

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Alison Harris-being treated at home for a blood clot in her leg; Liz Guity- for vertigo; Jan Lavern- is feeling better; Pat Ledford-recently in the hospital; Ronnie Sommerville, Jr-health issues; Delia Schlachter back issues; Tammy Odom- recovering from surgery; Teresa Broyles cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle, health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;
Dwayne Allen- recent hip replacement; Rick Mirra's-bro-in-law needs prayers; Regina Hunter's friends family for loss of a toddler; Sonia Borings-father/heart issues; Carol Untied's-neighbor Rick/health issues; The George's- friend Ron Braddy recovery from kidney surgery; Paula Davis- friend Tracey recovery of accident; Les Vasterling's grandson, Michael/kidney issues; The Broyles stepmom Mary Jane Wright; Carol Mitchell- tumor on liver; The Stewart's-bro-in-law Russell Holt; Clifton Reynold's son Bryce; The Kozola's son Tim; David Sain's-wife Phyllis; Van Stewart's -aunt, Linda Parsons for health issues; Dianne Stewart's-brother, Bobby Goodfield for tests; The Stingles-niece's baby; Paula Davis'-niece/lupus; Darrell Broking/for health issues.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Tim Martin of Pinellas Park church of Christ; Dyianna Thompson's brother-in-law, Rodney; John Benson's friend, Wendell; Ranny Reeves neighbor, Linda Wall; Linda Haddock's niece, June McCray; Carol Untied's stepmother Emily; Van Stewart's sister Tracey and cousin Paula; Mattie Simmons friend William; Sandy Caldwell's bro-in-law Larry; Kay Jessup's friends, Lou & Rose Fiore and Marie Woleck.

INMATES: Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN: Austin Reyes (Marine) Matthew Holleran (Army)

SHUT INS: Alison Harris, Delia Schlachter, Joyce Stanley, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle

Activities

NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS— Friday, May 5th at 1:00pm in the small building. All ladies are invited. See Vicki Herman for more details.

YOUTH RETREAT— At Weeki Wachee Christian Camp from May 5th to the 7th. For more information please pick up a flyer in the foyer.

Christians Give Thanks At All Times (Always)

Ephesians 5:20

They give thanks for...

- *God's Goodness (Psalms 106:1)
- *God's Mercy (Psalms 136:1-3)
- *Providing For Our Needs (Romans 14:6-7)
- *Our Fellowship (Acts 28:15)
- *Our Salvation Through Christ (Romans 7:24-25)
- *All Things (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

REMINDER—Weekly sermons are available on CD, our website and livestream on Facebook and YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 & 5:00pm and Wednesdays at 7:00pm. If you need the Bulletin, Christian Service List, Calendar or Directory call the office at (727) 446-4808.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters— John Benson/Paula Davis
Announcements— Charles Broyles
Song Leaders— Jesse Lancaster/Joe Bonelli
Scripture Readers— Rob Schlachter/Jesse Lancaster
Opening Prayer— Mark Bernhardt/James George
Lord's Table— Max Herman
Closing Prayer— Bob Haddock/Zack Stewart

Birthdays This Week

Ranny Reeves— April 24th

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 www.HouseToHouse.com

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Soaring for Souls
 soaringforsouls.com

Childhaven, Inc.
 Childhaven Children's Home in Cullman, AL
 www.childhaven.com

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Arnold Town Road Church of Christ—Darrell Broking
 Chalmette Church of Christ—Mark Lance
 South Anchorage Church of Christ—Michael Dale
 Czech Republic Missions —Tony/Heidi Orellana

Elders:

Joe Bonelli Charles Broyles
James George

Deacons:

Max Herman
Van Stewart

Preacher: Charles Broyles

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Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM

Mark Bernhardt

Evangelism—Mark 16:15-16

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM

Mark Bernhardt

Abide In Me

John 15:1-4

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM

David Jones

We Must Obey God

There Is Only One Church

Matthew 16:18, Ephesians 4:4, Colossians 1:18

Ladies Bible Study-Friday

May 5th at 1:00PM

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles

The Providence of God

All services are available!

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From the Preacher's Pen

A TREMENDOUS LACK OF LOVE

Jason Patrick Hilburn

When someone knows the Truth, but refuses to live in faithful obedience to God, that is the ultimate lack of love:

They don't love God, or else they would remove the barrier of sin separating them from God (Isa. 59:2; Jer. 5:25; Acts 2:37-41; 22:16; Rom. 6:23; 1 Jn. 1:7).

They don't love Jesus, or else they would obey Him to show their gratitude for His ultimate sacrifice (Lk. 6:46; 9:23; 17:11-18; Jn. 14:15, 21-24; 15:14; 2 Cor. 8:9; Heb. 5:9; 10:28, 29; 1 Jn. 1:6-2:6; 5:3).

They don't love the Holy Spirit, or else they would show their appreciation for what He revealed in the Scriptures (2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Pet. 1:3, 4, 20, 21).

They don't love God's Word, or else they could not be happy while living contrary to it (Psa. 119:97, 104, 128, 147; Jn. 8:31, 32; 2 Thess. 2:10-12).

They don't love righteousness, or else they would hate sin (Psa. 36:4; Rom. 12:9; Heb. 1:9).

They don't love their neighbors, family, or friends, or else they would be setting an example to help them get to Heaven instead of hindering them (Mt. 5:13-16; 18:6-9; 1 Cor. 10:31-33; 1 Jn. 2:10).

They don't even love themselves, because their actions prove they don't care about their own souls, or whether they go to eternal Hell or eternal Heaven (Mt. 16:26; 22:39; 25:46).

So, do these precious lost souls love anything at all? Yes, sadly, they love sin more than all the things listed above. If this describes you, please repent and become a faithful child of God before it is too late!

WERE DINOSAURS ON NOAH'S ARK?

This is a good question. To many the idea is inconceivable because they've been taught that dinosaurs existed some 65 million years before mankind came on the scene. Plus, how could you get massive creatures weighing in at over 50 tons each onto the ark? How would human beings survive being cooped up inside an ark with a T-Rex?

Scripture teaches that all land-dwelling animals were created on the sixth day, the same day on which humanity was created (Gen. 1:24-26; Ex. 20:11). That means that mankind and dinosaurs existed side by side for centuries before the flood of Noah's day. After the flood, the book of Job describes an animal called the "behemoth" (Job 40:15-24), a creature that fits the description of a dinosaur (its tail is compared to a cedar, thus indicating that it is massive, and the text implies that mankind would have difficulty overpowering it). If the behemoth was a dinosaur, which I believe was the case, then that would mean dinosaurs existed after the flood. Therefore, Noah would have had them onboard the ark, and

humanity would have continued to interact with them after the flood. There is evidence that humanity and dinosaurs lived side by side up to fairly recently.

As to the size of the dinosaurs, remember that not all dinosaurs were massive in size. Regardless, Scripture doesn't specify that adult animals had to go onboard the ark. Skeletons of juvenile dinosaurs show that they were generally the size of a cow. If Noah had taken juveniles, they would have taken up much less space and the recorded dimensions of the ark show that there would have been plenty of room for them (Gen. 6:15-16).

The Bible also teaches that both man and animals were vegetarians before the flood (Gen. 1:29-30). It was only after the flood that God allowed man and animals to eat meat (Gen. 9:3). Therefore, Noah and his family could have been inside the ark with a T-Rex without being in danger of being devoured.

Therefore, we can confidently say that dinosaurs were in fact on Noah's ark.

EXCERPT FROM SERMONS WE PREACHED

W. L. Totty

Well, now, since Jesus Christ, as Paul said, is going to judge us, since he'll be the one who sits upon the judgment throne when the day comes, let's see how he's going to do that. You go back now to the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew, and begin with the thirty-first verse, and you will find Jesus Christ himself talking about that day. He didn't tell when it would be, however; but he said, when that day is come, "then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations:.." Who is sitting upon his throne? Premillennialists say that, when Jesus comes back, he is going to set his kingdom up and that he is going to rule in Jerusalem upon his throne. They'll point to that scripture in Matthew as proof.

I remember at a debate on that question in Chattanooga, Tennessee, we had a judge in one of the criminal courts in Chattanooga as the third moderator. That premillennial preacher made the argument that when Jesus comes, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory. He said he doesn't have his throne now but is going to have it when he comes back again. When I answered that, maybe I used a little psychology. That judge was sitting right behind me. I said that when Jesus comes, then will he sit upon the throne of his glory; he has it now, but he is going to sit on it in judgment then. And I illustrated it this way: We might say, when the jury meets to hear the evidence against the criminal, then will the judge sit upon his bench; he has it now; but he'll sit upon his bench in judgment at that time. Third moderators weren't supposed to say anything in favor of either side; but when I went through the door that night, he was standing there and kind of whispered to me, "That was a good argument." I thought that he would see it, being a judge.

People are funny. They want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church building.