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Liberty and Lee Universities – Confusion about Abortion

“I’m not going to demonize them for making a choice that they believe to be the best,” said a Liberty student who protested our Revival Project signs on the sidewalks around her campus April 10-12. *The Lynchburg Torch* reported Megan Kehoe as saying she loves children who are aborted, but she thinks pregnant women should be able to decide if aborting their children is “best” in their situations. (<https://thelynchburgtorch.com/2019/04/11/graphic-abortion-protest-met-with-counter-protest>)

How twisted has become the thinking of many students who claim the name of Christ. This student did not realize the irony of her word choice as the author of abortion is a demon - Satan himself.

Imagine a Christian in 1860 saying that she loves slaves, but she would not demonize slaveholders for “making a choice they believe to be the best” to own slaves. In the Lincoln- Douglas debates, Mr. Douglas repeatedly emphasized he was pro-choice regarding slavery. Over the years he indicated that he was against slavery, but he didn’t think it should be against the law.

CBR staff member Joshua Lindsey (in wheelchair) was ready to speak with Liberty University students; many are confused about who Jesus is and what He teaches us in His Word. One of our signs reads “The Biblical Jesus confronted sin; warned of judgment; held truth, repentance above relationships; is eager to forgive sin.” Each point has relevant Scripture.



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His supposed personal opposition to slavery would have been cold comfort to black people living in states where Douglas believed slavery should be lawful.

Preborn babies are dying because Christian leaders are unwilling to teach the Church about the horror of abortion. The babies are also dying because many pro-lifers refuse to show abortion pictures. *The Lynchburg Torch* article reported that the on-campus pro-life club Lifeline was against CBR: The Lifeline President Kyle Eisenhuth, “thinks that the club’s method of encouraging women to choose life is more compassionate and effective than graphic signs.” Mr. Eisenhuth questioned our motives as well as our effectiveness. [CBR] “is just trying to be provocative and it is not helpful to actually advancing the pro-life cause” What a judgmental attitude from a youth with no knowledge of the history of social reform and a lack of Biblical understanding of passages like Ephesians 5:11-12, “Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.”

The Lynchburg Torch interviewed Jane Bullington, a wise and understanding woman who has served on CBR staff since 1999. “Our own believing community has gotten caught up in the lie of Satan that abortion is the only way out. Most of us attend a church where abortion is not talked about, so the women who are sitting there in the church – even the men who are sitting there – who have participated in abortion, feel like it’s the unpardonable sin because nobody is talking about it.” Mrs. Bullington further shared that our graphic photo signs will enlighten women who’ve already had abortions as well as women who are contemplating abortion. Our goal is to lead them to repentance and to find help from the Church. They are otherwise at significant risk of having repeat abortions.

Liberty University’s motto is “Knowledge Aflame,” yet truth that abortion is child sacrifice has not been emblazoned in the minds of many of these young people. Craig, a pre-law freshman, noted the only time he heard abortion discussed in the classroom was in Bible and Evangelism class. Craig reported that abortion is a

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forbidden topic for English papers or debates, and he was totally in favor of us being there. Additionally, a female runner told us, “Liberty is very politically correct and I am glad you are here; what you are doing is right.” A Divinity School student said he didn’t hear much abortion discussion in Liberty’s graduate school.

Contrast those students’ comments with the V.P. for Shepherding who aggressively denied Liberty’s lack of attention to abortion education. She said it’s discussed in every major and in all the residence halls. She demanded, “Who invited you? Isn’t it rather legalistic to say you are two inches off our campus so you have the right to intrude in our campus life?” Soon after CBR staff Jane Bullington was lambasted by the V.P., a blonde student came up to say, “Thanks for coming. It takes courage to be here and take the flack you must be getting.”

Liberty is not the only Christian campus that has an official pro-life policy that is not hotly “afire.” Other schools give lip service to being pro-life while some professors quietly take students to get abortions. To Liberty’s credit, a student named Jacob informed us that Liberty has a required religious studies course for freshmen that details the different methods of abortion and points out evidence from the Bible about why it’s wrong. He said they let students decide what they think about it. Thankfully, Jacob pledged that he will preach pro-life from the pulpit. It doesn’t seem like the class content is particularly persuasive. As further evidence, volunteer Donna talked to a Liberty student who indicated her desire to volunteer at Planned Parenthood.

CBR staff members Mik’aela Raymond (LU alumna) and Joanna Keilson made a video for Only Girls LU and got a few likes; one video comment read: “Thanks for all the work you do in standing up for those who don’t have a voice.” We trust that more students will see the video and consider God’s command to “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.” Proverbs 31:8

On the same tour, our team took the Revival Project to Lee University, a Christian campus in Cleveland, Tennessee, on March 27-29. Our team was opposed by students and staff with statements like:

Adoption Facts

- The ratio of adoptions to abortions in the U.S. is 17.3 adoptions for every 1000 abortions. (2014 figure from National Council for Adoption-NCFA)
- An NCFA survey indicates that there are ten million married couples in America who would be interested in adopting an infant if they felt they had a realistic prospect of doing so.” (National Council for Adoption Fact Book IV, 2007, p. 11)

Please help CBR promote adoption as a viable option for crisis pregnancies.



We took our Revival Project to Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA on April 10-12. This Christian school has an undergraduate enrollment of over 45,000 students, but apparently few understand the serious sin of abortion. These students challenged our pro-life exhibit with their own sign which spoke of Jesus’ love for all, totally ignoring God’s command not to sacrifice our children.

- How dare you show these disgusting pictures? You need help. You need to leave.” – *Girl in passing car*
- You didn’t go through the channels. You expected the process to be on your time schedule but it is on ours. You people are selfish; you want to do this so you can go home at the end of the day and feel like you have done something for Jesus.
– *Jerome Hamond, University Relations*
- There’s nothing we can do, because we can’t force someone to do something ... therefore, abortion is inevitable, and every abortion would just happen anyway. There’s nothing we could do or should do to try to stop it.
– *Male student*
- I don’t really buy into the concept of sin. Sins are mistakes. You create shame which makes women have to cover up the last mistake with another mistake. You are directly harming people with those images. – *Student*
- No one is convinced by your tactics. We are almost all pro-life at Lee. You are not welcome on this campus unless you can show love, depth, and nuanced understanding of this difficult topic. My prayers are with your organization; there is grace for you too.
– *Carolyn Etzel, a protesting student included these points in a follow-up email to CBR Southeast Director Fletcher Armstrong*

Three angry girls were speaking with Miss Keilson, expressing a specific “concern” about children seeing our graphic photos. God provided a beautiful visual refutation at that moment, as a family walked up to our display. The father was carrying a toddler, the pregnant mother had a small child beside her. The father showed his family one CBR sign and said to his small child, “See that right there is the doctor’s hand, and he’s holding a small baby that was aborted.” He explained what that meant

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and why it's was wrong. A teaching moment took place right in front of the angry students.

There were, however, encouraging students. A female student said, "I appreciate you guys devoting your time to this great cause." A student named Ean forewarned us, "This University is getting more liberal and students won't want to see these. Abortion is being normalized." A freshman nursing major, the secretary of Lee Students For Life, was quoted as saying our Revival Project "allowed students and faculty to engage in an open dialogue concerning abortion I think it opened a lot of good doors for conversations." <http://bit.ly/30QLcHW>

Perhaps most encouraging was a professor from the School of Religion. He told complaining students, "The abolitionists used these same methods. You do all the buttons, the signs, etc. for your causes, because it's what's trendy right now. Y'all just don't like what they're doing because it's the one injustice you all don't want to deal with." He challenged two pro-life students, Douglas and Ethan, "Why don't you go out there and stand with them?" So they did. Ethan said his pastor prophesied over him and his school that Lee University was in ashes, with a few small smolders, but that Ethan was going to be part of starting a fire. Doug was already planning to set up a day of prayer and fasting about abortion on campus. Corresponding to the need for revival, CBR's Fletcher Armstrong had prayed that very morning that revival would start with Lee University, and that it would go down in the history books that it was not us, but Lee students who would be the ones who really made the change.

A number of students at Lee University brought up grace, ignoring our signs that offer help and hope while asking us, "where's the grace?" They must believe that sin doesn't matter much to God because there is always grace. Yet Romans 6:1-2 speaks plainly: "What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?"

We pray that more Christian students will not rush to be judgmental and then accuse us of being judgmental of women who have aborted. The enemy of our souls has been too clever to convince Christians that loving people means not speaking up and warning people against sin. Our goal is for them to know the truth that sets them free.

God bless you for helping us lead people to the Truth.

"To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'"

JOHN 8:31-32

Prayer Requests

- CBR Revival Project
- Pastors to heed the Biblical imperative to preach against abortion
- Christian students to not be deceived

Events

Urban Outreach/Urban GAP

July 19 Market Square, Knoxville, TN

ALL Black Lives Matter Project

July 22-24 NAACP Convention, Detroit, MI

July 23-26 NMAAHC, Washington, D.C.

"Choice" Sign Outreaches

July 12 Columbus, GA

Church Project

July 21 Vancouver, WA

July 17 Christ Cathedral, Garden Grove, CA

Reproductive "Choice" Campaign Trucks

Twice weekly in Tennessee

Training Seminars and Speaking Engagements

July 8-11 Pro-life Leadership Youth Camp, Columbus, GA

Pro-Life Training Academy

July 13 Arden, NC

July 29 First Christian Church, Phoenix, AZ

Prenatal Sign Project

July 2-4 Fourth of July Festival, Longview, WA



On March 27-29, we displayed CBR Revival Project signs around Lee University in Tennessee. Student protestors arrived. Their signs, which included "Christ doesn't use fear tactics" and Pro-life or pro-birth?" made it clear they wanted to change the subject. Thankfully, other students were thankful we were educating about the sin of abortion.

“ *The abolitionists used these same methods.* ”
Lee University Religion professor



This bus came as a result of CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham's visit to Spain in 2013. A tour set up by CBR-Spain introduced CBR to more of the Spanish pro-life movement. One of the biggest pro-life groups who showed interest in the work of CBR is HazteOir. During the election season in Spain this past April, they created a bold campaign with a late-term abortion photo for their bus, provided by CBR. The bus caption calls on three politicians to "Repeal the abortion law" and for people to vote their values." Abortion photos educate voters and save babies whose parents decide not to abort. This photo was taken in front of Santiago Bernabéu Stadium in Madrid.

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