

"The churches of Christ salute you" Rom. 16:16

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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ORIGINS

The earth did not create itself from nothing. Nothing produces nothing. The First Law of Thermodynamics shows us no new matter or energy is being created by the universe. The earth did not create itself from self-existing, eternal matter. Matter is not eternal. The Second Law of Thermodynamics shows us matter is running down, and therefore had a beginning. So, what is the origin of earth? Genesis 1:1 give us the answer. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

For something to exist now, there must be something that has always existed (self-existent). That which is self-existent needs no cause, and in fact is the first cause. God identified Himself as the One who is self-existent in Exodus 3:14. When God identified Himself as "I AM" He was saying He simply exists. He has always existed, exists now, and always will exist. Jesus Christ identified Himself in the same way (John 8:58). In Revelation 1:8 Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

The earth and universe did not cause itself. It did not cause itself from nothing, and it did not cause itself from matter. That which caused it must be of a different nature than matter for matter is not self-existent. God is spirit not matter (John 4:24). God is the self-existent spirit who created this material universe.

God is an intelligent being (Isaiah 55:8-9). A self-existent, non-material being of immense intelligence is required as an explanation for the origin of the earth and universe. The evidence of design in the make-up and location of the earth attests to an intelligent designer. The design within the human body requires a designer. DNA is intelligent information and intelligent information demands an intelligent source.

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For this earth to exist we must have a self-existent cause. God is self-existent. We must have a cause of a different nature than this material universe. God is spirit. We must have an intelligent cause. God is intelligent beyond man's ability to understand. God created the earth.

God created the earth in six literal twenty-four hour periods (Genesis 1). Exodus 20:8-11 reinforces this fact. God used six days to create and stopped on the seventh in order to illustrate to the Jews the importance of working six days and resting on the seventh. For this comparison to make any sense at all the days in Exodus 20, and the days in Genesis 1 must be literal 24 hour periods of time. God did not call eons of millions of years, "days." God did not need millions upon millions of years to evolve life on this earth. God created Adam and Eve as male and female from the beginning (Matthew 19:4). He did not create them as a pool of amino acids that sequenced into proteins, that developed into single cell creatures, which evolved into more complex creatures, and eventually evolved into Adam and Eve. One will find no such foolishness in the Bible.

What we are able to scientifically observe in nature today shows us that macro-evolution does not work. The law of Biogenesis shows us life cannot come from non-living matter. Therefore, the spontaneous generation of life from non-living matter did not occur. Also, Evolution needs vast numbers of beneficial mutations to occur in order to advance an organism, but beneficial mutations are very rare. Most mutations are harmful to the organism. Evolution needs beneficial mutations that add genetic information to advance the organism and that simply does not happen. Evolution doesn't work. A godless universe did not evolve life, and God did not choose to use Darwinian macro-evolution to develop life.

But what of wax images of partially evolved men in the museums, and the plaster casts of evolutionary skulls in the university science class room? Numerous factors come into play in regard to this matter. One of which is the fact that the plaster casts of the skulls don't fully reveal all the details of the originals and very few scientists have access to the originals. A second factor is the fact that so many fossils are simply extinct races of men (Neanderthal) or extinct apes (Lucy). A third factor is the radical imagination of artists and evolutionists who create images that more closely fit their ideas than the physical facts of the fossils. Also, the track record of evolutionists is not good. Consider Nebraska man. A tooth was found in Nebraska from which an entire missing link creature and lifestyle was created in the imaginations of evolutionists. Later examination revealed the tooth to be that of a pig. More could be said. Entire books have been written on this matter. Suffice it to say for now, we do not need to be intimidated by artists' impressions based on evolutionists imaginations.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

~Kevin V. Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2020

February 24 - Mark 4:21-41

February 25 - Mark 5:1-20

February 26 - Mark 5:21-43

February 27 - Mark 6:1-29



February 28 - Mark 6:30-56 February 29 - Mark 7:1-13 March 1 - Mark 7:14-37

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Continue to pray for **Kim Matthews.** Her problem with Huntington Disease has worsened.

Carolyn Minor has been moved to Bermuda Commons, Room 206, 316 NC Hwy 801 S., Advance, NC 27006. It is felt that she would enjoy receiving cards.

Bonnie Landreth continues to be doing better in her recovery from some health problems she recently has been experiencing.

Please pray for **Harry Piccuito.** He has the flu.

Jack Piper will undergo cataract surgery this coming Wednesday. Please pray that all will go well.

Keri Woodbury has a pinched nerve which is affecting the use of her right arm. Please keep her in your prayers as it is fairly painful.

Please continue in prayer for **Alberta Jackson.** She had her first chemo treatment this past week. Thank you – Mattie Pharr.

Thank you for your continued prayers on behalf of my brother, **Eric Drews.** He continues to have health issues related from the severity of his injuries. We are hoping that the Shepard Center in Atlanta, Georgia, will accept him as a patient.

Please pray for pray for **Rose Whitt**, Andy Santiago's sister. She was scheduled to have a biopsy for breast cancer this past Thursday. She had breast cancer a few years ago.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who brought food, helped us unload the moving truck and all who have been so encouraging to us. We look forward to working for the Lord together with you! Thanks so very much!

Mike & Teresa Glenn

SHUT-INS

Mary Ellen Dull D. J. Harrison

Ernestine Martin Carolyn Minor

Please remember the shut-ins in your prayers



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

Suggested Items for the month of March:

Cereal, Oatmeal/grits

*Laundry detergent, hand dishwashing liquid, and soap would be greatly appreciated at any time.



WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

<u>Feb. 25</u> - Sewing for missions will meet on Tuesday morning from 9-12 a.m. in the Annex.

<u>Feb. 25</u> - Tuesday Evening Bible Class will meet at 7 p.m. in the Annex.

Mar. 7 - Warners Chapel Ladies Day Speaker: Katonya Smith from the Eastside Congregation. Theme: "Diversity in Unity" - 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 "How each member of the body works together in Christ"

AREA EVENTS:

<u>March 6-7</u> - Personal Evangelism Seminar at the Linville church of Christ. The speakers will be Rob and Nicole Whitacre. See bulletin board for flyer for times and topics.

March 14 - LADIES DAY! At the South Stokes church of Christ. 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Theme: Spiritual Accessory Check, Speaker: Heather Smith. See bulletin board.

March 14 - (Saturday) Carolina Men's Fellowship at Gold Hill Rd. church of Christ. Time: 9a.m.-3:00 p.m. Sign-up sheet in foyer for those who would like to take the bus.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

There is a sign-up list on the table in the foyer that has the items that are needed for the **care packages**. Please sign up on the list for what you are going to buy, that way we do not have huge amounts of the same item. As you bring in items, please remember who you bought them for and place them in their respective boxes. **Everyone** is asked to sign the cards that are in each box, even if you do not buy anything. If you have any questions, please see Caleb or Kaylon. If you have already bought items, please sign your name on the list by whatever item you bought.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - February 16, 2020	143
Sunday Worship Service:	192
Contributions for February 16, 2020	
Daily Bible Readers:	80
Chapters Read:	724
Sunday Evening Worship Service:	144
Wednesday Evening Bible Study, February 19, 2020	105

Lord's Day Appointments For March, 2020

Serving the Lord's Table For March:

Caleb Rutherford

Wayne Allen Darryl Cook Sherrill Stewart Sandy Warner Mark Roy Jim Harrison

Preparing Communion for March: Making Announcements on Sunday: Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - March 1, 2020

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Allen Cooper Morning -Joe Everett A.M. Roger Allen A.M. - Jacob Woodbury Song Leader - Roger Allen Evening -Nathan Roy P.M. Gene Southern P.M. - Mark Clemmons Justin Little **Prayer** - D. C. Mock Wed.

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Greeters for March: Elwood & Linda Flinchum

Opening and Closing Building:

Sunday: - February 23 ~ Shawn Thomason

Tuesday: - February 26 ~ Shawn Thomason

Lord's Day Appointments - February 23, 2020

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Justin Little Morning - Steve Tesh A.M. - Tim Allen A.M. - Dwight Barringer Song Leader Wayne Allen Evening - Jason Allen P.M. - Youth Lead Service P.M. - Tommy Rose

Prayer - Carl Cooper Wed. - Song Request Ser v. Roger A. & Wayne A.

Opening and Closing Building: Greeters for February:

Sunday: - February 23 ~ Shawn Thomason Jim and D.J. Harrison

Wednesday: - February 26 ~ Shawn Thomason

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - Nursery open for small children during all services.

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 10:50 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY: Mid-Week Service 7:00 PM

"GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE" at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8 SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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ELDERS DEACONS

Tim Allen
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury