

CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

- Please welcome Maxine Macon to the congregation. She asked to place membership last week.
- Jeff Proffitt was baptized on Friday night following the Bible study at the Rains' house. Please make sure to encourage him!
- Teachers' Meeting - June 7 - All Bible class teachers are asked to eat lunch at the building next Sunday so we can discuss next quarter.
- VBS - June 22-24 - We still need volunteers for housing. Expect a short meeting in the next few weeks.
- Worship Duties - The monthly worship duties for 2015 are posted on the bulletin board.
- June Bug - June 19-20 - More information on the bulletin board.
- Continue to remember Tina Copeland, Forrest, Pat Campbell, Margaret Hines, Geraldine Wilkins, June Poyner, Dot Debee, OP Boling and the sick and shut-ins in prayer.

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SERVICE ROSTER

Week of May 31, 2015

Sunday

Announcements	G. Wiggins
Singing	G. Kendrick
Table & Giving	J. Rains
Assisting	J. Macon
	F. Youngblood
	C. Jenkins
	D. Johnson
Sermon AM	L. Snow
Sermon PM	L. Snow
Closing Prayer	R. Wilson
Counting	W. Phillips

Wednesday

Invitation	L. Snow
Invitation Song	W. Phillips
Prayer	M. Foley

RECORDS - May 24, 2015

Sunday AM	52
Sunday PM	25
Wednesday	35

SCHEDULE:

Sun.	9:30AM - Bible Class 10:30AM - Worship 1:00PM - Worship
Wed.	7:00PM - Bible Class
Mon.-Thu.	9:AM-2PM - Office Hours

LIFE LINES

OF THE WARM SPRINGS ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 31, 2015

“CHRISTIANITY COULD NOT POSSIBLY BE TRUE”

What did atheistic author Mike Davis allege was the “smoking gun” that proved to him once and for all that “Christianity could not possibly be true”? What “sealed the issue” and led him to believe “Jesus was wrong...and no more deserving of our belief than any other guy”? When did the case against the Bible and Christianity become “closed”? In chapter one of his book, *The Atheist's Introduction to the New Testament: How the Bible Undermines the Basic Teachings of Christianity*, Davis explained that Matthew 24:34 was the deciding factor.

In Matthew 24:34, Jesus stated: “Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.” According to Davis, since “Jesus tells his listeners that the judgment day will come before the generation he’s speaking to passes away,” and since that generation passed away 1,900 years ago, Jesus “could not have been divine” and the Bible is “untrustworthy” (2008, pp. 1-2). In actuality, what Davis confesses ultimately “proved” to him that the Bible and Jesus are unreliable is nothing more than a misinterpretation of Scripture. Jesus was **not** mistaken in His comments in Matthew 24:34—Jesus’ generation did not pass away prior to witnessing the things Jesus foretold in Matthew 24:4-34. But, Jesus did **not** foretell in those verses what Davis assumes He foretold. Davis and many others believe that, prior to verse 34, Jesus was describing events that would take place shortly before Judgment Day at the end of time. The fact of the matter is, however, Jesus was prophesying about the coming destruction upon Jerusalem in A.D. 70 and not the final Judgment.

When the disciples went to show Jesus the temple buildings (Matthew 24:1), Jesus said, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down” (24:2). Later, when Jesus was on the Mount of Olives, the disciples asked Him three questions, beginning with “when will these things be?” (24:3). In verses 4-34,

Jesus revealed several signs that would indicate Rome's destruction of Jerusalem, including the temple, was near. [NOTE: "The fall of the Hebrew system is set forth in the sort of apocalyptic nomenclature that is characteristic of Old Testament literature, e.g., when the prophets pictorially portray the overthrow of Jehovah's enemies (cf. Isaiah 13:10-11; 34:2ff; Ezekiel 32:7-8)" (Jackson, n.d.); cf. Matthew 24:29-31; see Miller, 2003.] In verses 35-51 (and all of chapter 25), Jesus answered the disciples' last two questions: "what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" (Matthew 24:3). To summarize, in Matthew 24:4-34 Jesus foretold of the coming destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70, while in 24:35-25:46 He commented on His future return and final Judgment of the world.

How sad it is that so many atheists and skeptics believe they have disproven the Bible and Christianity, when, in reality, they have simply twisted the biblical text to mean something God never intended (cf. 2 Peter 3:16). The fact that Mike Davis highlights Matthew 24:34 as the verse that once and for all proved to him the Bible is unreliable should tell us something about the extreme weakness of the skeptic's case against Christianity.

- Eric Lyons (apologeticspress.org)

PERSONAL NOTES

SERMON PREVIEW

10:30 AM - THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH

John wrote an entire book encouraging Christians about the future. We will look to the Revelation to see what we can look forward to as the church of Jesus Christ.

1:00 PM - THE SHORTEST SERMON EVER PREACHED

Jonah was reluctant, hateful and self-serving but he was also a powerful preacher that spoke the shortest sermon on record with some of the biggest results!

VBS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

GREAT MEN^{OF THE} OLD TESTAMENT

JUNE 22-24, 2015
6:30PM-8:00PM
ALL AGES WELCOME!

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