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## Schedule of Services

- **Sunday**  
Bible Classes  
10:00 am  
Morning Worship  
10:45 am  
Evening Worship  
6:00 pm
- **Wednesday**  
Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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## THE “RELIGION” OF ATHEISM By Jonnie Hutchison

Most who claim not to believe in the One True and Living God of the Bible would probably deny this but atheism contains many elements that constitute a religion. One definition of religion is “a system of beliefs, ceremonies, and rules used to worship a god or a group of gods” (Merriam-Webster online) Does atheism have a “set of beliefs”? Do atheists worship any gods? The answer to both of these questions is YES!

Atheists have a “system of beliefs.” Atheists believe:

- That the God of the Bible does not exist.
- That man’s existence is not the result of the creative act of a supernatural being but the result of the natural process of organic evolution.
- That man is sufficient in and of himself without the existence of a being called God (humanism).
- That there is no life after death. Death permanently ends man’s existence. Thus, there is no heaven and no hell. There is no hope beyond the grave.
- There is no such thing as absolute truth (except that God does not exist). Truth is ever-changing and dependent upon present circumstances. What may be truth to one may not be truth to another (cultural and moral relativism).
- That Jesus Christ either did not exist

or was just a man, but certainly not God in the flesh.

This “belief/faith system” of the atheists requires a blind acceptance of things for which there is no genuine evidence or proof. Can the atheist prove his contention that when man dies physically he ceases to exist? He can not!! Atheism’s system of beliefs proves it is a religion.

Do atheists worship any god? They would deny it, but the truth is that atheists worship the one the Bible calls “the god [or ruler] of this world.” *“But if our gospel is hid, it is hid to them that are lost; In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them”* (2 Corinthians 4:3-4). The “god of this world” rules in the lives of those who reject God and His word (John 14:30; Ephesians 2:2; 1 John 5:19). Atheists are unbelievers who have been deceived and their minds blinded to truth by the “god of this world.”

Atheism is a false religion which requires a rejection of the abundant evidence for the existence of God, an acceptance of unprovable “beliefs” and the worship and submission to a false god that blinds the mind and hides the glorious gospel of Christ from those who are lost in sin and without hope. This is the religion of atheism. A religion without hope. A religion without a moral compass. A religion void of truth. A religion without salvation.

## NEWS AND NOTES

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members:** Mary Lowrie, Paul Brandon, Lori Brandon, Jim Fielder, Alex Barrett, Rex Enoch, Margret Enoch, Peggy Jarvis, Mary Vincent and Oneta Morris. **Nursing Homes:** Marguerite Stubblefield, , Nancy Meacham, and Binitta Irvan. **Family and Friends:** Hugh Bolton, Stacy Hedrick, Harold and Betty Pond, Harry Lovett, Naomi Pigg, Janie Suiter, Betty Jeffcoat, Virgil Hale, Kim Thomas, Kenneth Mizell, Cynthia Kearbey, Will and Nancy Winchester, Eva Darnell, , Donna Boyd , Kenneth Starks, Les Kiser, Betty Enoch, Debbie Galloway, Charlotte McClure, Haskell Smith and James Phillips. Please remember these with visits, cards and in your prayers. If you know of those who have improved please let us know.
- Bradley Smith from the Coldwater church of Christ will be our speaker this Sunday evening. Each third Sunday evening we strive to give men who desire to speak the opportunity. Come and support Bradley.
- **Pantry items for August:** 7—Canned Carrots; 14—canned fruits; 21—Mixed Vegetables; 28—Paper Plates.
- Please remember our **snacks for the hospital program** and place your items in the baskets in the lobby. Thanks for supporting this program.
- Continue to pray for Dean Crutchfield and the Lord's work in India and brother Adam Evans and the Lord's work in Tanzania. See the mission board for the latest reports from these respective works including letters from some of the Indian preachers supported by this congregation.
- **PASS IT ON!!** Please pass this bulletin on to a friend, relative, neighbor or fellow employee when you have finished reading it. Use it as a means to evangelize. Pick up some extra copies and distribute them to others.
- **UJPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS: Gospel Meeting** with Randall Evans is scheduled for the week of September 11-15, 2016. **School of Biblical Studies** is scheduled to be on Monday, September 18, 2016. The class will run for twelve consecutive Monday evenings. Teachers and subjects are Luke Puckett-Leviticus; Jonnie Hutchison—Worship and David Gullede—Calvinism. Please mark your calendar for these important events.
- If you were unable to attend the Area-Wide meeting in Paducah, you may listen to the lessons that were presented on YouTube online. Do a search on Area-Wide Meeting—Paducah. Or go to this webpage: [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=area+wide+gospel+meeting+paducah](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=area+wide+gospel+meeting+paducah). These lessons deal with dating, marriage and divorce. It will be worth your time to watch them.
- ***Only the blood of Jesus can wash away sin (Revelation 1:5; Acts 22:16). Has it washed your sin away?***

### Lessons Today

Morning: "Are You Motivated To Serve God?"

Evening: "I Am Dirt"  
Bradley Smith



### RESEARCH QUESTION

What did God say was the purpose of the rainbow He placed in the sky after the universal flood had subsided in the days of Noah?

**Last Week** What book in the Bible contains the longest chapter?

**Answer:** The book of Psalms. The chapter is 119 which contains 176 verses.

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## CAN WE KNOW THE ORIGIN OF LIFE? *By Robin W. Haley*

God has spoken with men. That communication is via two avenues: natural revelation (the universe all about us) and supernatural revelation, the Bible. Since we can know God and that He is and that He has spoken, we thus can know how he brought us to be here.

How did we come to be upon this earth? Either man was created or he evolved. There is no third alternative. Current evolutionary theory speculates that man and his "ancestors" have been upon the earth for some three million years . . . "modern" man having inhabited this globe for over 75 thousand years. Alluding to the effect of the Sun upon certain amino acids present in sea water, evolution declares that life "sprung" into being, continually evolving and mutating until it crawled out onto land. There it either sprouted wings or feet and flew up into the trees. Some lost their feathers and became reptiles (or vice versa) and others lost their tails and fur and came back down to walk upright as men. Without the slightest shred of evidence to sustain such a notion, it is then supposed that this "man" found a mate (woman) and the human species began! Imagine, some well-educated scientists teach this with straight faces. No wonder one has said, "Evolution is a fairy tale for adults." Some of these adults are teaching our children these same unfounded speculations as facts in "science" classes. The evolutionary theory is nothing but the illusion of those who refuse to have God in their knowledge (Romans 1:28).

One of the problems facing evolutionist is the question of intermediate stages of this alleged evolutionary development (missing links). There are no missing links (else having been shown to be a link, they would no longer be "missing"). There never has been any evidence of any intermediate stages of development of any creature. The "evidence" which is offered in defense of evolution falls generally into one or two categories: manufactured or misinterpreted. The overwhelming evidence (when honestly evaluated) points directly to the sudden, complete appearance of various life forms on our planet without "intermediate stages." For brevity, we want to look at only a couple examples of this fact.

The Bible is not a scientific textbook, yet none of the errors and superstitions believed during the time of its being written are found within that book. Quite the contrary. Many Biblical statements are made which were confusing until modern science and archaeology were able to "discover" what was

meant by them. Regarding the origin of life, the plain statement of Scripture is this,

"And the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made" (Genesis 2:1,2). Again read, "for in six days Jehovah made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore Jehovah blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it" (Exodus 20:11).

Scientific evidence agrees with these statements. Consider this statement from the apostle Paul to the idolatrous people of Athens: "The God that made the world and all things therein, he, being Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; (25) neither is he served by men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he himself giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; (26) and he made of one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed seasons, and the bounds of their habitation" (Acts 17:24-26).

How are we all of one blood? Yes, there are different types of blood, but all types stem from the same four-part "pool." All major blood groups can be traced to four types. These four types are traced to two common types. Question: who were the first people to marry and procreate? Adam and Eve. All blood groups today stem from those two parents of the human family. What about "one blood?" Though not all have the same type, we all share the same foundation or "formula" for blood, including plasma. It is the plasma that all can share from body to body. It can be transfused between all races, sexes, and types. The Bible is right! Science confirms it. Thus, what God said about the origin of life is true and reliable.

Today we know that blood is necessary to life. Without it and the proper amount of it we will die. Some 360 years ago, man did not know this. He believed blood was stationary within the body. When disease was being treated and "bloodletting" was practiced, the physician was sure to let the same amount of blood from each arm so as not to unbalance the body. three times in Leviticus 17:10-14 the Bible says, "The life is in the blood." How did Moses know this when he wrote this passage? Because the Bible is God's book, not man's. God created

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blood for man's body.

Here is another example: this deals especially with the nonsense of "intermediate stages" of human development. There are few (if any) examples of major changes within any creatures from ancient evidence to the present. By this we mean, creatures that exist today appear just as they did in ancient fossils. Let us illustrate the eye. How could there be an "in between" eye? There is nothing the eye possesses that it could do without and still operate properly. Every camera of the most sophisticated design is but a poor copy of how the human eye works. Whence cometh the eye? Through millions of years of "stages?" NO! It was set within the body by the ONE who designed and created it: God.

The eye gathers 80% of all the information that goes into the brain. The movements of the eye in one day would be comparable to the legs taking a 50-mile hike. It is self-cleaning by blinking and tearing. Tears contain a microbe-killer called lysozyme. The eye demands for us to accept that it (and every other part of the human body) was designed. The designer was not man, nor does "chance" design anything. But God does.

Here is the conclusion of this subject. Can we know the origin of life? Yes. Note the wording of this passage: "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things that are seen were not made of things which do appear" (Hebrews 11:3). This tells us two things: God created all matter from nothing; and all things that we see now were (are) made up of things invisible to the eye (atoms, molecules, cells). How could the writer of Hebrews know this 2,000 years ago, especially since science did not theorize the existence of atoms until this century, nor could cells be seen until the electron microscope? No wonder the Bible says, "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well" (Psalm 139:14).

**WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT ATHIESM****Psalms 14:1-3**

*"The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God. "They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good. The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God. They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one."*

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE  
August 2016**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chad Canter

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE

AM: Bobby Hall & Jim Lowrie

Substitute: Mike Ernstberger

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:

AM: Charles Enoch & Cody canter

Substitute: Jesse Vincent

Sunday PM

8-7—Bobby Hall

8-14—Jim Lowrie

8-21—Bobby Hall

8-28—Jim Lowrie

**OPENING PRAYER:**

8-7—James Pigg

8-14—Mike Ernstberger

8-21—Hayes Grady

8-24—Perry Jarvis

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

8-7—Jesse Vincent

8-14—Larry Enoch

8-21—David Thompson

8-24—Charles Enoch

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:

Chad Canter & James Pigg

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS

London & Peyton

**SONG LEADERS:**

Sunday Morning: Perry Jarvis

Sunday Evening: Mike Ernstberger

Wednesday: Larry Enoch

Substitute: Cody Canter

GREETERS: Jim & Mary Lowrie

USHER: Larry Enoch

Greet the Elder: Chad Canter

Lawn Care: Shane Smith

If you are unable to serve, please contact Chad Canter at 270-873-7509

**Thank YOU For Serving!!**