

Monkeys in Tennessee?

We have recently begun a sermon series through the book of Genesis asking the all-important question “Who is God?” In our sermon Sunday morning we mentioned that oftentimes we use the book of Gene- sis to combat the false claims of the atheistic worldview. Did you know that we are approaching the 100 year anniversary of the “Scopes Monkey Trial”? While there are no monkeys in Tennessee apart from our state’s zoos, the theory that mankind evolved from monkeys made a cultural impact on Ten- nesseans a century ago.

On July 10, 1925, the State of Tennessee litigated against John Thomas Scopes for teaching Charles Darwin’s theory of evolution in a Dayton, TN public high school. At the time, Tennessee’s Butler Act prohibited teaching any theory that denied the biblical account of human creation. The trial became a national spectacle, pitting modern “science” against religious fundamentalism, a term that includes a literal interpretation of Genesis. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) backed Scopes, seeking to challenge the law’s constitutionality. Clarence Darrow, a renowned defense attorney, represented Scopes, while William Jennings Bryan, a prominent Baptist politician, assisted the prosecution. The trial was less about Scopes’ guilt and more about the broader cultural clash between modernism and religion.

Clarence Darrow was quick-witted and had prepared a defense for atheism. Unfortunately, William Jennings Bryan was unprepared to give a defense for Christianity and made a spectacle of himself. Had a well-studied, reasonable defender of the faith come forward, the results may have been differ- ent. Unfortunately, many on the fence about the literal six-day creation sided with the more able and eloquent atheist. While Scopes was actually found guilty and fined \$100 (the verdict later overturned on a technicality), the trial had a much more significant impact on American society. It highlighted the growing tensions between biblical claims and evolutionary theories. Some historians claim that the event was the beginning of the end of America’s literal interpretation of the Bible.

While the events of 100 years ago in Dayton TN may seem irrelevant to us now, Bryan’s unprepared- ness still resonates with us. What do I do if my friend asks me a question about the Bible and I don’t have an answer for it? I’m not a scientist! How am I supposed to debate against the theories of evolu- tion that now, 100 years later, are taught in every Tennessee public school and university? While we must “always [be] prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks [us] for a reason for the hope that is in [us],” (1 Peter 3:15) we may not have the scientific expertise to be able to stand up to the so- called ‘experts.’

Fortunately, there are brethren in the Lord’s church who DO have that expertise and have given much thought and diligent study to the questions that atheists raise against the Bible. Have you ever looked at ApologeticsPress.org? I think you could really benefit from a browse thorough their website and its thousands of resources at your fingertips. It is great as a ref- erence for particular questions on biblical interpretation or apologetics. It is also very helpful for keeping up with uplifting devotional-style content.

Whatever source you may use to defend the faith, let’s remember how important



On Our Prayer List...

Jesse Kilpatrick-broken collar bone
Diane Curtis-recovering fr eye surg
Al & Vicki Peek W. R. Long
Martha Durham
Kathy Martin
Jim Tyler
Bertha Bradford-home from hospital
Betty Suddeath
Marvin England
Joyce Long-recovering fr eye surgery

SURGERIES: Wayne Vaughn –hip surg on the 28th Hattie Tate-procedure end of this mth

*Jo Hall- Jimmy & Ronnie Tyler's sister-heart problems
*Mack Winstead-requesting prayers
*Shane Cobb-(Louise's son) in Horizon Rehab, room 4
*Terry England-(Marvin's nephew) stroke-on life support.
*Gary Street-(Kenny Fleming's cousin) now home recovering
*Mike Gunn-home recovering from neck surg.
**Steve Peyton-(Peyton family requesting prayers)been diagnosed with Cirrhosis of the liver-running tests to see if a good candidate for a liver transplant.In Washington State
*Carolyn Wilson-(Madison's grandmother) requesting prayers. *Claude Hurt
*Josh Barnett-(Charlotte Heights CoC Minister)benign brain tumor@treatments
*Mark Long-(Jane Riding's nephew) now home-@ follow-up Doctor appts.
*Dick Acuff-(Joan Long Acuff's husb/Dwight&Connie's cousin) crushed vertebrae
*Thelma Davidson-(Gwen Bullington's sister) having problems from lupus
*Chase Lewis-(Vicki Peek's family) having problems from lupus
*Suzanne Boyd-(John& Erin's friends) baby –now home @ feeding tube.
*Ralph Simpson- back in the hosp*Doug Simpson-heart -(Ruby England's brothers)
*Whitney(Bullion)Sager -home recovering
*Stephanie Greene-(Mike's sister)needs prayers
*Charles Miles-recovering fr a fall + heart issues
*Marcia Simpson-(Mike Burn's aunt) now home./ *Carlene Davis
*Alyssa Gold-(Robert Proctor's niece) in need of prayers *Margie Gunn
*Faye Marshall-Traci Adams mom / Victor Mandeville(BC student) needs prayers

THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER

*BETTY RUMSEY-Acute Leukemia, on hospice care
*KENNY FLEMING-cancer meds
*JIMMY PHY-CA treatments
*ROY DELOACH, JR-(Roy's son) pancreatic cancer
*HUDSON JONES-(2yr old son of Dan & Catherine, Walnut St COC- has Leukemia)
*DAVID NOWLIN-CA treatments-WCOC Elder
*DONNA BURNS-WAYNE&ANN BERRYMAN'S NIECE)-CA
*WANDA DOBBINS-(kin to Tyler's)terminal CA
*JACKIE BORDERS- Lauren Stuart's mom
*ROBERT GARDNER(Friend of Bill Williams) CA
*RANAE DUNCAN-(Bo&Amy's neighbor)CA treatments
*CASEY VAILES-(Ranae Duncan's son)also has cancer
**LARRY HAYES-(fr Waverly COC) restarted chemo
*MAGGIE WRIGHT-(friend of N. Buttrey) chemo
*BARBARA BUCCIARELLI-CA-from Tennessee Ridge
*ALAN JONES-Stage 4 Esophageal CA-taking treatments


ASSISTED LIVING/ NURSING HOME: Humphreys County NH 104 Fort Hill Rd., Waverly, TN 37185June Dreaden- Rm 204

AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons,TN 38363-Wyle Marshall (Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad

NHC–812 N.Charlotte, Dickson,TN 37055- JoAnn Haley Doris Stokes-R127

AT HOME: JIMMY MULLINICKS-56 Mike Street/JANE RIDINGS-172 Indian Ck Rd/ ELTON SMITH-7731 Hwy 70E

Address needs to have everything listed for Eric to receive: Dickson County Jail/James Eric Warden-ID102618/ POBox 76550/Highland Heights, KY 41076

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS		Please note: We are now providing most of our an- nouncements before each of our services on Powerpoint, along with our pew an- nouncement sheet, you can pick up, which will allow us more time for our worship.
 June 8th-12th Will be here before you know it! Can start bringing little Debbie cakes & chips. Also in need of 6' or smaller Christmas trees!	Reminder: If you haven't returned your Christian week sheet to Mike Robertson, please do so by May 1st. Thank You	
Areawide Church Fellowship Dinner on May 15, 2025 @ 6:00 PM. \$20.00 a meal per person can be fish or chicken. Need to RSVP by April 30th to 931-296-3213. Sign-up list in foyer.	Special thanks to Ashley Deffenbaugh, & to all our Ladies and the work they put into making our Ladies Day such a blessed day for all who were here. We had a total of 75 here.	
Our sympathy & prayers to the family of John Henry Davis & his passing . Also to the family of Kay Lee family who passed last wk.		Teachers & students our upcoming Summer Quarter, will begin on May 4th thur July 30th

INFO.C.U.S.

Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

Our only youth activity last weekend was our youth devotional Sunday night after service. Laurie and I were blessed to be able to host a great group of youth and adults. We had 12 youth and 7 adults in attendance. We had a beautiful night and were able to have the devotional period outside. We sang some songs and had a short devotional thought before enjoying a great meal together. It is always a blessing to be able to gather with our youth and their families and enjoy some great fellowship.

VBS is quickly approaching. We are just over a month away from this big event. Please begin bringing snacks and canned drinks for us to use throughout the week. You can place these items in the kitchen area of the church building.

In Christian Love, Keith

