Central’s Statement on Abortion from the Elders

On June 6, 1989 the Elders of Central Christian Church issued a unanimous statement of belief that abortion is wrong and grieves God.

We affirm that abortion is a sin. The sixth commandment is: "You shall not murder" (Exodus 20:13). Murder is the intentional killing of another innocent human being. Not only do both common sense and scientific evidence define the unborn baby as a human being, but holy Scriptures make it clear that this is God's definition from the earliest moment, as in this statement from the Psalms:

"My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depth of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." Psalms 139:15-16

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us of our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). This means that He forgives those who first come to Christ and those in Christ who penitently confess their sins. He forgives both those who have broken His law and those who have stood idly by while His law has been broken and thus, have condoned the sin of abortion.

We elders are asking God to forgive us for our own sins of apathy and indifference concerning abortion.
and other evils attacking our society. Alongside our pastors, and with the leading of the Holy Spirit, we now call the body of Christ at Central Christian Church to earnest daily prayer and to godly action. The actions that we may take might include educating others, giving physical and spiritual aid and comfort to those in need, giving financially, meeting in public places for prayer and witness against abortion, uniting with the whole body of Christ to encourage each other, and attempting to peacefully prevent abortion. Not all are called to the same method of action, but all are called to take action as they are led by God.

We pray that, as God's people respond in prayer and action, this abomination will be removed from our city, our state, and our nation, to the glory of God!