,570 / May \$12,691/ YTD \$74,706

MemberCare 2019

Fund to help members in need - collected on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Jan \$522 / Feb \$434 / Mar \$1,157 / April \$310 / May \$510 / YTD \$2,933

Annie Armstrong 2019 Easter Offering: \$606

100% goes to support North American Missions & the more than 5,000 missionaries in North America

Building Fund 2019

Mortgage payments are \$1,339.22 per month on the 20-year loan taken in 2015 for \$250,000

Flea Market for Building Fund raised \$638.59 (Table rental \$285, Bake Sale \$126.50, Church table \$217)

Jan \$0 / Feb \$1,207 / Mar \$1,042 / April \$0 / May \$585 / YTD \$2,834

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Sunday's at 10:00 - 11:30 am

Cable TV:

ActTV12

Thursdays 4:30 pm & Fridays 9:00 am

Haverhill 22

Sundays at 7:30 am & 5:00 pm

PortMedia 10

Thursdays 4:30 – 6:00pm

Radio:

WSEW 88.7 FM - Sundays 9:00
am "Unchanging Grace"

www.wordradio.net

See page 4 & 5 for bible studies/
small groups.

www.msbcnews.org

Sermons Archive:

www.msbcnews.org/sermons

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am -
12:00 pm

Friday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm