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Schedule of Services

Sunday

- Bible Classes 10 am
- Worship 10:45 am
and 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible
Study 7:00 pm

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
270-753-2108 Home
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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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Supporting Works

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MSOP—Eli Sales
BIM—Duston Pool.
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CHRISTIAN VETERANS By Jonnie Hutchison

Veterans Day is a once a year event designed to honor and remember those who have served in the armed forces of the United States of America. It is observed across the country with a variety of special events and ceremonies. When one contemplates the sacrifices made, the trials experienced and the willingness of so many to serve their nation to preserve our freedom and way of life, one cannot but be thankful and respect those who have faithfully served their country.

We should be aware that the New Testament speaks of some “Christian Veterans.” These are not individuals who have served in the military of their country but have faithfully served in the army of the Lord in the ongoing spiritual war for precious souls. Their enemy is the devil. Their captain is the Christ. Their battle ground is the world.

The apostle Paul was a soldier in this war and encouraged his son in the faith, Timothy to, “*Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confes-*

sion in the presence of many witnesses” (1 Timothy 6:12). Paul referred to Epaphroditus as “*my fellow soldier*” as he also did Archippus (Philippians 2:25; Philemon 2). He urged Timothy to “*endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ....*” (2 Timothy 2:3). These men and every Christian who has faithfully served in the Lord’s army since are veterans of the great war between good and evil.

Though the fight is over for those who have passed from this life, the battle continues to rage for those of us who remain. Each of us should ask ourselves “Am I being a good soldier of Jesus Christ?” Good soldiers do not desert or hide in the face of the enemy (Revelation 14:12). Good soldiers continue to fight to the very end (2 Timothy 4:7-8; Revelation 2:10). Good soldiers are not intimidated by the seeming strength of enemy forces (1 Peter 5:8-9). Good soldiers know their enemy (Ephesians 6:12). Good soldiers arm themselves with the most effective weapons (Ephesians 6:11ff). Good sol-

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Peggy Jarvis, Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder, Mary Lowrie, Hayes and Margorie Grady, and Mary and Jesse Vincent.

Family and Friends: Ted Lovett, Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Kenneth Mizell, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Roger Rhoades, Joel White, Nat Evans, Larry and Rose Wyatt. Bonnie Byerly, Kenny Arrington, Tommy Boggess, Tish Clarke, Gina Hutchison and Deb Ahart. Please continue to pray for our brethren in Ukraine. Remember those this congregation is supporting in India.

PANTRY ITEMS November 2022: 6—Mixed Vegetables; 13—Chili Beans; 20—Carrots; 27—Green Peas.

October 2022 Anniversaries: 1—Ann & David Thompson; 13—Jane & Brent Morris; 17—Debbie & Mike Ernstberger. Birthdays: 15—Jonnie Hutchison. Please let us know if we have left anyone out.

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BACK TO THE BIBLE is a free home Bible study where our teachers sit down around your kitchen table with open Bibles and present the original gospel of Christ. If you are interested in such a study simply contact us in person, by phone at 270-978-7569 or email us at greenplaincoc@gmail.com. We will set up a time convenient for you for this interactive Bible study.

Hope is the anchor of the soul—Hebrews 6:19. Do YOU have this hope?

THOSE TO SERVE November 2022

Announcements—Chad

Preside at Lord's Table—Roy & Junior

Lord's Table PM: 6-Junior; 13-Roy; 20-Junior; 27-Roy

Opening Prayer AM

6-Jonnie; 13-Bobby; 20-James; 27-Jim L.

Closing Prayer AM

6-Perry; 13-Dave; 20-Jesse; 27-Chad

Song Leaders

AM—Perry; PM—Mike; Wed—Chad

Count Contribution: Roy & Junior

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diers trust their leader and follow his orders (Luke 6:46; 1 Timothy 4:10; Hebrews 2:13; 5:8-9).

When Paul, a faithful Christian veteran, was near the end of his service, he said, *"I have fought the good fight"* but then gives this assurance to every Christian veteran—*"Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not*

to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing" (2 Timothy 4:8). The sacrifices and trials of our spiritual warfare pale in comparison to what awaits us when the battle is over. The crown of righteousness (eternal life) awaits every Christian veteran who has faithfully discharged his/her duties as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. When the Captain of our salvation returns that will be our Veterans Day! (Hebrews 2:10).

STILL TRYING TO HIDE FROM GOD *By Alan Adams*

If one excludes the idea that man was created by, well, a creator, the only way to explain his existence is evolution. Evolution is the idea that presently observable natural forces acting on matter (rocks, dirt, gas and water) caused life to emerge from lifeless matter; and the same forces acting on the simplest forms of life have caused them to evolve into complex forms of life, with man, at present, being the most complex form of life. Why, though, would a person in search of truth, exclude an alternate explanation of things before having examined the evidence for both? Deciding, first, what one wants to be true, and then disregarding any evidence that doesn't fit that decision may be somehow comforting, but it's not science. I have read where someone has said that evolution is a fact, in the same sense that digestion is a fact. Digestion can both be deduced; and with present technology, pretty well seen. Evolution on the other hand, can neither be deduced nor seen. Life comes only from preexisting life, and that of its own kind.

At best, evolution is a theory; but even here, it is wanting. If this theory of evolution be truly a theory, then it must shown to conform to and explain reality. It does not. Man possesses qualities that are not common to the rest of the world, rather they are unique to him. Such attributes as the: intellectual,

moral, emotional, aesthetic, psychological, spiritual, etc. Each of these qualities is a part of man, and yet all are separate from his physical person. One might dissect a human brain, but he will never locate the mind. He might observe, and with a scalpel, cut into a beating heart, but he will never surgically locate love and compassion. He might explore the entire human body, but he will never locate the conscience that cries out in pain when violated. How does evolution, a completely materialistic philosophy, account for these transcendent and immaterial qualities of man. It doesn't and it can't. As a theory tried and tested in the face of reality, it fails. It is hardly "a fact." Man is clearly more than complex matter. A real "scientist" would have to ask, "How does mere matter possess a sense of 'oughtness'?" Where did matter contrive such? Why does "human matter" feel the need, in many cases, to sacrifice and give of himself for the benefit of others? What of "right," "wrong," "beauty," "justice," and "worship"? Not only must evolution have life coming from non-life, and organic from inorganic, he must also have "...the immaterial from the material, the spiritual from the non-spiritual. And, this doesn't make any sense."

Evolution is in no sense "science." It is a

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philosophy, a view of the world, which seeks, like all philosophies, to explain the world and man's place in it. It is a false philosophy just as surely as that of "the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers" (Acts 17:18) was false. It is false precisely because it contradicts reality. Upon closer examination, evolution, it turns out, is not an honest attempt to "explain" things, rather it is an attempt, on the part of man, to get God and moral responsibility out of the picture. It is man's trying to get away from God. Trying to get away from God is a practice as old as man himself. Of the first couple Scripture says, "the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Jehovah God amongst the trees of the garden" (Genesis 3:8). Some people today are trying to do the same thing "amongst the trees of evolution," behind the trees of moral relativity and within the forest of subjectivity. It is impossible, though, to hide behind what's not there.

—Via Coldwater church of Christ bulletin

Bible Study OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10:00 AM
"The Book of Acts"

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP 10:45
"Humanism Vrs the Bible"

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP 6:00
"The Message of the Book of John"

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
"A Study of the Minor Prophets"

WEEKLY PODCAST

"Around the Spiritual Table"

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Presented by the Coldwater & Dexter churches of Christ Host: Luke Puckett

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