#### 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 Genesis 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 Tennesseans 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 guick-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 different. 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 unpreparedness 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 evolution 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 socalled '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 reference 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

SURGERIES: Wayne Vaughn -hip surg on the 28th Hattie Tate-procedure end of this mth Joyce Long-recovering fr eye surgery

\*Jo Hall- Jimmy & Ronnie Tyler's sister-heart problems

\* Mack Winstéad-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./

\*Alvssa Gold-(Robert Proctor's niece) in need of prayers \*Fave Marshall-Traci Adams mom / Victor Mandeville(BC student) needs prayers

\*Carlene Davis \*Margie Gunn

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

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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/PQ.Box 76550/Hohland Heights, WY 41076

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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!

**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 fover.

Reminder: If you haven't returned your Christian week sheet to Mike Robertson, please do so by May 1st. Thank You

Special thanks to Ashlev Deffenbaugh, & to all or 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.

Please note: We are now providing most of our announcements before each of our services on Powerpoint, along with our pew announcement sheet, you can pick up, which will allow us more time for our worship.

Teachers & students our upcoming Summer Ouarter, will begin on May 4th thur July 30th

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

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

# Sunday, May 4th 2025

Welcome	Ethan Tummins
Lead Singing	Mark Forster
1st Prayer	Derek Berryman
Se <i>rmon</i>	John Jones
Lord's Table	Billy Buttrey

Glenn Ross Andy Marlor Joe Smith Drew Buttrey Robert Proctor Jimmy Suddeath

Closing Prayer. Wade Tummins
Collect Cards. Colt Stanfill
& Abel Tummins
Greeters. Not at this time
Nursery. Not at this time
Collect Cups Youth
Security. Team #3

## Sunday 6PM, May 4th 2025

Lead Singing	Mark Forster
Prayer	Barry Phy
Sermon	John Jones
Lord's Table	Dwight Stuart Bruce Mayfield
Closing Prayer	Mike Burns

# Wednesday 6:30 PM, May 7th 2025

Lead Singing	John Hurt
Prayer	Bill Williams
Adult Class	John Jones

<sup>\*</sup>If you are unable to serve...please contact Wade Tummins in advance. (cell 931-209-6291)

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\*If you are unable to attend any service please tune in to our *Facebook* page or our *FouTube* page to watch the services. This is NOT a replacement for the command to assemble together as Christ's Body, but a tool for those who may be homebound/shut-in or sick.

The MESSENGER is online! Visit the church website to view!



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#### Sunday

Bible Study	9:00am
Worship	10:00am
Evening	6:00pm

#### Wednesday

Bible Study.....6:30pm

#### Elders:

Calvin Buckner

Billy Buttrey Bruce Mayfield W.R. Long Mike Robertson

#### Deacons:

Derek Berryman
Wayne Coates
John Hurt
Robert Proctor
Joe Smith
Ethan Tummins
Ronnie Tyler

Mike Burns
Mark Forster
Jarry Phy
James Ridings
Dwight Stuart
Wade Tummins

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Evangelism Program

<sup>\*</sup>If changes need to be made in scheduling please contact Jimmy Phy.