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Roe V. Wade. Never Law, Only Opinion

By Chris Gonthier
BMA OK Moral Action

The amount of volatility that our nation continually deals with is a serious threat to American society. It seems as though the current focal point of our divided country is centered around the Supreme Court.

Extremists love to point to the courts when its decisions seemingly justify their positions. If their views are not upheld, then suddenly the court is no longer "legitimate".

Currently, the big complaint is who is sitting on our highest court, and how they got there. The far left will tell you that anyone appointed by President Donald Trump is illegitimate, or an extremist and should not be there.

Whether you like Donald Trump or not, he was president and was allowed to nominate appointees. All appointees have to be approved by the Senate, and therefore there is a check and balance to the selection process.

All sitting justices have gone through the process and are properly appointed. Another tactic some on the left are trying to use is to change the number of sitting justices.

Presently, there are nine Supreme court justices, and all was fine until there is now a conservative majority. Suddenly there are not enough justices, and the Supreme Court should be expanded. This would mean that a liberal president could nominate liberal appointees and they could force them through the Senate.

Currently, the Senate is almost equally divided with the Vice President being the tie breaking vote. I firmly believe the left

will not want to expand the court while a conservative president and senate are in office.

There are several misconceptions that are permeating our society. They are being spread through systemic and intentional lies by people with very little understanding of our government.

Some know the truth and still continue with their attempts to twist and manipulate the opinions of the uninformed masses. Hopefully, this article will help you when the prochoice extremists push their agenda on you and your family.

First on the list is the fact that the Supreme Court does not, nor ever had constitutional authority to make laws. Only elected members of the Legislative branch have such authority.

Understand that I am not an attorney, and neither myself nor the publisher of this article is giving legal advice. Since only elected officials are allowed to make laws, then one must consider why we allow all the alphabet agencies to make laws.

Since they are not the purpose of this article we will move on, I just hope you will study on the validity of such rules they make. Second, since they cannot make laws, the Supreme Court could never make abortion legal or illegal. They could only offer an opinion as to whether a woman had a constitutional right to having an abortion.

Third, the decision to overturn Roe V Wade was not an attempt to make abortions illegal, but simply stating that

the Federal Government should not be making decisions on such matters and that it should be a states rights issue. That means that individual states will determine if and when abortions can be performed within their states.

Some states, and possibly some Indian reservations will allow abortions almost always and for any reason, and some will place restrictions or try to almost "totally" eliminate abortions altogether.

The Tenth Amendment to the Constitution says, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

So the Supreme Court did not say it is illegal to have an abortion, only that the Federal Government did not have the authority, based on the Tenth Amendment, to force states to allow abortion.

As a side note, since we the people have the Second Amendment, and the

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UPCOMING EVENTS

BMAO State Youth Camp

July 18-22

Cedar Hills
Binger, OK

Central District Meeting

September 13
Grace Harbor

Why Schedule a CBC Day

Current reports indicate that North American churches are experiencing a steady decline in church membership, a continual drifting away from the authority of scripture, and a consistent increase of ones who do not associate with any religious affiliation.

Even though the stats are alarming, God has entrusted us to “earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 1:3). Central Baptist College is a Christ-centered higher education institution that is committed to transforming lives through the gospel.

CBC Day for 2022 is scheduled for Sunday, September 11. Please consider setting aside this Sunday, or another day which best fits your church calendar, to pray for CBC.

Churches are also encouraged to take a one-time offering for the annual fund program, “Gifts that Transform,” and/or make a pledge to give additional offerings over the twelve months to follow.

CBC Day contributions will be for the CBC Annual Fund that supports, among many other things, the ministry tuition grant, academic and performance scholarships, spiritual life programs, and

the development of new academic programs.

We would love to know if your church is committing to participate in CBC Day. We will be honored to send you promotional items such as bulletin inserts, special offering envelopes, and/or digital graphics to help you as you plan this special day.

President Terry Kimbrow, the CBC Singers, students, professors, administrative staff, and/or I are available to share with the church on this day.

To better fit your schedule, we are available to share on a Sunday night or during a mid-week service, as well.

We gladly welcome invitations to share at other ministerial events and BMA of AR events such as WMA and Brotherhood meetings.



To register for a CBC Day, please visit the link, <https://www.cbc.edu/cbcday>.

If you have any questions, please personally contact Duffy Guyton, Director of Church Relations, via email at:

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or at

(501) 269-6784

Thank you for your consistent generosity of the ministry of CBC! Thank you for making a difference in His kingdom by contributing to the “transformation of lives” through the Gospel of Christ to all who attend Central Baptist College.

Your World Missions Day 2022 Giving

THANK YOU! Those words do not seem adequate for the sacrificial way BMA America churches gave during World Missions Day 2022. More than \$500,000 was given to the Jerry Kidd Missions Offering.

Without your generous giving, we could not do what we do. That includes supporting the work of 60 American missionaries and church planters and 500 ChangeMaker missionaries in 61 countries. Because of you, we can continue to add new ChangeMakers like those in Ecuador, Lebanon and Columbia.

On behalf of the entire Missions team, I want to express my appreciation for being churches that respond to God’s global mission and support those around the world who are sharing the gospel, making disciples, and planting churches.

It has been a great joy to serve you during my first year on the Missions team, and to those of you with whom I’ve connected by phone or in person, thank you for your responsiveness and kindness.

Also, it is encouraging to hear how your church supports our missionaries. You are an association that loves to see the gospel spread to all nations. It is a true blessing to be a part of God’s work in and through the BMA.

As always, if there is any way that I can serve, please let me know.

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"I Was Just Thinkin' "

By Narita Roady

"Yo Mama!"



I have so many memories of the years we went and took children to church camp.

One in particular stood out in my mind. Two 11 year old boys from our church came for the first time. Their excitement could not be contained on the trip to Cedar Hills Camp.

They were the best of best friends and had been so since they were small. You would be hard pressed to find a more devoted and loyal chums.

So you can imagine our astonishment when on the third day, a group of children came running to us saying, "Bro. Jerry you have to come quick! Shane and Dewayne are in a fight!"

We rushed to the scene of the skirmish and found the two boys locked in what appeared to be a duel to the end! Noses were bloodied and scratches were visible. They had a death grip on each other and were rolling in the dirt throwing punches for all they were worth!

Jerry quickly separated the two struggling "frenemies", and asked, "Boys! What are you two fighting about!?"

With chests heaving, fists clenched at their sides, and tears streaking dirt covered faces, they stood glaring at each other.

Finally between sobs, Shane choked out, "HE SAID SOMETHING BAD ABOUT MY MAMA!"

Through gritted teeth, DeWayne yelled back, "I DID NOT!"

And for a brief time accusations and denials volleyed back and forth. Finally Jerry called a halt to the verbal match.

He turned to Shane demanding, "What DID Dewayne say about your Mother!?"

His little body was racked with sobs afresh, so much so he could barely speak. Finally he choked out what the horrendous attack was on his precious mother. He gasped, "He said, YO MAMA DON'T LIKE SCOOBY-DO!!!!!"

Jerry and I stood there with our mouths gaping, suppressing the laughter threatening to explode. We washed their faces and Jerry talked with them. Within a short time the treasured friendship was healed and the two pals were playing and laughing.

No matter how many times I remember this, I do not think it will ever fail to bring me a chuckle.

The sad part is there are more and more adults, like these boys, being offended by trivial and unimportant issues with others. A vast majority are as ridiculous as the tiff these young ones had. While physical altercations between adults are not the norm in friendships, it is shocking the vehemence and intensity of their emotions.

Not only do they not make up and walk away friends again, too many are stuffing the incident into their growing bags of bitterness and resentment.

This is frighteningly becoming the norm. Touchy, thin-skinned, easily annoyed people seem to be on the rise and Christians are no exception! Being

offended has become a national sport, almost as if there were medals for turning the insignificant into major importance, and seeking the fastest time in being provoked.

Some compete in multiple "events" by finding more than one thing to be enraged about. Yes, this epidemic has even infiltrated our churches. The root of this problem is not being offended by another; it is following Satan and the flesh instead of the Lord!

But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. James 3:8-10

When we are easily provoked it is a signal that SELF has replaced Christ on the throne of our heart. You can be assured that if self has taken a seat, pride is snuggled up right beside it. Pride pushes God out of the picture, and along with Him, His standards, instructions, and Scripture.

In the spotlight, instead, is what the flesh feels, wants, and thinks. All our rights that should be given to God to watch over are now the fuel that fans the fires of anger, unforgiveness, and discord. Satan is now in the driver's seat with his foot on the gas!

Offenses are the matches that light great destruction. The outrage spreads like wildfire into the hearts and minds of all who are exposed. Some are damaged more than others, like the weaker brethren and the unsaved. Christian testimonies are ruined.

God's work is hindered. Social media and the internet increase the devil's opportunity to spread dissension to

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“Welcome Home to Our Missionaries”

By Angela Rice

Missionaries consider “home” to be wherever their mission field is located, but those of who serve at BMA Missions love to welcome them “back home” during their furloughs and other stateside returns.

We are blessed to have two recently remodeled properties next to our offices that we offer for a temporary home base and a comfortable, relaxing stay.

After a recent tour of our Global Missions Center campus, I told Mrs. Barbara Speer, a First Baptist Church Carthage, Texas, church member, that our two missionary houses needed updating, especially the beds and bedding.

I also shared my desire to raise the necessary funds because I wanted the houses to feel more like home.

Not long after Mrs. Barbara’s return to Texas, FBC Carthage became the first church to take on this project and raise funds to update furniture and décor in one of the cottages.

When Mrs. Barbara, along with Mrs. Carol Cain, came back to Conway, they were on a mission to shop and decorate.

They totally remodeled one of the bedrooms and added a king-sized bed, chest of drawers, bedding, lamps and pictures for each bedroom.

After my online post about the

renovations, others began asking to help and gave enough funds to finish one of the houses, which looks beautiful!

As we began preparations to remodel the other house, which is older and needs new paint and flooring, major water damage was discovered.

The windows and framing must be replaced and will add to the expense, but we are so thankful for people who love our missionaries and want the houses to feel like home to everyone who stays in them.

If you are interested in helping out, let me know. Any amount given will be used for our missionary homes and needs that may come up.

To give, send your check to
BMA Missions/Missionary Care, memo:
Missionary House
PO Box 878 Conway, AR 72033.

If you have questions, call me at
214-498-3041.



New Generation News

It goes without saying, times are hard! But we have an awesome God, who is able to help us through the difficulties of life and life's problems. Many people need help and we try to help those that we can, but we also know we can't help everyone.

We must be careful that we don't hurt people in the process of trying to help them. Just giving someone some money doesn't usually fix the problem, it may in fact exacerbate it.

What people need is Jesus. We need to make sure we give them the gospel.

Brothers Chris and Luis continue to share the gospel through preaching on a

regular basis. Melissa, Luis's wife continues to minister in music and in translating Luis's messages from Spanish to English.

Chris and Luis are both planning to start Bible studies in their homes on Wednesday evenings.

My wife, Lynn, has been busy in the nursery lately with seven children last Sunday morning.

Chris's report:

A young man named Jeremy who moved here from Colorado has also attended our church after Steve led him to a profession of faith a few weeks at Mission Norman and I followed up with him and gave him a ride to church.

Unfortunately, Jeremy fell prey to a pay day loan scam that wiped out his checking account. But thankfully the church was

able to minister to him both physically and spiritually in his time of need!

It's a reminder that not only evangelism but consistent follow up with new believers is essential so that we do not leave new Christians as spiritual orphans.

I'm thankful that our church remains faithful to minister to the homeless and needy in Norman through our involvement with Mission Norman, Church in the Park, and Food and Shelter for Friends.

One powerful testimony I heard recently was from a lady named Natalie who has been faithfully attending with her sister Evelyn since last fall.

Natalie has really been growing spiritually over the last several months and just completed an intensive two day evangelism clinic with four women from Northeast Baptist and another woman from Tulsa who traveled down for the training that Lester Vogler and I were facilitating.

Thank you all again for the spiritual and monetary support. You are making a difference through your ministry.

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Re:Charge Leaders Oasis



Mark 3 describes Jesus withdrawing from the crowds that had begun following him everywhere. It was the most important time in history:

The Messiah had come to save the world.

He would soon appoint the Twelve.

He would teach mankind the most radical ideas ever heard . . .

and Jesus took time to get away and pray, to reset, and to refocus.

If the Son of God took time to do so, how much more should we look for opportunities to change our pace and reframe our minds.

Re:Charge Leaders Oasis is September 27-29, 2022, at the beautiful Hotel Hot Springs in Hot Springs Arkansas. This year, pastor, author and speaker Bill Elliff will be speaking, Travis Sellers from Antioch Baptist Church will lead worship, and funny man Brad Stine will be our dinner entertainment one evening.

For more information, registration, and hotel reservations, go to:

www.bmaamerica.org/recharge

"That Reminds Me"

By Jesse Spurlock

"Bugs, Rabbits and Obedience"

My brother, Jim, related the following story to me. I was going to put it in his own words, but as a computer phrase goes, "I had to make it fit," so here it is... slightly shortened.

Years ago Jim bought a used 1966 VW Bug for commuting to work. The fuel economy was great and it was simple to work with.

However, that was a good thing because of the seemingly endless hours required for that purpose. He even did a complete overhaul on it.

Then, in 1976, Volkswagen introduced the "Rabbit." He quickly bought one because the fuel economy was phenomenal and he was tired of patching and repairing the old "Bug." It was a vast improvement, but he quickly learned it required maintenance also.

Perfectly timed the Rabbit ran like a sewing machine, but fouled the spark plugs badly and burned the contact points quickly. The nearest VW dealer was 75 miles away, so he learned to carry extra plugs, points and tools with him at all times. He even invested in a battery powered spark plug cleaner after discovering the plugs had to be cleaned every 150 miles.

He became very well acquainted with the Rabbit, as he had been with the Bug. Jim soon found out (again) Romans 8:28 is true. All things do work together for good to them that love God and to them who are called according to His purpose.

He and his wife were on their way home one day in a heavy downpour in

their camper. About two miles from their home they came across a VW Rabbit just like theirs parked beside the road with its hood up.

Down the road a ways he saw a couple slogging through the rain toward town. He had the strangest feeling as he approached that not only could he help, but possibly was the only one who could. He stopped and the couple climbed in. Jim asked what the problem was. The man replied, "It just quit running."

It sounded like the contact points to Jim. He went back and checked and sure enough the points were broken.

Here was where the story got strange.

Jim told the man he could help him, but the man refused because he had his own plan to fix the problem. He said he needed to be in Albuquerque that evening, and if Jim could get him to town he would get the parts at a service station and pay someone to fix it.

Jim told him there wasn't a place in town that would have the spare parts. Jim repeated he thought he could help him.

Instead, the man suggested he might get the parts at a part store. Jim countered that all the parts stores close at noon on Saturday.



The man then suggested calling the VW dealership, having the part special delivered, then have someone fix it. Jim replied that the VW dealership was 75 miles away, closed, and wouldn't reopen until Monday.

Finally, Jim said, "Look! Whether you like it or not, I believe God brought us together for a reason. I am the only person in this country who has a Rabbit like yours and I'm the only one who can help you. I have the parts at home so let me help you."

Jim was getting exasperated with the man's stubborn determination to solve his problem his own when the solution was so simple. That is when Jim realized this is the way we are with God when it comes to salvation.

We want salvation, but we want to make our own rules for obtaining it. We say, "I belong to such and such church." God says, "That won't do it. I am the only one who can help you." We say, "I do good things for people, pay lots of money to the church. I've been baptized, etc."

God said in Ephesians 3:8-9, "By grace are you saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast." God says, "I am the only one who can help you, so please, let Me." Most say, "No, I want to do it my own way."

Fortunately, the man finally agreed to Jim's suggestion. They took the couple in their home, helped them dry their clothes and fed them some hot chocolate.

After they were warm and dry, Jim took his spare points back to the broken down Rabbit and installed them. The couple were back on the road in short order. Without charge for parts, labor or help.

Just like God's grace.

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1000's and possibly millions of souls.

Let's just be truthful. If it wasn't meant to offend you, well, you shouldn't be offended. To decide another person's motives without asking them, is to do the wrong kind of judging the Bible speaks of. "Judge not, that ye be not judged." Matthew 7:1

If we are really honest, only we can chose to be offended. No one else has the authority to make that choice, just you. Even scripture says you have the final say. "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." Psalm 119:165

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" Isaiah 26:3

The Lord presents two alternate choices to getting upset. First is to love His law. This is a 100% guarantee

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right to bear arms is reserved to the people, are state and federal regulations Constitutional?

Fourth, since the Supreme Court did not outlaw abortions, and some state will allow them, women will still be able to have them within the United States. Basically, abortions for the woman's convenience, will be a little less convenient.

I am not going to discuss here "medically necessary" abortions such as tubal pregnancies nor rape and incest situations. I am just pointing out that people will still have such opportunities to terminate pregnancies.

To be clear, the Bible calls the unborn a babe, and also indicates it has the ability to move independent of its mother.

Science shows the unborn has he proper DNA to indicate human life as well as respiratory, circulatory, nervous systems...etc. to indicate that the unborn is definitely alive.

Fifth, the Supreme Court has made some pretty stupid decisions in the past that were later overturned. The Dred Scott case was one such instance that indicated the Supreme Court is not infallible. Blacks, whether slaves or free, could not be citizens of the United States and that slavery was allowed in all of the territories of the United States. This decision from March of 1857 needed to be corrected.

Roe V. Wade was another decision that needed to be overturned. The question is not whether the unborn is a human life, biblically and scientifically there is not doubt. The question is, "should they be equally afforded protection?" I believe the only correct answer to such a question is emphatically yes!

NOTHING will offend us. That is a huge promise!

Secondly, is to keep our minds concentrating on Christ. I would rather have the calming, tranquil peace of God rather than turmoil or distress, wouldn't you?

We have been talking about unintended offenses which seem to be the major source of contention these days. Now let's just suppose that a person intentionally set out to antagonize you. There is no doubt. What then?

Colossians 3:12 -14 gives us quite a list of all-encompassing commands, not suggestions, concerning our conduct towards people.

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering: Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another,

if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things, put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

There are 8 very specific instructions. Each one is the exact opposite of the way the flesh responds when wronged.

Mercy vs resentment
Kindness vs hostility
Humbleness vs pride
Meekness vs arrogance
Longsuffering vs impatience
Forbearing vs irritability
Forgiving vs condemning
Charity vs.hatred

Just a glance at the right side of the list perfectly describes the attitude we commonly see displayed by the hypersensitive when they feel slighted. It's obvious such responses are in direct disobedience to God.

You want to know something really surprising in all of this? When we actually face bona fide insults, it pleases God IF we endure it patiently, and that includes the principles above.

For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

1 Peter 2:19-20

So next time something someone says or does makes the hair stand up on the back of your neck, your face gets hot and your mouth is getting ready to move faster than your mind, STOP! Ask yourself this question, "A thousand years from now in Eternity, will this matter?" Puts it all in perspective doesn't it?

Pulpit Announcement

Rocky Point Missionary Baptist Church, Allen is currently seeking a bi-vocational pastor. There is a parsonage available.

Any interested applicants could contact Kenny Fortner at **580 235-5452**.

Master's Builders Reports 177th Job



The Master's Builders had the privilege of returning to JBC to work their 177th job from June 6th-15th. While there, they built a GaGa pit, enlarged the entrance to the restrooms in the cafeteria, remodeled the home and visitors athletic rooms in the gym, built eight decorative fences for AC unit coverage outside, and built a wall in the Ragsdale dorm.

Also, a couple of our men went to Daniel Springs Camp for a day to help with some electrical projects before camp starts there.

Thank you to all who helped make this job such a blessing for us all! Special thanks to the JBC chef, Joe Yzaquirre, who prepared, transported, and cleaned up after each lunch and supper meal. He was a trooper!

Thanks to one of our TMB couples, Myrtle and Leo Sketo, from Leaksville, MS, who brought fruit and vegetables for us all to enjoy while we were there. Thanks to First Baptist Jacksonville for the fellowship, the great meal, and the M&M's ladies group that always includes

our ladies in their special meeting every June.

Thanks to Brenda Bateman, daughter-in-law of missionary, Jack Bateman, who spoke to our ladies group one day. She certainly has a great gift!!

Thank you to our dear friend, Randy Decker, who came and joined our men in their work.

Thank you to George for ALL you do around the campus! We all feel that you are one of us now! Thank you to Craig for all the running around to get supplies for each of the jobs!

And last but not least, our new friend,

Heath Malinak, of Rusk, TX, who saved our hot, tired, worn out men from the small, inadequate post hole AUGER!

The last day was tough on them all as they struggled drilling out the post holes! Heath came and brought a beautiful, green tractor with an auger on the back!! Thank you Lord for his kindness!! (You have to see Facebook to appreciate how miraculous this was!)

We ask that you pray for Joe Lightner, President of Jacksonville College, and the vision he has for the college. Pray that this college will grow and be a spiritual light for the young men and women who choose to come there.

There is so much that we could share on these jobs but there's not space to put it all down! We continue to ask for prayer for our men!

Many of them have had health problems recently; (seems stints have been rampant!) However, they keep showing up to work for the "Master".

Pray for more workers to join us! Our faithful workers are wearing out!! We trust God to supply all our needs!

If you have questions about The Master's Builders ministry, or your church has building needs, contact:

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