

# Pastor's Pen

Do You Hate Evil?

***Hate evil, you who love Yahweh, Psalm 97:10***

Many people claim to be Christians, but their lives do not reflect their words. No greater example of that is those claiming to know Jesus as Lord and Savior yet believe that women have the right to murder babies in the womb. The following is an excerpt from a Rolling Stones article written on June 27, 2022:

"According to a Pew survey published this past May, a majority of not just religious people but of Christians, specifically, support a woman's right to abortion care in some, if not all, cases. Twenty percent of Black Protestants say abortion should be legal without exception; a full 77 percent of white evangelicals think it should be legal at least sometimes. Fifty-nine percent of Christians in the United States did not want Roe overturned.... In fact, for many Christians, and especially in the lead-up to Friday's landmark Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision, speaking up in support of abortion access has become increasingly important — not in spite of their faith, but because of it. "It's not just that many Christians aren't out celebrating today; it's that many Christians across the country are out protesting," says Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons, author of *Just Faith: Reclaiming Progressive Christianity*, who spoke to me on Friday after returning from a protest in front of the Supreme Court, where he'd been joined by other faith leaders. "There's a consistent outrage from Christians about the decision, in addition to the much more widely-known and talked about praise for the decision. People have fought for reproductive justice because of their Christian faith throughout history, and that will continue now."

You cannot be a follower of Christ and promote, support, or encourage evil. Abortion on demand is evil, and those who claim to be of Christ and support that heinous practice are just like the religious leaders Jesus called hypocrites, vipers, and white-washed tombs (Matthew 23).

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul writes that when we are saved we are transformed: "*I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.*" (Galatians 2:20). We are to transform our minds to be more like Christ and not conform to what the World says and does. How did we get to a place when so-called Christians support the murder of the unborn, people changing their gender, homosexuality, and all kinds of sexual sin? It starts with a weak gospel that says that God loves everyone and accepts you as you are and that you don't have to obey a 2000-year-old book. What the World has done is created a god in their image; they call progressive Christianity.

We are commanded to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone. We share the truth in love, but we do not condone, make excuses, or openly support those who refuse to repent from their sins. To be a follower of Christ, you must hate what God hates, and He hates sin.

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

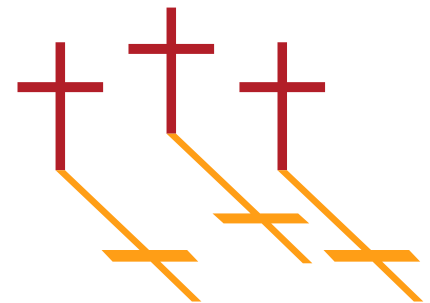
## Quote of the Week

"Never did God so manifest His hatred of sin as in the death and suffering of His only begotten Son."  
- Jonathan Edwards

# Grace Gems

Words of Wisdom-  
John Nieder and Thomas Thompson,  
Forgive and Love Again

- To Forgive Is To Turn The Key, Open the cell door, and let the prisoner walk free.
- To Forgive Is To Write In Large Letters across a debt, "Nothing owed"
- To Forgive Is To Pound The Gavel In a courtroom and declare, "Not guilty!"
- To Forgive Is To Shoot An Arrow So high and so far that it can never be found again.
- To Forgive Is To Bundle Up All The garbage and trash and dispose of it, leaving the house clean and fresh.
- To Forgive Is To Loose The Moorings Of a ship and release it to the open sea.
- To Forgive Is To Grant A Full Pardon to a condemned criminal.
- To Forgive Is To Relax A Stranglehold On a wrestling opponent.
- To Forgive Is To Sandblast A Wall Of Graffiti, leaving it looking like new.
- To Forgive Is To Smash A Clay Pot into a thousand pieces so it can never be pieced together again.



# Weekly Gatherings

## Bible Classes

Old Testament  
New Testament  
Young Parents  
Young Adults  
Sunday Morning @ 9AM

## Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM  
Men's Bible Study  
Every other Saturday:  
Women of Grace | 9am

## Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM  
every other week @ Chambers, Cox's,  
Patrick's and beginning 6/23 @ the  
Brown's

## Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team  
and forgot to sign up, please contact the  
team leader at the appropriate email  
address.

## Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM  
Youth Study

## Service Times

Sunday Service 10:30AM  
Children's Church @10:30AM

Giving from service on 6/26/2022

General Offering .....	16,881.45
Building Fund .....	729.95
Uganda .....	100.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>17,711.40</b>

Attendance .....	215
Sunday School .....	148
Online.....	22

## Build the Body Ministries

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