

Good News From Chardon

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Which Lives Matter?

By Johnny Hester

Why should there be any debate over which lives matter? That question was settled two thousand years ago by the Lord Jesus Christ when He declared: “For God so loved *the world* that He gave His only begotten Son, that *whoever* believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved” (John 3:16-17). The church was divinely commissioned to “go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation” (Mark 16:15). We must necessarily infer from this that God wants us to spread the good news that all people (red, yellow, black and white) matter.

Church, if we are not irresistibly motivated to make this truth known to our world, it just may be that we have not yet come to understand the depth and riches of the love of Christ. The apostle Paul stated, “For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again” (2 Cor. 5:14-15).

A related question: Do the lives of babies matter? Reflexively we answer definitively and correctly—“Yes!” But what if the baby is still within the womb of his or her mother—an embryo, a zygote, having not yet even developed a form that resembles a human infant? Well, the Holy Spirit clearly answered that question through the Psalmist as David praised God for His love in Psalm 139:

“¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place.
When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,

¹⁶ your eyes saw my unformed body.
All the days ordained for me
were written in your book
before one of them came to be.” (NIV)

All lives matter—those still in the womb, newborns who are severely handicapped, those who are aged and infirm who have come to depend totally upon the care of others in order for their lives to continue. May we, as “the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15), issue a clarion call to this dark, sin-sick world: “All Lives Matter!”

Johnny Hester preaches for the
Matthews Church of Christ in Matthews, MO

Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Ray

Opening Hymn:

127—He Hideth My Soul

Opening Prayer:

Dale

Hymn:

193—If Jesus Goes With Me

Scripture Reading:

Robert

Luke 2:1-7

Hymn:

313—We Saw Thee Not

Lord’s Supper:

Myron & Mark

Hymn:

126—The Rock That Is Higher
Than I

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

636—Only A Step

Closing Hymn:

198—There Is Power in the
Blood

Closing Prayer:

Tom

PRAYER LIST

*Linda is out of the hospital and now at home.

*Zarna's friends and family are having a difficult time in India due to the virus.

*Larry and Ruth. Ruth now has blood clots in her legs.

*Pat and Ron and their daughters.

*Juanita's sister Betty.

*Mary and her family.

*Robert and Sara

*Juanita and her family.

*Ray and Barbara

*Dale, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family. Dale's uncle passed away recently.

*Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.

*Myron & Carole

*Margaret and her family.

*Mark and his family

*Our congregation

*Our Veterans

*The World and our Nation

CALENDAR

May 17—Bible Study 10 am
With Dale

May 17—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom

May 19—b. Tammy

May 21—b. Marc S.

May 22—b. Barbara

May 24—Bible Study 10 am
With Dale

May 24—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom

May 25—b. Rosemary

May 31—Bible Study 10 am

Christ Born of Mary

Scripture Reference: Luke 2:1-7

AUGUSTUS	BECAUSE	BETHLEHEM	BETROTHED
CAESAR	CALLED	CENSUS	CHILD
COMPLETED	DAVID	DAYS	DECREE
DELIVERED	EVERYONE	FIRST	GALILEE
GOVERNING	HOUSE	JOSEPH	JUDEA
LINEAGE	NAZARETH	PLACE	QUIRINIUS
REGISTERED	SHOULD	SYRIA	THERE
THOSE	WHICH	WHILE	WORLD

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Hidden Message: _____

Answer to Puzzle: she brought forth her
 firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swad-
 dling cloths, and laid Him in a manger

“I find television very educational. Every time someone turns it on, I fo in another room and read a book.” Grouch Marx

SUNDAY: Bible Class — 10:00 am; Worship — 11:00 am;
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