



**Newsletter**

***Personhood of the Unborn Child  
and the Abortion Issue***

*Fr. Rob Hartley*

I question the appropriateness of legislating Christian morality in a non-Christian, secular society such as ours. What is happening instead, however, non-Christian morality is being patently legislated upon Christians. A vivid example is abortion on-demand, which is and has been for quite a while now the law of our land. Abortion on-demand is morally, biblically, sociologically and scientifically wrong. It is an affront to God's law ("Thou shalt not murder") and, from a human rights standpoint, a violation of the right to life of pre-born children.



What drives my view on this? Three things:

- First and foremost is my biblical worldview:

**Psalm 139**

*You knit me together in my mother's womb.*

*<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully  
and wonderfully made.*

*Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.*

*<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,*

*intricately woven in the depths of the earth.*

*<sup>16</sup> Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.*

*In your book were written all the days  
that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.*

- Secondly, scientifically we know that a human being's unique genetic code is established at the moment of conception; therefore, conception is both reasonably and scientifically the beginning of an individual person. (What the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision functionally did was declare the unborn child not a person.)
- Finally, sociologically the abortion issue is enmeshed in the half-century old sexual revolution and the resulting liberalization of sexuality. This has been the major contributor to the deterioration of the indispensable building block of any healthy society- the healthy, intact, nuclear family. It seems to me that God knew what He was doing when He established marriage, family and His boundaries around human sexuality.

Simply stated, the value and sacredness of the life of the unborn child needs to be recognized in the decision-making on the termination of a pregnancy. None of this negates the rights of the mother, but, at least for me, places it all in a Godly, scientific and sociologically healthy perspective. Christians, like everyone else, have a voice in asserting this and helping to chart a morally proper direction for this country on abortion. We, as a church, need to not be silent on this issue. Our bishops and many in the ACNA have definitely not been.

(By the way, I struggle with this strange notion of "independent viability" of the unborn child as a definition of personhood. That could equally be applied to when a child is weaned, or even later when they can provide food and shelter for themselves. This makes a strange argument!)

One initiative you should know about that is taking place in South Carolina is the Personhood Constitutional Amendment (S.719 / H.4093) presently in committee in the SC Legislature. The amendment seeks to define the status of the unborn child as a person in the eyes of the law. You can read more about it at [www.personhood.sc](http://www.personhood.sc).

This is my assessment, my reasons, and my stance on abortion-on-demand in this country. What are yours? Feel free to comment on our blog (North Augusta Anglican) or at our website (achtna.org- "contact us").

*The Reverend Rob Hartley*

***Wednesday Evenings in July***

**July 5** No Fellowship Supper & Program

**July 12** Lesson 7: Spiritual Receptivity **Matthew 13**

**July 19** Lesson 8: I Am the Bread of Life **Matt. 14-17**

**July 26** Lesson 9: Humility **Matt. 18-20**

## *June 4 Prayer Rally in Downtown North Augusta*



"These are different sort of times we live in- we know it as post-modern and post-Christian. It is, however, coming to be more than that. It is becoming anti-Christian. We are here today to publically and very specifically pray into that."

"In terms of our Judeo-Christian foundation as a nation, we have lost our footing. We no longer, at least publically, acknowledge God's grace as the underpinning of this great nation. We have jettisoned values that have allowed this nation to prosper and to stand out among the nations of the world. We have forsaken our Christian birthright."

"Eph. 6:12 tells us, *“Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, authorities and powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”* All that is good and right about our nation is therefore being laid defenseless before Satan. We, as a nation, have made ourselves as vulnerable to Satan's wiles as all other nations on this planet. American exceptionalism, clearly a gift from God, is being devoured, and we now are playing this game of society-building on Satan's home court rather than in the courts of the Lord."



### *Community Prayer Rally*

Saturday, June 24, 2017, 10 am  
Wade Hampton Veterans Park, North Augusta



<b>Order of Service</b>	
<b>Opening Music</b>	(songs printed on pages 2 and 3)
<b>Welcome</b>	The Rev. Rob Hartley Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity
<b>Invocation and Scripture</b>	Dr. Matt Clark Foothills Christian Assembly
<b>Song: <i>My Country 'tis of Thee</i></b>	(printed on page 4)
<b>Senator Shane Massey</b>	State Senate, District 25
<b>Mr. Andrew Siders</b>	Chair, Aiken County Council
<b>Letter from Senator Tom Young</b>	State Senate, District 24
<b>Prayers</b>	The Rev. Rob Hartley
<b>Benediction</b>	Minister Wyatt Brown, First Providence Baptist Church
<b>Song- <i>God Bless America</i></b>	(printed on page 4)
<b><i>Sponsoring Churches</i></b>	

"But as Scripture says, *“the battle is mine, says the Lord.”* God's weapon is our faithfulness and prayers of His people. I am thankful for the faithfulness of Christians such as you who are willing to come together on this hot summer morning to pray and stand in the gap for our country."

"The 19th C pastor and song-writer, Samuel Francis Smith, understood the beauty and power of real freedom. And he knew that true freedom comes only from the One True God, our King. Apart from the living God freedom is impossible. Smith calls God the "Author of Liberty" in the hymn we will sing together today, "My Country 'tis of Thee."



## *Prayers Said at the Community Prayer Rally for Our Nation and Our Leaders*

Dear Heavenly Father, Creator of all things, and Sustainer of all that is good, wholesome and right, we approach your Throne of Grace on behalf of our nation.

-We confess our own personal sin and culpability in what is taking place in our nation.

-We repent and seek forgiveness on behalf of ourselves and our nation for the ways we have drifted away from the Godly foundations upon which this great country was built. We pray you strengthen your hand of grace upon us as we place our eyes back upon you.

-We pray you continue to raise up Godly leaders from among us, and that you give them the mind of Christ and a character pleasing to You. We pray for our leaders present here today, and all our leaders everywhere.

-We pray against the divisions that rack our nation, and ask you to restore the peace and unity that this country has known so well.

-Finally, Lord, we pray for true pluralism in which religious freedom can be found for all, and we pray that we Christians faithfully stand as a counter-voice to the secularism and paganism that opposes that freedom.

But in the midst of it all, Lord God, we cannot help but give thanks to You for being our God and calling us to be Your people. We thank You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love shown us in our redemption through our Lord Jesus Christ. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of all your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### *Lay Ministry Chart for July*

<b>2017</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost July 2</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost July 9</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost July 15</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost July 23</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost July 30</b>	<b>Transfiguration 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost August 6</b>
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	Sandra S	Jerry N	Rosemarie M	Mike S	Sandra S	Paula W
<b>Ushers / Greeters</b>	Bobbie R Monte S Sue J	Joseph A Bill B Judy C	Deborah K Donna L Wayne L	Richard M Jason N Margaret W	Monte S Sue J Bobbie R	Joseph A Bill B Judy C
<b>Presenting Bread/Wine</b>	Caleb & Linden	Kevin & Jami W	Mark W Margaret W	Joseph A Gary B	Bill & Brenda B	JoEllen B C. C. B
<b>Prayer Team</b>	Nancy H Wayne L	Rosemarie M Margaret W	Ginger H Monique T	Nancy H Wayne L	Rosemarie M Margaret W	Ginger H Monique T
<b>Lector-OT</b>	Jason N	Mike S	Sandra S	Margaret W	Jackie F	Avery S
<b>Lector-NT</b>	Avery S	JoEllen B	Brenda B	Judy C	Jami W	Jennifer D
<b>Altar Guild [week of]</b>	Ginger H Monique T Terry N	Annette M Myrle W Donna L	Rosemarie M JoEllen B	Virginia F Marguerite P	Ginger H Monique T Terry N	Annette M Myrle W Donna L
<b>Acolyte Guild</b>	Avery S	Jackie F	Oke I	Avery S	Jackie F	Oke I
<i>If you are unable to fulfill your ministry obligation, please find a replacement and let Fr. Rob know.</i>						

### *St George Patron Saint of England*



It is uncertain when Saint George was born, however, his death date is estimated to be April 23 303 A.D.

George was born to a Roman officer and a Greek native of Lydda. When George was old enough, he was brought into Diocletian's army. By his late 20's, George became a Tribunus and served as an imperial guard for the Emperor at Nicomedia. On February 24, 303 A.D., Diocletian, announced that every Christian the army passed would be arrested and every other soldier should offer a sacrifice to the Roman gods. George announced his beliefs before his peers. Diocletian attempted to convert him back to the Roman gods. After exhausting all

options Diocletian ordered George's execution. In preparation for his death, George gave his money to the poor. He was lacerated on a wheel of swords and required resuscitation three times, but still George did not turn from God. On April 23, 303 A.D., George was decapitated before Nicomedia's outer wall. His body was sent to Lydda for burial, and other Christians went to honor George as a martyr.

**Saint George and the Dragon** There are several stories about George fighting dragons, but in the Western version, a dragon or crocodile made its nest at a spring that provided water to Silene, in Libya. The people were unable to collect water. The beast would leave its nest offered a sheep. The decided that a maiden would be more effective than a sheep. The victim was chosen by drawing straws. One day the princess' straw was drawn. The monarch begged for her to be spared but the people would not have it. She was offered to the dragon, but before she could be devoured, George appeared. with the sign of the Cross, and slayed the dragon. After saving the town, the citizens abandoned their paganism and were all converted to Christianity.



# July, 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Ways We Communicate</b> Parish Website Monthly Newsletters (web + mailed) Sunday Bulletin Announcement Pg. Holy Trinity Mobile App Email Distr. of news and messages Prayer List (Sun Bulletin +Web) Blog (North Augusta Anglican)						<b>Links</b> <a href="http://www.achtna.org">http://www.achtna.org</a> <a href="http://www.achtna.org/newsletters">http://www.achtna.org/newsletters</a> <a href="http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4a5efa_d2f2833708fd4cb786e26341d2b7e364.pdf">http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4a5efa_d2f2833708fd4cb786e26341d2b7e364.pdf</a> <a href="http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4a5efa_80ea18e8be5a4eb69541c319aa89a00f.pdf">http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4a5efa_80ea18e8be5a4eb69541c319aa89a00f.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.achtna.org/parish-prayer-list">http://www.achtna.org/parish-prayer-list</a> <a href="http://holytrinityna.blogspot.com/">http://holytrinityna.blogspot.com/</a>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>		<i>Independence Day</i>  <u>No Women's Bible Study</u>  <u>No Choir</u>	<u>No Fellowship Supper &amp; Bible Study</u>		7:00 pm <b>Friday Night at the movies</b>	9:00 to 10:20am <b>Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study</b>  6:00 pm <b>Service of Prayer &amp; Praise</b>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i> <b>Daughters of the Holy Cross Gathering</b>		10:00-11:30 am <b>Women's Bible Study</b>  6:00 pm <b>Choir</b>	6:00 pm <b>Fellowship Supper &amp; Bible Study</b> <i>Nursery available</i> <i>Lesson 7: Spiritual Receptivity</i> <i>Matt. 14-17</i>		7:00 pm <b>Friday Night at the movies</b>	9:00 to 10:20am <b>Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study</b>  6:00 pm <b>Service of Prayer &amp; Praise</b>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>		10:00-11:30 am <b>Women's Bible Study</b>  6:00 pm <b>Choir</b>	6:00 pm <b>Fellowship Supper &amp; Bible Study</b> <i>Nursery available</i> <i>Lesson 8: Bread of Life</i> <i>Matt. 18-20</i>		7:00 pm <b>Friday Night at the movies</b>	9:00 to 10:20am <b>Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study</b>  <i>Mary Magdalene</i>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>		<i>St James, Apostle</i> 10:00-11:30 am <b>Women's Bible Study</b>  6:00 pm <b>Choir</b>	6:00 pm <b>Fellowship Supper &amp; Bible Study</b> <i>Nursery available</i> <i>Lesson 9: Humility</i> <i>Matt. 21-23</i>		7:00 pm <b>Friday Night at the Movies</b>	9:00 to 10:20am <b>Men's Breakfast &amp; Bible Study</b>
30	31	<b>Holy Trinity Mobile Phone App</b> Check it out. Go to our website ( <a href="http://www.achtna.org">www.achtna.org</a> ), click on "Download Our Mobile App." Follow the instructions.				
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>						

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