

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

John Benson— recovering from hip replacement surgery; Dennis Cuckler, Yllka Bejo and Randall Deily— not feeling well; Pat Ledford— shingles; Samantha Jones-sciatica; Les Vasterling— recovering/hip surgery; Wayne Bishop—covid; Willie Mae Hooks-health issues; Tim Miller-doing better; Shirley Lydic-doing better; Ronnie Sommerville, Jr— cancer trmt; Delia Schlachter back issues; Teresa Broyles cancer treatment; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle, health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Samantha Jones— brother Eddie not doing well; Lexie Cahill's— mom Kelly recovering from surgery; Molly Burgess's-daughter, Carrie/needs kidney transplant; John Core's—father/health issues; Dottie Curls— son Douglas/serious health issues; The Adam's-granddaughter Trinity; Jackie Clark's mother Dorothy and grandmother Gayle/health issues; Patrick Pinto's-sister Angelina and nephew Joshua need prayers; Lexi Cahill's—grandfather/lung cancer & prayers for brother Jacob; Carol Untied's-stepmom Emily/shoulder surgery this week; Paula Davis— friend Tracey; Carol Mitchell- tumor on liver; The Stewart's—bro-in-law Russell Holt; The Kozola's son Tim; David Sain's—wife Phyllis; Van Stewart's—aunt, Linda Parsons; Dianne Stewart's—brother, Bobby Goodfield; The Stingles—niece's baby; Paula Davis—niece/lupus; Darrell Broking-health issues.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

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

INMATES: Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN: Austin Reyes (Marine) Mat- thew Holleran (Army)

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

Activities

NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS—Friday, October 20th at 1:00pm in the small building. All ladies are invited, see Vicki Herman with questions.

NEXT MEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE CLASS—Thursday, October 19th in the small building from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. See Van Stewart with any questions.

FALL FAMILY CAMP— At Weeki Wachee Chris- tian Camp from November 10th-12th. For more information pick up a flyer in the foyer.

SYMPATHY— Our deepest sympathy is extend- ed to sisters, Mattie, Queen and Willie Mae for the loss of their cousin, Lena Marsh.

RESPONDED—William McRoy came forward last Sunday needing the prayers of the church. Remember William in your prayers and encour- age him as he strives to be better in his Chris- tian walk.

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.

Kind words are jewels that live in the heart and soul and remain as blessed memories year after year, long after they have been spoken.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters— Max/Vicki Herman

Announcements—James George

Song Leaders—James George/Joe Bonelli

Scripture Readers—Patrick Pinto/Randall Deily

Opening Prayer—Joe Bonelli/Mark Bernhardt

Lord's Table—Van Stewart

Closing Prayer—Bob Hadsock/Dennis Cuckler

Birthdays This Week

Jan Lavern— October 10th

Dennis Cuckler— October 13th



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Home in Cullman, AL

www.childhaven.com



fairhavenchildrenshome.com

www.christiancourier.com

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 Class—9:30AM

Charles Broyles

The Book of Revelation

Chapter 2

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM

Charles Broyles

Build Your Home On The Rock

Matthew 7:24-27

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

Restoration of Christianity

1 Peter 4:11

Men's Bible Study-Thursday

October 19th at 7:00PM

Ladies Bible Study-Friday

October 20th at 1:00PM

Wednesday Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles

The Problem of Sin



All services are available!

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From the Preacher's Pen

EVEN A LITTLE COMPROMISE IS A COMPROMISE—David Sproule

It is estimated that Daniel and his companions were mere teenagers when taken into Babylonian captivity. What would you have done? If you were a teenager, taken into a foreign country (a pagan nation) for the rest of your life, what would you have done? If you were given the opportunity to live, not among the captives, but among royalty, what would you have done? Would you have been tempted to compromise your faith? Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah did not budge in their faith and devotion to the Lord!

Test of Faith: Partake of God-forbidden foods. In chapter 1, the king appointed daily provisions of delicacies and wine from his table. Daniel and his friends refused, and ate only vegetables and water. In the end, they were found to be “ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm” (1:20). Doing things God’s way is ten times better! **Faith tested: NO compromise!**

Test of Faith: Bow down with everyone else. In chapter 3, the three Hebrew friends were pressured, when “all the people...fell down and worshiped the gold image,” to do likewise, lest they be thrown into a burning fiery furnace (3:7, 15). Their response: “We do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the image” (3:17). The king began to take notice of the Most High God. **Faith tested: NO compromise!**

Test of Faith: Notoriety, wealth and power. When Belshazzar offered Daniel a purple robe, a gold chain and the third place in his kingdom, was Daniel tempted to tell the king something pleasant that would make him feel good? Daniel told the king to keep his gifts and rewards; he would stay true to the message of God, and he delivered a message of doom. The king kept his word and was slain that night. **Faith tested: NO compromise!**

Test of Faith: Stop praying to God or hide your devotion to Him. The governors and satraps wanted to trap Daniel, so they convinced the king to make prayer to anyone other than the king punishable by death. Daniel knew this. Did that stop him? Did he decide to back off for those thirty days, tone it down and hide his faith for a while? He went home, opened his windows (no hiding), knelt down, prayed and thanked God. Consequently, he was thrown into the lions’ den but spared by God. The king took notice. **Faith tested: NO compromise!**

These boys were young when first tempted to compromise their faith in God. How often have you been tempted to compromise your faith, maybe even just a little? Will your response be as definitive as these Hebrews: **“We will not!”**?

HOW OLD IS THE EARTH? —Jon Gary Williams

A question often related to the topic of evolution is the age of the earth. Evolutionists admit that for evolution to have occurred there had to be lots of time, extremely long, long periods of time. Since this is a fundamental requirement of the theory, evolutionists stretch the age of the earth back just as far as they can. On the other hand the Bible, though giving no exact date of creation, limits the time to thousands instead of millions of years.

When the Biblical view is proposed people often show surprise and even scoff at the idea that the earth may be relatively young. But why? It is because they have been conditioned to think in terms of an old earth philosophy and have never considered anything else. Many are amazed to learn there is scientific evidence pointing to a young earth. Note these examples.

1. Human Population —Using the standard population growth rate and applying it to the general time evolutionists claim man first appeared on earth (two million years ago), the projected population at present would be about 10^{5000} . However, estimates indicate that all known space could only hold 10^{100} . That’s 10^{4900} people left over even after all known space is filled! This alone shows

that an extremely old earth is not worthy of serious consideration. On the other hand applying the same growth rate back to 2500 B.C. (or the approximate time of the flood, when man’s history began anew) the population of the earth should be about 6.5 billion. Remarkable isn’t it.

2. The Earth’s Magnetic Field —Dr. T. G. Barnes, well known for his unique research in this area, has shown that at the known decay rate of the earth’s magnetic field it will be depleted by about 3900 A.D. Using this data and extrapolating back into the past, he has calculated that a maximum age for the earth would be no more than 10,000 years.

3. Shrinkage of The Sun —The sun is gradually burning up and science can measure its decreasing diameter. At the present rate it is calculated that just 100,000 years ago the sun would have been twice its present size. At that size it would have been so hot that the earth would burn up! Further calculations reveal that only 20 million years ago the sun would have been the size of the earth’s orbit around it. And 500 million years ago it would have been so large that the entire solar system could fit inside it! But remember, evolutionists claim the sun is several billion years old. So, something is wrong with the evolutionary timetable —something is drastically wrong! According to this data the earth could not be very old.

4. Hydrogen in The Universe —The amount of hydrogen in the universe is decreasing at a steady rate. It is constantly disappearing and is not being replenished in any significant amounts. Now, if the universe is billions of years old the question is: “Why is there so much hydrogen?” The amount of hydrogen should be greatly reduced. In fact, according to the vast age of the universe offered by evolutionists, it should have been depleted long ago. Since it is known that the universe has an abundance of hydrogen this would indicate that the universe (including the earth) is very young. Evolutionists are at loss to explain why there is so much hydrogen in the universe.

5. Helium in The Earth’s Atmosphere —It is known that helium, the product of disintegrating minerals, is accumulating in the earth’s upper atmosphere. The rate at which this is occurring is measurable. Now if the earth is as old as evolutionists say, based on the known rate that helium is collecting, there should be enormous quantities of it in the atmosphere. However, this is not the case. According to the amount of helium in the atmosphere the earth could be no older than about 10,000 years. If the earth is excessively old —where is the helium? The only explanation offered by evolutionists is that helium must, somehow, be escaping from the earth’s atmosphere. Is there any evidence of this? No. That such a light gas could escape the gravitational pull of the earth is absurd.

6. Ocean Sediment —Sediment (the collection of minerals, sand and small rock particles) is being continuously deposited on the ocean floors. The rate of this deposition can be calculated. Using this rate of accumulation, an approximate age of the earth can be determined. If the earth is extremely old, the ocean sediment should show evidence of this. However, the ocean floors reveal an average sediment buildup of less than 3000 feet, which projects an age for the earth to be no more than about 10,000 years.

7. Moon Dust —Dust from space is continually being drawn into the gravitational pull of both the earth and moon. The amount of dust accumulation can be measured. Since the earth has an atmosphere, the dust cannot settle directly because of being washed away by wind and water. On the other hand, the moon has no atmosphere to disturb the dust it accumulates, which means there is a continual buildup. Based on the ancient age of the moon set by evolutionists it has been projected that the moon’s dust should be fifty or more feet deep. This is why the early lunar landing modules had wide “feet” or “pods” —so they would not sink down. However, what a surprise it was to find a layer of dust only an inch or so deep. Indeed, this means the moon is very young. And since all agree that the moon and earth are the same age this means the earth is also very young.