

Letter to the Editor of Wilkes Journal-Patriot From Antioch Baptist Church

This letter is written with humility and respect for the individuals of our county.

I am pointing my finger at no one because I have many failures of my own.

This said I am very concerned about the spiritual condition of the professing Bible believers.

My concern is our failure to stand against the immorality of certain issues that have weakened our influences in our communities.

I want to speak about two of these issues that I believe are destroying the Biblical family.

One is the prevalence of on-demand abortion and the other is unquestioning acceptance of the homosexual lifestyle.

Recently we had a movie, "Unplanned," shown in a local theater.

This movie showed an actual abortion as it happened, which made an impact on all viewers. It is a known fact that seeing is more powerful than hearing.

This movie was sponsored by the Wilkes Pregnancy Care Center, along with 13 of our local churches.

The expense was borne by the center, the 13 churches and 11 concerned individuals. The amount of the funds raised was \$12,460.

This allowed the movie to be provided free of charge for those attending.

There were 1,622 people attending out of approximately 68,000 people in our county, which was only 2.38% of our county population.

I wish parents had taken their children to see this movie.

I feel that after seeing the actual killing of a baby, most people would never again support the right to kill an innocent baby.

Based on some of the comments overheard from teenagers exiting the movie, the documentary had the intended effect—they stated they would never have an abortion and are now adamantly opposed to abortions.

I also feel that same sex marriage is destroying the family since it is certainly not Biblical.

It requires a father and a mother to bring a child into the world, and every child needs both a father and a mother to lead and guide them and shape their lives as it was originally intended.

I challenge each of us as Christians to take a stand against these issues that go against the word of God and pray for all those who do not know Christ.

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