

The Rolling Roads Reminder

February 2023

Looking Over Jordan

IN A RECENT PODCAST, WE WERE READING TOGETHER PSALM 139. Our point was that God values human life and we should also. The dignity and value and sacredness of human life is something Christians are called to support with thought, action, and advocacy. Too often we suppose “being pro-life” is about abortion (as a political issue). The pro-death culture accuses us of this.

Even as we might try to understand and sympathize with the difficult choices people face, we must realize God's standard of dignity and value and sacredness of human life has application to many other important issues as well. Some of these include partial-birth abortion, the related issue of infanticide, doctor assisted suicide as a part of palliative care, which leads to euthanasia or mercy killing (without consent!), murder, and even capital punishment by government. How you and I Christian people think about these issues should be directly changed by God's view of the dignity, value, and holiness of human life. Decisions made about such issues should never be short-sighted and devoid of sanctified thought arising from God's Word.

When people continue to casually devalue the

human lives of others (never their own!) societies shared morals, ethics and worldview inevitably degenerate into very harmful practices as people lose their moral minds. When we devalue the lives of others are we not profaning our own lives?

You see how this goes: at first we are shocked, then not so shocked, then we accept it as normal but “wrong for us.” Christians are called to value human life, and within that framework to find solutions to problems. This fallen world's “solutions” are very often just greater problems.

So as we sympathize let us be truly loving, and show people that God has a better way. Let's continue to find ways to share God's truth of the dignity, value, and sacredness of human life. “Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Happy because of Jesus,

Pastor James



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February
Bob Young - 9th
Ruth Vestal, Sherri Davis - 12th
Leslie Wagle - 13th
Ricky Willets - 14th
Connie Fogle - 15th
Barbara Poole - 19th

financial report

December
Income: \$12,112
Expenses: \$8,263



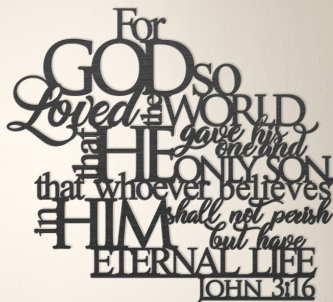
Growing Towards Christ

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 14 - Valentine's Day 

Feb 20 - President's Day -
office closed

Each Wednesday - Pastor James'
Bible study Podcast



For
GOD SO
LOVED THE WORLD
that HE GAVE HIS
ONLY SON
that whoever believes
IN HIM shall not perish
but have
ETERNAL LIFE
JOHN 3:16

The Life That Counts

The life that counts must toil and fight;
Must hate the wrong and love the right;
Must stand for truth by day, by night —
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must hopeful be;
In the darkest night make melody;
Must with the dawn on bended knee —
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must aim to rise
Above the earth to sunlit skies;
Must fix its gaze on Paradise —
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must helpful be;
The cares and needs of others see;
Must seek the slaves of sin to free —
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts is linked with God;
And turns not from the cross—the rod;
But walks with joy where Jesus trod —
This is the life that counts.

Revitalization: What Do We Do Next?

Rolling Roads went through the book study of Blackaby's Flickering Lamps in 2019 (and then, soon afterwards, we were focused on handling life due to Covid). Let us recall that this study was not a revelation of something new, but a reminder and a redirect of things ancient, tried and true: The power and presence and provision of the Risen Christ for His church!

Through this study, we learned that we are to pray. We are to seek God and listen to His voice. Above all, to pray sincerely and with your heart!

So, what is it that you hear and see? What is God saying to you? What are you motivated by the Holy Spirit to share with your church? We know that God has always been providing for Rolling Roads and giving this church opportunities for ministry since 1963. What is God giving now? He is speaking, in that "still small voice" and in His Word. Share what God is saying to you by either speaking with Pastor James or writing down what God is leading you to share and drop it in the offering plate.

Above all, pray—and invite a friend to worship with you on Sunday!