



God is for life

An LMC statement on the overturning of Roe v. Wade (6/22)

As followers of Jesus, seeking to be a Spirit-led kingdom movement, we gladly proclaim that Jesus is life (John 11:25) and that he has come to bring abundant life to this broken and death-filled world (John 10:10). We believe that God is for life and that this includes each developing child in their mother's womb. As Psalm 139 teaches us, the God of life is the one who forms the unborn child in the womb (v. 13) and plans out the child's days before they are born (v. 16).

It is our prayer that the overturning of Roe v. Wade by the Supreme Court of the United States is a step toward an affirmation of life in our broader society. We know, however, that the country is deeply divided over abortion and its availability. We recognize that people cannot even agree whether the embryo in a mother's womb is a human life or not, and so it is difficult to communicate without talking past one another.

We are aware that not everyone shares our values as followers of Jesus. Many will see this decision as an imposition of our Christian values on them and may resent it.

We also understand that abortion is still accessible in this country. And even if it were not legal, this would not stop abortions from taking place.

In light of all this we urge you as God's new creation:

- To affirm and share the good news that Jesus is life and that he brings new life to this world. It is through God's Word and Spirit that hearts and minds are changed.
- To witness to the powers-that-be that unborn children are human beings created in the image of God and that they are loved by God.
- To be consistently pro-life in all areas of life and not just with unborn children.

And to be active in assisting and caring for mothers with unwanted pregnancies before and after the child is born, welcoming them just as Jesus welcomed and blessed them (Mark 10:13-16). When we do this, we not only welcome the child, but also Jesus and indeed God (Mark 9:36-37).

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