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# COMPASS

**Using God's Word to Chart The Course  
Of A Congregation**

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**Service Times:**

Sunday Bible Study	9
AM	
Sunday Worship	10 AM
	6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

<b>Ladies Bible Class</b>	
Tuesdays	11 AM
<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	
Tuesdays	10 AM
<b>Joyful Generation (Youth Devotional &amp; fellowship)</b>	
1st Sunday	7 PM

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But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you,  
Or to turn back from following after you;  
For wherever you go, I will go;  
And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;  
Your people shall be my people,  
And your God, my God." Ruth 1:16 NKJV



## COURAGEOUS LOVE

# UNNAMED, BUT NOT UNKNOWN

Alan Judd

Studying the Word of God is such a wonderful privilege. I am blessed with the opportunity of devoting several hours each day to this joyous task. The more I study the more I realize my need for further study. Conversely, the more I study the more I am impressed with the simplicity of instruction God provides to us. This interesting irony testifies to the wisdom of our Creator and how all human efforts to excel Him will be for naught.

One thing I am increasingly endeavoring to do in my study is to pay attention to the details that many times might be easily overlooked. Little snippets often yield large treasures of understanding when examined in the context of the entire episode.

Something I am sure many of you have already noticed is how the Bible records the deeds of some without providing specific details to identify the individual. No name or descriptive language is used to give us insight as to who they were or what they were like beyond whatever deed they might have done. For instance, in Luke 22:8-13 Jesus provides instructions to Peter and John on how to make Passover preparations. They were to go into the city and follow a man carrying a pitcher of water into a home. Interestingly, men usually did not carry water and so he could be easily spotted doing a task usually reserved for women. Upon entering the house, they were to ask about the room prepared for the Savior and would be shown a large, furnished upper room. Verse 13 records: "they went and found it just as He (Jesus) had said to them." Who was the man carrying the water pitcher? We don't know. What about the homeowner who provided a facility for commemorating the feast? His identity is not revealed. Was he a friend and supporter of Christ? Had Jesus simply arranged this business transaction with him? Truthfully, we do not know with certainty.

These individuals are unknown to us, but we can be certain that God knew them, and their service did not escape His notice. Sometimes you may feel no one else knows of your work for the Lord and are unappreciative. Rest assured, God sees the work you do in His name and every effort made to show His love and live His Word! Names of those who are faithful in His service are inscribed in the Book of Life and it will be those written there He will know and reward with a home in Heaven on the Day of Judgment! (Luke 10:20, Philippians 4:3)

## HELP REQUESTED

[1] As announced previously, I will be using the sermon/lesson time on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday evening of each month to answer submitted questions. There is a box in the foyer where you can write and submit your questions. You do not have to identify yourself if you wish to remain anonymous. You can also email them to me at [alanhjudd@gmail.com](mailto:alanhjudd@gmail.com) or write them down and hand it to me or put in my box downstairs. I look forward to studying with you in this way.

[2] Please submit names with contact information (address, phone, email, etc.) of individuals who would be good evangelism prospects. Family members, coworkers, neighbors, or others can be suggested, and we will strive to reach out to them and share the Gospel. Submit this information in the same way as the questions mentioned above. Call on me if I can help in any other way!

# SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

## Compiled by Stephen Waldron

This day was designated by President Ronald Reagan as a day to recognize those harmed by abortion, and it is a day to recommit ourselves to the protection of the Unborn.

January 22 marks the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the US Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion in the US. Statistics are staggering. Tempers are flaring. What's the big deal? Isn't it just a blob of tissue? Let's look at some stats.

### The Facts

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Day: Conception:

Of the 200,000,000 sperm that try to penetrate the mother's egg cell, only one succeeds. (Life Before Birth, 1965) ***At that very moment, a new and unique individual is formed.*** All the inherited features of this new person are already set – whether it's a boy or girl, the color of the eyes, the color of the hair, the dimples of the cheeks and the cleft of the chin.

#### 21 Days:

The heart begins to beat, unsurely at first, gaining strength day by day. The heart beats 70 times per minute at first, reaching a maximum of 170-190 at seven weeks, and then, to 160-180 at 9 weeks. (O'Rahilly, 2001) A day later the eyes begin to develop. The earliest stages of the ears are now present. (Carlson, 2004)

#### 28-32 Days:

Two tiny arms make their appearance, and small legs follow two days later. (Moore, 1998) The beginnings of the mouth take shape. (O'Rahilly, 2001) The nose starts to develop. (Moore, 1998) Blood flows in the baby's veins but stays separate from the mother's blood. The tongue forms. The face now makes its first appearance. (O'Rahilly, 2001)

#### 42 Days:

The brain is now divided into 3 parts – one to experience emotion and understand language, one for hearing and one for seeing. (Tsiaras, 2002) Joints begin to form. (Moore, 1998) The mother now misses her second period.

#### 8 Weeks:

The baby is now well proportioned, about the size of a thumb. The liver is making blood, the kidneys function, and the heart beats steadily. The skull, elbows, and knees are forming. Of the 4500 structures in the adult body, 4000 are already present. (Tsiaras, 2002)

### The Current Scene

The Pro-abortion groups are becoming more vitriolic and are pressuring people to make abortion more available. There is a group called "Women On Waves" that charters ships to carry an abortion clinic (built in a shipping container" to countries that don't permit abortion. The women apply to be helped and are then carried out to international waters where their country's laws are not in force. Abortions are then performed "legally."

Governor John Kasich of Ohio just vetoed a bill that would have banned abortions after a heartbeat can be detected.

In December 2018 – the last abortion clinic in Nashville, TN closed its doors.

From 1973 to 2015 the CDC reported 44,523,491. Estimates of now are in the 64 million range.

### March for Life – Knoxville

Join Tennessee Right to Life and hundreds of pro-life supporters for the annual March for LIFE on Sunday, January 27 at 2:00 PM. We will meet for a brief prayer service in the Lecture Hall of the Knoxville Convention Center (701 Henley Street) and then we will march a short distance to go past Knoxville's busiest abortion facilities.

### Proverbs 6:16-23 (KJV)

<sup>16</sup> These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him...and hands that shed innocent blood...

This material compiled from news articles, the tract "Milestones of Early Life" and from the Tennessee Right to Life website.