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Bible Classes 9:00 a.m.
AM Worship Svc. 10:00 a.m.
PM Worship Svc. 5:00 p.m.*
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
(Attended Nursery at all svcs.)

*No 5:00 p.m. service on the third Sunday of the month

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The cosmological argument basically states that every effect must have a cause. That the world exists indicates that something must have caused it. That the trees exist, or that birds exist, or that ants exist, or that people exist – all these things indicate that there must be a cause behind it all. If I were to ask, “Where did you come from?” You might answer, “From my parents.” Well, where did they come from? Their parents. You keep tracing it back; this line had to start somewhere and somehow. The existence of every plant and every animal and every person must be traced to some cause. Some tell us that it all just sort of happened. Life, in all its complex forms, is said to have evolved over time. There are two alternatives here. Either life evolved, or God made it. Either it happened by some oddball chance or it was determined by an intelligent, powerful maker. But of course, even if one accepts that life developed by chance, he still must explain the origin of the building blocks. Most atheistic explanations must accept that something came from nothing – an idea totally rejected in any other setting.

The point: the cosmological argument for the existence of God refers to the idea that since we are here, there must have been an adequate cause for our existence. The only explanation that is adequate is a divine creator. See Psalm 33:6-9, 19:1-6, Romans 1:18-20, Isaiah 40:22-26, Acts 14:15-18, and other like passages of Scripture. God is real.

See you Sunday, worshipping the Creator... David

Introducing God

David South

Consider how Paul introduced the one real God to the Greeks at Athens on the Areopagus, described in Acts 17.

God made the world and everything in it.

“The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man” (24 ESV).

God did not stem from human imagination.

“Being then God’s offspring, we ought not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man” (29 ESV).

God does not need us.

“The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything” (24-25 ESV).

We need God.

“The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything” (24-25 ESV).

God is Lord of heaven and earth.

“The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man” (24 ESV).

God will judge the world.

“He has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead” (31 ESV).

The result is that we ought to seek God.

“And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him” (26-27 ESV).

“The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent” (30 ESV).

OUR PRAYER LIST

Woodland Hills Members:

Stan Adams, Wayne Close, David Dement, Raymond McClendon, Freddie & Judy Milligan, Pat Patchell, Barbara Rea, Viktor Tretiakov, Louise VanSickel, Nancy Waddell

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TO SERVE THIS WEEK May 1

Welcome & Announcements:

Thomas Williams

Opening Prayer:

Lon Maynard

Closing Prayer:

Steve Grantham

Serve Communion:

Ryan Hubbert, Ken Robison,

Charlie Bryson, Isaac Amar

AM Nursery: **Barbie South/Volunteer Needed**

5 PM Worship Today

Opening Prayer: **John Waddell**

Closing Prayer: **Pat Patchell**

PM Nursery: **Pam Sanders**

ULTIMATE YOUTH RALLY

The Germantown Church invites you to their Ultimate Youth Rally. Speaker will be Noah Vann who is currently a Youth Minister for the Owens Cross Roads Alabama church. Scheduled for May 27 – 29.

MR. AND MRS. LOUIS NATHANIEL BAKER
REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

Anna Grace

TO

Victor C. Norris

SATURDAY, THE FOURTEENTH OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO
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RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Please RSVP to Linette by May 1st.

Call or text her at 901-438-4566



SINGING AT SANGSTERS

Dennis and Annette invite you to their home this Saturday afternoon at 4 pm for an afternoon of singing, devotional, food and fellowship. They live at 42 Ellen Drive, Atoka, TN. Check with either of them if you need directions. Please bring finger foods to share!

If you would like to host an in-home singing in your home, please see Matt Mitchell. We are looking to fill our calendar with these gatherings once each month.

BIRTHDAYS\ANNIVERSARIES

1 Raymond McClendon	18 Keith Loveless
3 Keith Williams	22 Tom & Joy Adams
4 Martha Riley	23 Pam Sanders
7 Richard & Joyce Holt	23 Thomas Williams
9 Harrison Cox	24 Renee Barrios
10 Matt Mitchell	25 Jerry Brown
10 Darrell & Lesley Dacus	27 Ginger Pilgrim
11 Hays Cox	28 Andrew & Forrestine Dandridge
11 Megan Grantham	28 Robert & Janelle Jones
13 Jacob & Rebecca Maynard	29 Rachael Maynard
16 Sharon Estes	30 Wilbur & Kathy Betty
17 Betty Barker	31 John & Nancy Waddell
17 Emily Grantham	



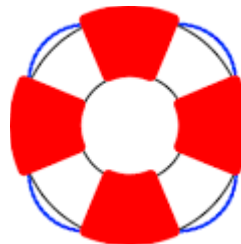
FAMILY MATTERS

Matthew Mitchel

This weekend I was able to organize our garage, which had gotten quite piled up with items that needed sorting from the winter. It was my first taste of spring cleaning, and hopefully not my last. There are several things on the spring cleaning list to do, but once those tasks get done it is quite satisfying to look back at the neat and tidy area. Spring cleaning is an interesting term, considering that cleaning can occur in summer, fall and winter too! I was looking into the origins of spring cleaning and although there are some different options on where the practice originated, there was one interesting anecdote about why deep cleaning occurs in the spring, as opposed to winter, summer or fall. And the reason is something I would NEVER think about because it is a situation I will NEVER find myself in. It is said that in the 19th century in America, March became the time to do the most deep cleaning for a few reasons (that are unfamiliar to us!) Vacuum cleaners had not yet been invented, therefore to dust and clean you had to open windows. March presented the best time – it was warm enough to have the windows open BUT many of the insects had not come out yet. Therefore, for these reasons “spring cleaning” became a common practice. I would never think of this because I live in a time with vacuums, mesh screens, and HVAC systems that help to purify the air. The practice of spring cleaning still remains, but the reasons for it have changed. I hope we explore the context of the Bible the same way. I think spring cleaning illustrates how Bible investigation helps us to more deeply understand the teaching of the Word, especially when we are looking at the culture, people, and practices that the Bible writings took place in. Some things may look a bit different, or unfamiliar with us, but we should not let the changing cultural practices cause us to misunderstand or misapply the Word. There is always a reason for what was written!

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