

Concepts: A Life and Death Matter
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December 1, 2021, will be a critical day in the life of our nation and our state. On that Wednesday, the lawyers of our Attorney General, Lynn Fitch, will begin oral arguments before the United States Supreme Court, defending Mississippi's 15 week anti-abortion bill – Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization.

If this bill is upheld as constitutional by our U.S. Supreme Court, there will be fewer abortions at the abortion facility at Fondren, on the north side of Jackson. We, at the Christian Action Commission of our Mississippi Baptist Convention, are pro-life. Abortion is the murder of an unborn child. We want all abortions to stop, but until then we want less abortions, not more.

I am no lawyer, nor the son of a lawyer, but I have understood that Roe v. Wade is one of the most faulty legal decisions ever by the Supreme Court. The amount of medical research and information on prenatal care and the true health and welfare of the mother is so much more advanced today than at the time of Roe v. Wade.

The discussion on December 1 concerning Mississippi's 15 week law could open the door to a reconsideration of the legal, forensic accuracy of how Roe v. Wade was decided. Mississippi's law could lead to Roe v. Wade being overturned after nearly 50 years and millions of abortions in our nation and thousands in our state. The possible overturning of Roe v. Wade does not mean the end of abortion in the U.S., but it would return the issue to be decided in each local state. That would mean fewer abortions in our nation, and hopefully no abortions in many states – but especially in Mississippi.

This momentous occasion deserves the attention, prayers, and concern of God-fearing, Bible-believing Christians everywhere, but especially here in Mississippi. Therefore, Dr. Shawn Parker and our Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Rick Blythe as leader of the MBCB's Prayer Ministry, and I, Kenny Digby, of the Christian Action Commission, are calling on you as Mississippi Baptists, on our churches, and on our associations, to declare Sunday, November 28, a Day of Fasting and Prayer for our lawyers, for the nine men and women sitting on the bench (of whom 6 of 9 are supposed to be conservative – far different from 1973), and for a correct decision.

Biblical fasting is not subtraction – it is substitution. While fasting, our physical appetites encourage us to engage in spiritual activities such as prayer and Bible study. Fasting helps us achieve a Spirit-controlled, mind-controlled, body. The issue of abortion is a life and death matter. This issue deserves our fasting and prayer.

JOIN us on Sunday, November 28, for a much-needed Day of Fasting and Prayer.