

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

- Hear the Word of God – Rom. 10:17
- Believe that Jesus is the Son of God – Heb. 11:6; John 8:24
- Repent of your sins – Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ before men – Rom. 10:10; Matt. 10:32-33
- Be baptized for the remission of your sins – Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21
- Remain Faithful – Rev. 2:10

By The Numbers for February 24th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 86
Sun. AM Worship – 115
Sun. PM Worship – 75
Wed. Night (2/27) – 73

To Our Visitors:

We are so glad and honored that you chose to be with us today. If you have any questions please feel free to ask the elders or one of the members. If we can be of any assistance, please let us know. Thanks for being with us, and we hope to see you again real soon!

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“Where the Gospel is Preached and People are Loved!”

The Foolishness of Atheism

by Eric Lyons, M. Min.

Atheists are fond of claiming that their way of thinking is logical, reasonable, and intellectual. They maintain that they are open-minded and refer to themselves as free thinkers. Unlike Christians, who are allegedly delusional, irrational, blind, and absurd, atheists consider themselves utterly rational, sensible people who follow the evidence wherever it leads.

Yet atheism says that everything came from nothing. Atheism says that an explosion caused exquisite order. It says that random chances produced precision and that life popped into existence in nature from non-life. Atheism says that the design of the human eye is a delusion, while the design of a camera is apparent. Atheism says that fish and frogs are man's distant forefathers and that intelligence is the result of non-intelligence. Atheism alleges that either man is on the same moral plane as a moose, or he actually evolved a sense of morality from amoral monkeys. Atheism spends multiplied millions of dollars and countless thousands of hours in search of extra-terrestrial life, which has never been found.

When atheism is stripped of pompous proclamations and arrogant allegations, its naked soul is seen for what it really is: weak, illogical, unscientific, and worthless. Atheists blindly believe that, for example, life came from non-life. Rather than accept what scientific experimentation has repeatedly concluded over the past 200 years (that in nature life comes only from life and that of its own kind), atheists remain committed to a disproven theory. Man has never witnessed mindlessness bring forth intelligence. He's never seen something come from nothing.

While trying to convince others he is galloping confidently atop a stallion called Common Sense, in truth, atheism stumbles on the back of a donkey called Foolishness. Is there any wonder why David said, “The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God’” (Psalm 14:1)?

For since the creation of the world His [God's] invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools (Romans 1:20-22).

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Larry Carden
Steve Carmack
Joe Hunt
David Snell

Deacons:

Pat Carmack
Tommy Climer
Robert Anderson

Minister:

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Service Times:

Sun. Bible Study-10 AM
Sun. Worship-11 AM
Sun. Night-5 PM
Wed. Night-7 PM

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“Come Worship with Us!”

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Devotional – Darrell Smothers

AM Service:

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers
Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Robert Anderson
Lord’s Supper – (S) Larry Carden
(S) JB Tharpe
(N) Steve Carmack
(N) Frank Carmack
(N) Tommy White

Closing Prayer – Jimmy Hartman
Security – Tommy Climer

PM Service:

Announcements – Joe Hunt
Song Leader – David Snell
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor
Lord’s Supper – Larry Carden
Closing Prayer – Tommy Climer
Security – Jimmy Hartman

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Audio/Visual – David Bridges
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – David Snell
Security – Frank Carmack

Door Greeters for March

South – Steve Carmack
Center – Robert Taylor
North – Joe Hunt

Communion for March

Rusty and Vickie Kennedy

March Birthdays

- Zoe Carmack – 1
- Mary Halliburton – 5
- Ann Carmack – 9
- Everett Presson – 9
- Betty Brogdon – 10
- June Roark – 13
- Betty Sutton – 15
- Dorothy Bridges – 15
- Marion Morris– 16
- Sherry Scallions – 17
- Patrice Perry – 19
- Randy Roark– 30



What Are My Children Studying?

- **Mar. 3rd** - Lesson 235 – Jesus is a Better High Priest; Jesus is a Better Covenant – Hebrews 7-8
- **Mar. 6th** - Lesson 236 – Jesus Has a Better Ministry; Jesus is a Better Sacrifice – Hebrews 9-10
- **Mar. 10th** - Lesson 237 – The Better Way: Faith – Hebrews 11

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Mar. 6th** – Last Wednesday Night Winter Warmup Meals at 5:45. See menu on white table.
- **Mar. 7th** – Ladies Bible Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **June 2nd-7th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp.
- **June 24th-26th** – Vacation Bible School from 6:30-8 pm.
- **July 21st-24th** – Gospel Meeting.

Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:

Our Regulars/Friends/Relatives:

- At any given time there are members going through different difficulties that they would rather keep private. Please say a prayer for them; God knows who they are.
- Juanita Stanley (Rita Hartman’s mom) spent a few days in the hospital due to breathing problems. She is home now. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Amanda Clark’s grandmother Shirley Clark passed away. Funeral services were held on Saturday (2/23). Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Gene Turner is struggling with some health difficulties. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Lou Leatherwood is having some health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Rae Sanders had a procedure done on Wednesday (2/13) to treat her cancer. Everything went as planned. Also, her nephew David Tippit passed away recently. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Sherry Scallions has requested prayers and encouragement. Please say a prayer for her.
- Ted Sutton fell and broke his wrist. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Carl King (Beverly Sanders’ nephew) is in the hospital following some health problems and surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Tommy White’s dad had knee surgery recently. Also his stepmom Annie who had been in the hospital is home now. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Burt Lussier is having some serious health problems. Please keep him and Rita in your prayers.
- Lillie Dennison has received some answers to her health problems. She has been prescribed some medicine that should help. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- BC Underwood continues to recover at home and is making good progress. Please keep him and Darlene in your prayers.
- Martha Dugger: Please keep her in your prayers.
- Beverly Sanders is dealing with sciatic nerve pain which is affecting her mobility. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Tim Etheridge (Nancy Etheridge’s son) is dealing with several health problems. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Pam Carmack is still recovering from injuries to her leg. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Paul Bridges (David’s brother and Dorothy’s son) continues to take treatments for cancer and will for the foreseeable future. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin continues to battle cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Eunice Dobbs, Matthew Buckner, Ann Paschall, Patti Jolicoeur, Kenny Kennedy, Brenda Sutton, Sonny Arwood, Robert Taylor, Josephine Latham, Johnnie Matthews, Marion Morris, Joyce Blakemore, Drexel Reed, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.