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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
WVSOP student

SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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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!

Does God Exist?

Upon reading the above title many will reply "Don't be so silly, of course God exists." There is no greater question of greater importance than whether or not God exists. The answer to that question affects all other questions. We, our children, relatives, and friends have been exposed to the General Theory of Evolution (a fiction that all matter and life came about by purely natural processes). If the God of the Bible exists, there is no need for the evolutionary hypothesis in accounting for all things that exist. So, the universe is here, it must be explained. At some point in everyone's life, every sane, rational human is going to have to ask and answer this one question, "How did the universe get here?" There are three options to consider. That...

I. THE UNIVERSE (MATTER) IS ETERNAL. To be eternal would be, by definition, existing without beginning or end. However, we know that the universe will end. This is proven by the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics (Law of Increasing Entropy) which states that everything is running down or wearing out. Energy is becoming less and less available for use. The universe is running down like a clock. If the universe is running down like a clock, there had to be a time when it was "wound up" and is slowly winding down. The 2nd Law points to 2 things when applied to the universe: 1) A beginning and 2) An end in the future when no more energy is available (referred to by scientists as a "heat death") If the universe had a beginning and looks toward an end, it cannot be eternal.

That is exactly as the Bible teaches. BEGINNING: Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." END: 2 Peter 3:10, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. *Clearly the universe is not eternal according to science and the Bible.*

II. THE UNIVERSE CREATED ITSELF OUT OF NOTHING. For this to be the case would contradict the 1st law of Thermodynamics which states that neither matter nor energy can be created or destroyed in nature. It is a self-evident truth that if we start with nothing, we get nothing. Someone may question, "To say matter cannot be destroyed, what if I burn a piece of paper, have I not destroyed the paper?" Nothing has been destroyed, it has only changed form. The paper, just laying there has energy known as potential energy. When the paper burned the energy became Kinetic Energy. What happened to the paper? The paper is ash lying where it was burnt, some went into the air as smoke, and some was converted to heat and light. The paper did not go out of existence, it only changed form. Again, matter or energy cannot be created or destroyed in nature. *The universe (matter) could not have created itself out of nothing.*

III. THE UNIVERSE WAS CREATED. If matter is not eternal, and the universe did not come from nothing, the only option left is that the universe was created. It is absolutely certain that something has always existed; otherwise we would be forced to say that something came from nothing. (Point #2) Since it is an observed truth that something now exists, it demands that something has always existed. Otherwise one would be forced to argue that something came from nothing – a position that is illogical and irrational. Since matter is not eternal (Point #1) the only option left is that God created the universe and all things in it. The Bible tells us that God has always existed. Psalm 90:2, "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God." The Eternal God created the universe, just as the Bible affirms.

The unavoidable conclusion that can be drawn from the arguments of where the universe came from, is that it was created by God. Any other conclusion is irrational.

Psalm 33:6, "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

-Jerry D. Sturgill

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

10:45 AM: "God's Lordship Revealed"

6:00 PM: "Jesus' Antidote for Worry"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:25-34

Member Information Sheet

If you have not filled out the new version of the member information sheet, please, pick one up on the foyer table, complete it and return it to the office. Thank you.

Dates to Remember

Feb 5- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Feb 10- Singing/Bible study- 2p- Morning Pointe (2nd Sunday monthly)

Feb 12- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Feb 17- Elders/Deacons/Preachers meeting annex large classroom- 4:30p

Feb 19- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Feb 22- Ladies Luncheon- Cheddars- 12:30p

Feb 24- Ward & Wallace couple shower (wedding) 3-5p- annex- RSVP

Feb 26- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

2019 Dates for Planning

Mar 16- Ladies Day, Sheila Butt, Main St. church in Hurricane, WV

Apr 14-17- Our Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders

Apr 18-21- Lads to Leaders, Louisville

Gauging Our Faith

	01/27/19	Goal	01/28/18
Bible Study	92	110	99
AM Worship	138	160	159
PM Worship	nc	110	85
Mid Week	58	110	nc
Contribution:	\$6021.49	\$5900.00	\$5576.62

Wallace/ Nelson Wedding Shower

The wedding shower for Nelson Ward & Madi Wallace on Feb. 24, from 3-5pm, is an open event inviting both men and women. Men are encouraged to attend and get to know one of our new members, Nelson. Further details are on the bulletin board along with registry and RSVP information cards for you to take.

Monthly Morning Pointe Singing

On the second Sunday, Feb. 10th, at 2pm, everyone is asked to meet at Morning Pointe for singing and Bible Study with Genevieve Obroff and her group of friends.

Prime-timers Group

This is an open discussion Bible study group meeting Tuesdays at 10a.m. in the annex large classroom. Mark Day leads the group. Everyone high school age and above is welcome to attend.

February Ladies Luncheon

On Friday, February 22nd, at 12:30pm, the ladies will meet at Cheddars for their monthly luncheon. Ladies of all ages are invited to attend.

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



☞Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Mark Parks

PM: Brad Morris

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Chris Scott

Assisting: Jeremiah Smith,
Jordan Conley, David Smith,
Jesse Legg, John Gambill,
Mark Gullett, Jacob Martin

Presiding PM: Mark Parks

Assisting: Ben Poling

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: George Wallace

PM: John Gambill

☞Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Mark Parks

PRAYER: Greg Conley

DEVOTIONAL: Jerry Sturgill

☞ 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 auditorium

geared to age 12 & younger,

but everyone can come.

-Boys: have a song ready to lead-

★★ Feb. 10th ★★

Bible Study & Singing

- 2pm

at Morning Pointe

Assisted Care Facility

-Bring joy to those who need it!



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 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.