

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements

Rodney Ellis

Song Leader

Jack Calvert

Lord's Supper

Bryan Garlock Jerry Schelle

Randy Ellis

Prayers

Willie Standokes Mike Davis

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Announcements

Mark Davis

Song Leader

Clay Morris

Prayers

Jack Calvert Jerry Schelle

Invitation

Willie Standokes

him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall" (Matthew 7:24-27).

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Jon Barry Mike Davis

Clay Morris

Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 A.M.

Worship10:15 A.M.

Monday (Zoom)

Bible Study7:00 P.M

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

Think On These Things

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Count the Cost of Rejecting Christ

Bryan Garlock

When people decide to follow Jesus, they do not always fully realize the demands Jesus places on His followers.

Unfortunately, this sometimes leads some to conclude, "It's hard being a disciple of Jesus!"

Discipleship is hard. It is time-consuming and demands our whole being: what we see, hear, think, say, and do. Undeniably, genuine discipleship is the hardest thing we will ever undertake. And anything worthwhile will not come easy; in other words, God will not merely lay salvation in our laps; we must work for it! But paradoxically, it is the most rewarding thing we can ever imagine if we remain faithful unto death.

Jesus tells us to "count the cost." (Lk 14:26-33) It is as though He said, "Before committing yourself to Me, read the Bible and educate yourself and learn how difficult it will be to call me 'Lord' and obey my commandments. There will be sacrifices,

suffering, and perhaps even bloodshed if you follow Me. But God will vindicate you!"

Now count the cost of rejecting Christ. You certainly won't have to hold yourself accountable or commit yourself to the Lord's regulations. You can rule your life and do as you please. But know this, that every kind of impurity, foolishness, and destructive consequence will follow you throughout your life. You will be burdened by your decisions, burdened by your guilt, and burdened by living each day without hope. Then you will die, and you will wallow in the consciousness and consequences of your transgressions as you face eternity with the knowledge that God has banished you from His presence.

On the surface, a life without Jesus seems manageable. But upon death, instant regret overwhelms you, and you proclaim, "Oh, how His burden was light!" (Mt 11:28-30)
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FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Maxine Burnham**, and **Francine Davis**.

Continue to remember the health concerns of **Gerald Eaton**, **Joey Avance**, **Jerry Schnelle**, **Bonnie Allgor**, **Pat Buls**, **Sonny & Cathy Monaghan**, and **Pete Rowland**.

We have several members who have been absent for various reasons. Be sure to reach out to them!

Francine Davis is in rehab recovering after a recent fall.

Pat Buls is back home. She is still struggling with high blood pressure. Calls and visits are welcome.

With **Bill** and **Sherry** gone, I will be taking over the group's news/emergency text messages. If you have any announcements or prayer requests, please text me. 478.256.0325
- **Bryan**

How blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, who seek Him with all their heart. They also do no unrighteousness; They walk in His ways. (Ps 119.1-3)

Argument For Design Ben Bailey

If a man were walking in a desert and found a watch, automatically he would realize that there had to be a watchmaker. No one would argue that a car does not have a carmaker, or that a house does not have a house-builder. However, people will agree that this Earth, and our bodies (our mortal homes) did not have an Ultimate homemaker. Yet the argument for design demands that earth, and man's design demand a Designer.

The sun is estimated to be an astounding 20 million degrees Celsius. Our Earth is located at just the right distance from the Sun to receive the correct amount of heat and radiation for life, as we know it to remain in existence. If the Earth were a small percentage closer than what it is right now we would receive too much heat and radiation, and we would be disintegrated. On the other hand, if we were any further from the sun than we are right now we would receive a lack of radiation and heat, and we would freeze to death. Is it mere chance that our earth is situated at the exact distance from the Sun for life to continue to exist? Who in their right mind would say that this just happened by chance over millions of years of evolution? This one evidence is riddled with design, and therefore; demands a Designer. "The Heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork." (Ps 19:1)

The eye is one of the most complex evidences for creation. Light enters the eye at approximately 186,000 miles per second through the iris. The iris is similar to a camera; it lets in the exact amount of light by opening and closing like the diaphragm of a camera. A lens at the back of the eye then focuses the images. After

the picture is focused it is sent to the brain for processing at an exasperating speed of 300 miles per hour. The eye has baffled scientist for years. It has often sent them into a chaotic frenzy searching for impossibilities. Even Charles Darwin wrote this about the eye: "To suppose that the eye with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting differing amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatical aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest sense."

It is very absurd to speak of the eye as a haphazard chance of Evolution. Would anyone disagree that the camera was designed? No! Then why do people believe that the eye evolved, when the camera was patterned after the eye? Concerning the eye Dr. Bert Thompson wrote: "The eye can handle 1.5 million simultaneous messages, and gather 80 percent of all the knowledge absorbed by the brain. . . . In an average day, the eye moves about 100,000 times, using muscles that milligram for milligram, are among the body's strongest. The body would have to walk 50 miles to exercise the leg muscles an equal amount." What superb design the eye has!

The Skeletal system is also an amazing proof for design. On average the adult has about 206 bones in his body. These bones make up 20 % of the human weight and capacity. A man weighing 200 lbs. will be at least 40 lbs. of bone. They have been designed to hold the body organs and tissues in place. This is much like the architectural framework and design of a building. It's framework supports and strengthens the inside of the building. In a like manner, the bones of a human support his

inner organs. If a bone breaks, it immediately begins to repair itself, and often times it will be stronger than it was before.

What a mind boggling design, can any engineer create a piece of steel that can rebuild itself? Truly these evidences cry out to us that there is a designer, and God is that designer.

Admiring or Practicing? Jeff Himmel

A story comes down to us from the ancient Olympic games in Greece. After all the seats in the stadium had been filled, a feeble old man came in. As he ambled past where the Athenians sat, they laughed at him. But when he approached the section where the Spartans were sitting, the men rose as one to offer him their seat. Upon seeing this act of respect, the Athenians were so moved that they broke into applause. "Ah," said the old man, "the Athenians admire courtesy, but the Spartans practice it."

The noble principles of Scripture were not given merely to be admired, but to be practiced. As important as it is to study them, mediate on them, discuss them, sing about them, teach them, and yes, admire them, all of that falls short unless we also strive to *live* them.

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken