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SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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MISSIONS

-Dustin Bolks
Sioux Center, Ia.
-Dahn Ramkelawan
Suriname, So. America
-Michael Mayo
Thailand, SE Asia
-*"In Search of the Lord's
Way"* TV broadcast
-Stephane Maillet
SEIBS student
-Brandon Foresha
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SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

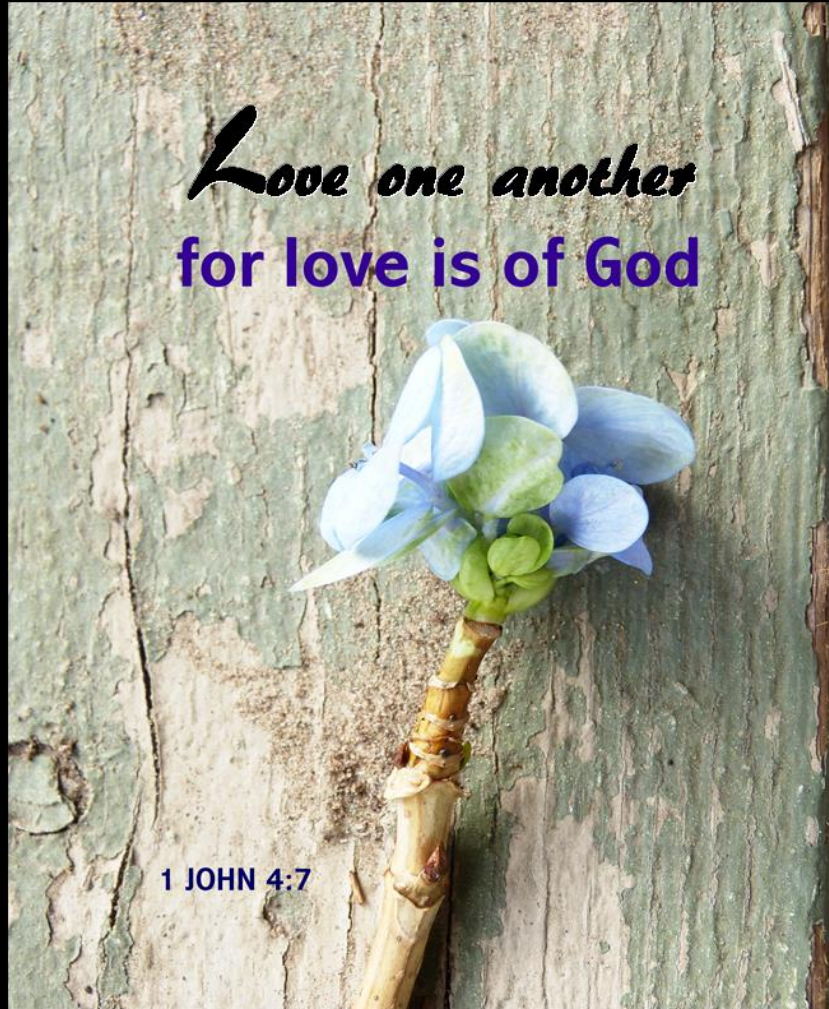
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Love one another
for love is of God

1 JOHN 4:7

We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

False Scales

Intelligent Design is often dismissed from being a legitimate science that could be taught in public schools because it is identified to be religious in nature, or at least advocating biblical creationism. Several in the intelligent design movement have attempted to get a foothold in the secular academic sciences by shedding theological undertones and denying that the intelligence behind the design of nature must necessarily be a deity. But many naturalistic scientists are still—even with this demarcation—not keen on allowing intelligent design to even be considered as a viable explanation for the origin of what we see in nature. This refusal is due to their assumption of Naturalism, their prior commitment to materialistic explanations for the origin of everything in the universe. The National Academy of Sciences maintains, “The statements of science must invoke only natural things and processes.”¹ Thus, science is redefined by those in power to only include naturalistic explanations. Any non-material cause is by default thrown out as unscientific. Why? Simply because Naturalism demands we only find causes that are themselves part of the natural order.

If science were to simply stay within the parameters of what can be immediately observed or immediate causal relationships that can be demonstrated within the timeframe of human documentation, then less disagreement would exist between people of various worldviews about what would constitute proper science. It is the overarching explanations that reach beyond these narrow parameters that are so hotly debated because we have entered a realm where we are interpreting the observable data. However, the process of learning must necessarily involve interpreting the data. Understanding the universe cannot be relegated to just stating cold, hard, observable facts. It must move to drawing warranted conclusions from the facts, finding a scenario that best makes sense of the data.

Adherents to the general theory of evolution go beyond the observable facts of the universe and present a narrative about the past. They have neither observed nor documented the development of every living thing from a common, single-celled ancestor. Nevertheless, they see it as perfectly within their purview to go beyond observable data and draw conclusions about our origins and where we fit in the universal scheme of things. Why then shouldn't other narratives — such as the vague intelligent design narrative or the specific record of origins found in the Bible — be presented with how they comport with the observable data? Are naturalistic scientists afraid that the hypothesis of an intelligent cause for various aspects of design in the physical world (such as consciousness itself, irreducible complexity in organs, or complex specified aperiodic genetic information) may have greater explanatory power than their narrative that these things just happened from accidental, random events? In many places of science education today, rules of reasoning are being enforced that do not allow alternatives to the official narrative of evolution. Truth has nothing to hide from open investigation; proper scientific inquiry should allow for possible falsification (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Students of science should not be prevented from asking relevant questions that can yield better explanations just because some people in power have a blind commitment to Naturalism.

-Mark Day

¹Teaching about Evolution and the Nature of Science National Academy of Sciences Washington, D.C. (1998) <<https://www.nap.edu/read/5787/chapter/4#42>>.

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- "All Things Upheld By the Word of His Power"

PM- "Love One Another"

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-11

Elders, Preachers, Deacons Meet

This group will meet today at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

2018 Dates to Remember

Mar 20- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Mar 27- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Mar 30- Ladies Luncheon- 12:30p- Texas Roadhouse

Apr 1- Potter Children's Home pick-up week

Apr 3- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Apr 8-11- Paris KY Gospel Meeting- Greg & Peggy Tidwell (1923 S. Main St.)

Apr 8-12- Main St. church of Christ Gospel Meeting w/ Mark Day- Mon-Thu- 7p Hurricane, WV

Apr 10- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Apr 14- Ft. Hill Youth Camp All Staff Workshop- reservations required

Apr 15- Potluck luncheon- annex- 12p

Apr 15-18- Our Gospel Meeting "...Always Reaching Forward..." -Jerry Carmichael

Apr 16-18- 10am Bible studies "Lessons from the Psalms" -Jerry Carmichael

Apr 24- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Apr 28- Ft. Hill Camp Teen Spring Retreat

Apr 29- 5th Sunday Bible Q&A -PM service

Lawn Maintenance Volunteers

On the foyer bulletin board is a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to help with the maintenance of the grounds. Items include mowing, weed-eating, trash removal, edging, hand weeding, etc. Speak with Greg Conley or David Castle with any questions. Thank you.

Donations Needed

Potter Children's Home is asking for specific donated items to be picked up during the week of April 1st. Their requested items are: AAA batteries, brown rice, instant potatoes, Magic Eraser sponges and tomato juice. Lists are on the foyer board. Please, put your donations in the sound room hallway under the coat rack. Thank you.

Ladies Luncheon- March

All Ladies are invited to meet at 12:30pm, on Friday, March 30th, at the Texas Roadhouse.

Prime-timers

This open discussion Bible study group meets Tuesdays at 10am in the annex classroom. A new study has just started called "The Attributes of God." Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Gauging Our Faith

	03/11/18	Goal	03/12/17
Bible Study	100	110	94
AM Worship	146	160	151
PM Worship	98	110	94
Mid Week	78	110	83
Contribution:	\$6353.45	\$5900.00	\$5824.05

Have you contacted
a shut-in lately?
Why not today?



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Mark Parks

PM: David Trimble

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Daniel Goshorn,
David Smith, Greg Conley,
George Wallace, Ernie Perry,
Auston Clarkson, Danny Stone

Presiding PM: Jerry Sturgill

Assisting: Will Scott

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Lowell Parsley

PM: Dan Stone

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Jeremiah Smith

PRAYER: Mark Day

DEVOTIONAL: Daniel Goshorn

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: David Castle

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Mark Parks

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

COORDINATOR: Steve Wallace

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★★ Every Sunday ★★★

Pew Packers

at 5:45pm in front

of the auditorium

-geared to age 12

and under,

but everyone can attend!

Boys: have a song ready to lead



Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as our guest today.

If you are a **first-time visitor** with us, **please, fill out a 'visitor card'** that you find on the back of the pew. Please, put it in the collection plate or hand it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with **free tracts and literature**. We offer **free Bible correspondence courses** you can receive by mail at no cost to you. Let our preacher know if you would like to set up an **in-home Bible study**. Thank you for attending. Come back anytime!