



Andy Austin Digby was born on Sunday morning, January 5, 2020, at 5:12 at the North Mississippi Women’s Hospital, Tupelo, MS. What a celebration of praise and gratitude to Jesus from his mother, Libby, and father, Bailey, and all the family. Marriage and family are such wonderful gifts from God going all the way back to the beginning.

Andy’s birthday came on the Lord’s Day – resurrection day. His birthday “kicked” off a new day, a new week, a new year, a new decade. But, his “life” had begun nine months earlier at conception.

Five hours after his birth, fifteen minutes down the road, I led the Annual Bible Study in Jeremiah at Brewer Baptist Church for Tim Tutor. How ironic, that my kick-off sermon for the Annual Bible Study was Jeremiah 1:5, “Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.” Jeremiah 1:5 KJV.

Conception – Inception

This is a hefty verse of Scripture loaded with theological and doctrinal content. All Scripture is God’s WORD, but Jeremiah 1:5 is God’s words. The antecedent for the pronoun “I” is God-the-Lord – Jehovah. The LORD formed Jeremiah in his mother’s womb. Life begins at conception. Conception is the inception of a human life, a person.

Semantics is often used to muddy the water and confuse the issue. Those who support abortion utilize semantics. They want to be called “pro-choice” not “pro-abortion.” They want to talk about women’s health, not abortion. They don’t say “baby.” They say “fetus.” Webster’s Dictionary says a fetus is “the unborn young of an animal while still in the uterus.” How ironic that our laws protect the “fetus” of a deer carrying a fe-

tus (two tickets), but not a human baby. Something has gone terribly wrong when animals are valued and protected more than human babies.

An alternative spelling for “fetus” is “foetus.” How sad when the mother becomes the “foe” of her own baby. The root meaning for “foe” is hostile, an enemy, an opponent.

How convenient to talk of trimesters – first, second, third. As if, an earlier abortion is better than a later abortion. We welcome and support legislation like the heartbeat bill. Any legislation that means fewer abortions, rather than more, is helpful. But life begins long before a heartbeat. Life begins at conception.

Abortion is prenatal homicide of a baby. The erosion of our society by abor-

tion is leading us to infanticide –the killing of a live birth – a postnatal homicide. The liberal element of our U. S. House not only supports abortion but refuses to protect live births. God help us.

President Trump declared last Wednesday, January 22 (the anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade*), Sanctity of Life Day. This past Friday the March for Life took place in Washington, D.C. How thankful I am for elected leaders and judges who are prolife. We all must stand up and speak up for those most vulnerable – babies in the womb. Why not volunteer or give financially to your local CPC – Crisis Pregnancy Center? Our Memorial to the Missing has given \$116,359.96 to CPCs since 2014.

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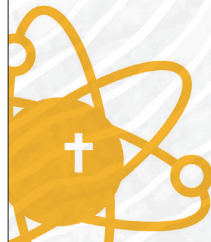
Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week’s puzzle: 3 John 11

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