

Welcome

Laings, Ohio Church of Christ, November 25th, 2018



Those who will be serving in our worship today:

Announcements	Tim Frye
Song Leader	Roger Starr*
Scripture Reader	Derrick Landefeld
Opening Prayer	Jim McGuire
Sermon	Andrew Beasley
Lord's Table Leader	Dwayne Thompson
Server	Jason Workman
Server	Tom Frye
Server	Cooper Thompson
Closing Prayer	Jason Workman

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Times of Meeting:

Sunday
Bible Classes 9:45 AM
Worship Services
10:30 AM & 6:00 PM
Wednesday
Bible Classes 7:00 PM

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Today's Sermons

A.M.

“The Christian Life”
Scripture Reading AM
Ephesians 4:17-24

P.M.

“The Supreme Reality”
Scripture Reading PM
Psalm 97:1

You are invited back to all our services!!

Women In The Early Church (III) [by W. Terry Varner]

The first two essays were quick, short comments on the (1) Women and Culture,(2) Christians and Pagan Sex Roles,(3) General Status of Christian Women,and (5) Conversion and Marriage.We complete our study with additional studies of (1) Christian Woman, Infanticide, and Abortion,(2) Conclusion. It is an interesting study in areas that we often have not given much study and thought. We have drawn heavily on sources and studies outside of the New Testament in conjunction with various biblical texts. Our study has only touched “the hem of the garment.”

Christian Woman, Infanticide and Abortion. Seneca, a first century philosopher, stated that infanticide included drowning of babies at birth, which was considered both reasonable and commonplace, exposing infants to the elements of weather, abandoning infants to the wild animals and birds. As a consequence, infanticide, as well as, abortion reduced the growth of society’s population. Most often in abortion, the mother died along with their aborted babies. Likewise, abortion reduced future fertility in those women who survived the horrible act of abortion.

This being the case, one asks **why** abortion was so widely practiced. The reasons for abortion given by the historians are mostly parallel for the reasons often given by those seeking abortions today—to conceal illicit sexual affairs, economic reasons, to avoid splitting family inheritances, not wanting the child, pregnancy from failing to practice safe sex, etc. Roman law recognized that abortions generally were decided by the father rather than the mother, or the two of them. The husband literally had the power of life and death over **all** his household. So, it is hardly surprising that a society which gave husbands the right to take the life of an infant daughter at birth (infanticide) would give the husband the right to order their wives to abort her child. Generally speaking when it comes to abortion, it is just the opposite today with the mother choosing abortion often without consulting the father.

With such repulsive acts in society, we can better understand Octavius, who as a Christian, stated in a debate with a non-Christian, that “day by day the number of us is increased” (31). Christians pursued a lifestyle that could only result in higher fertility, opposed to infanticide, and abortions. The Greco-Roman society had a low concept of marriage and life; whereas, Christian culture sanctified marriage even between a Christian and a non-Christian. Christianity emphasized of both males and females marital fidelity, specific obligations of both husbands and wives toward one another and the institution of marriage (cf. Ephesians 5:21-23; 1 Corinthians 7:1-7). We can conclude from Scripture, and other first century resources, that Christians were distinguished from pagans by their dramatic behavioral differences in the treatment of both marriage and life in general.

Concluding Thoughts: First, The role of Christian women in society helped pave the way for conversions of other women and men to the salvation found only in Christ. Second, God used the strong moral teaching against infanticide and abortion as practiced by Christian women to change the practices in society. Some of the very reasons given today against abortion and infanticide are reasons given by those who opposed infanticide and abortion in the early centuries following Christ. Third, Christianity’s principles for marriage resulted in marriage as God would have it. This demanded a serious change in the way men thought about women, marriage, and the family. Christianity has elevated the status of women.

Birthdays This Week

November 25th

Sharon Baker

Gospel Meeting

November 25th - November 29th

Hosted by the Duffy church of Christ.

7pm. Various Speakers.

Reminder

Sunday, December 2nd

There will be a potluck following morning worship, and evening worship will immediately follow the potluck.

New Quarter

A new quarter in Sunday School begins next Sunday. Please check the teaching schedule to see if you are teaching this quarter.

For the Record:

A.M. Sun. 11/18	56
P.M. Sun. 11/18	33
Wed. 11/21	18
Offering: \$1271.00	

In Need of Prayer

F.Y.I.

Millie Haney- cancer, daughter of Lloyd Henthorn
Pat McGuire - US Navy.
Charlie Tomlin - home, doctors appointment in Cleveland on the 28th.
Larry Eikleberry - home, undergoing chemo treatment weekly.
Marsha Keevert - home, recovering from bone fusion surgery
Bill Thomas - hip surgery and elevated heart rate.
Roger Starr - recovering from successful back surgery

- We are still collecting cancelled stamps. Please see Jean Coplan or place them in the container in the library.
- Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Stalder family as they grieve the loss of Liam, who passed away Friday in the arms of his parents. No arrangements have been forwarded as of this printing, but please pray earnestly for this family as they deal with an immense loss.

Please update Andrew about those on the prayer list. They will be deleted after 4 weeks if there are no updates.

Please note the last person out of the church building please turn off all the lights. Thank you!