

OUR RECORD

ATTENDANCE:	January 13, 2007
BIBLE CLASS:	182
WORSHIP AM:	214
WORSHIP PM:	204
CONTRIBUTION:	\$9,455.48

Count Contribution for January

Roland Crawford, Shane Sanford, Tim Shadix

Adamsville Church of Christ
 4207 Veterans Memorial Dr.
 Adamsville, AL 35005
 Return Service Requested



Please worship with us at the following times:

SUNDAY

Bible Class	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Worship	5:00 PM

TUESDAY (September-May)

Bible Class	10:00 AM
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WEDNESDAY

Bible Class	7:00 PM
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RENEW YOUR MIND

By

Brad Harrub, Ph.D.

His name was “Dr. Joe.” He described himself as a medical doctor, a homeopathic physician, a Taoist, and a devout atheist. For three hours he and I debated on three televised segments that aired nation-wide in New Zealand. We discussed a spectrum of topics, such as the existence of God, the inspiration of the Bible, and creation vs. evolutionary. The debate proceeded fairly smoothly and we both enjoyed some laughs as the moderator did his best to keep us on topic.

However, as time passed, Dr. Joe found himself having to answer “I don’t know” more and more frequently. I asked him how he would explain the initial matter in the Universe. He quietly said, “I don’t know where that came from.” I followed that up by asking him to describe how life had evolved from non-life. And again he bowed his head and said “We don’t know the mechanism that led to that step yet.”

I then changed tactics and asked him if he had ever performed surgery. He brightened up and said, “Oh yes, I’ve done many surgeries.” I asked him if he had many opportunities to look inside the human body. By this time he was proudly smiling, and his posture had changed to one of confidence. He proclaimed, “I have looked inside the human body countless times!” I asked calmly if he had seen first-hand the distribution of certain nerves, to which he said: “Of course. I have seen this hundreds of times.” I looked over at my opponent and asked, “Did you notice the design in this plexus of nerves?” His response: “Yes, I’ve seen the design.” At which point I simply smiled...and then he realized what he had admitted. He then tried to cover himself by asserting “But that does not mean there is a Designer.”

But the damage had been done. He knew, just like all of the viewers, that you don’t get a poem without a poet. You don’t get a house without a house builder. And likewise, you don’t get a design without a Designer. The inspired psalmist proclaimed “For you formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well” (139:13-14). Proverbs 20:12 reminds us, “The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them.” Psalm 94:9 tells us it was: “He that planted the ear and He that formed the eye.”

Later in the debate the moderator asked if we believed in alien (extraterrestrial) life. Dr. Joe was absolutely sure there must be other life forms out there. I quickly demonstrated his pitiful logic. He had ridiculed me for believing in a God I couldn’t see or allegedly didn’t have proof in. And yet, this man was willing to embrace aliens that he could not see or had any proof in. The problem was not the evidence, the problem was his heart.

[Brad Harrub is an apologist who works full-time with Focus Press—www.focuspress.org]

GREAT OR LATE IN '08

From our last article, let's remind ourselves how some will have a great year in '08 and then talk about why some will be late in '08. It will be a great year for some because they will obtain SALVATION, be busy in SERVICE, and SHARE the Gospel of Jesus Christ. On the other hand, it will be a late year because some will not heed the call of SALVATION, nor will they determine to be more active in SERVICE, neither will they SHARE the good news about Jesus Christ.

Some will delay the opportunity for SALVATION! This is certainly nothing new. We have many examples those who have delayed or rejected opportunities of salvation. As Paul spoke with Felix regarding salvation, Felix answered, "...Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee" (Acts 24:25). As far as we know, Felix never made that call. Paul speaking to King Agrippa asked, "...believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest" (Acts 26:27). Then notice how King Agrippa responds to the opportunity. "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian" (Acts 26:28). But almost isn't good enough. Almost is ALL lost! Some will be like the rich young ruler and when they hear the conditions of salvation, go away sorrowfully (cf. Matthew 19:22). The Lord's call for salvation is always open (cf. Matthew 11:28-30). Will you accept His invitation or delay?

Some will never see the need for more SERVICE! Don't we all have good intentions? "I'm going to do more or better" we often think, but when it comes time to put thoughts into actions it doesn't happen. There is always something going on or somewhere we need to be. Have you ever noticed that regarding sports our children never miss practices or games, but when it comes time to go to youth rallies, gospel meetings, gospel singings, Bible bowl studies, Sunday services, Wednesday night services, and the list could go on, we are just too busy to get there. Bottom line, "WE ARE SERVANTS!" Paul stated to the church at Ephesus, "Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart" (Ephesians 6:6).

Others will miss the chance to SHARE the gospel of Jesus Christ! Christ came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). The mission of the church is to seek and save the lost (cf. Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15,16). How could I, as a Christian, not be sharing the gospel with the lost? Paul said his concern for the lost was his heart's desire (cf. Romans 10:1). Could it be that we have opportunities every day to share the gospel? Don't delay, seize the opportunity! Make a goal with yourself to share the gospel with someone this year.

What will this year hold for me? We all have the same opportunities. We all have 24 hours in a day. We all have the same chance to attend worship faithfully. We all should tell others of God's saving grace. The question is, what will we do? Will this be a GREAT year or LATE year? Only you can decide.

Ronnie

PRAYER LIST

Sick

Braigan Harden was admitted to Children's for tests.
Earl Martin is in room 371 at St. Vincent's.
Buddy Tubbs is in SICU at Princeton.

Please continue to pray for...
David Burford, Jean Cicero, Gwen Johnson,
Sara Morgan, Janice Parsons

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the friends and family of **Tracy Burford** (daughter in law of David & Sandra Burford) who passed away on Sunday.

Pray For Our Troops

Ron Hudson & Mark Davis
Stentsen Ellenburg is scheduled to go Saturday, January 19th.

Remember Our Shut In

Gertrude Blackwell- room 118 - Self Nursing Home, 131room 321-Gardendale Nursing Home, 420 Dean Drive Gardendale, AL 35071. **Ruby Glidewell** 120 Windsor Circle N., Graysville, AL 35073. **Iva Dean Goolsby** @Ridgewood Health Care Center 210 Oakhill Rd., Jasper, Al 35504. **Vurvel Jones** c/o Camilla Newbill @ 1622 Stone Hedge Dr. W. Mobile, AL 36695. **Jewell Martin**-Rm 12 A at Birmingham Nursing & Rehab, 1000 Dugan Ave., Birmingham, AL 35214. **Ruth Parsons**-5300 Hazelwood Rd., Adamsville, AL 35005. **Annette Roddy**-1035 Cherry Ave. Adamsville, AL 35005. **Ginger Shadix**-room 213 - Gardendale Nursing Home, 420 Dean Dr. Gardendale, AL 35071. **Bernice Snow** - Adams House 5017 King Dr., Adamsville, AL 35005 **Beatrice Truett**-C/O Jackie Franklin, 8307 9th S. Birmingham, AL 35206

Brother's / Elder's / Men's Meeting
Attention: Elders, Deacons, Ministers, & Male Members
Sunday, January 20, 2008

Brother's Inc. meeting will be at 1:00 PM then at 2:00 PM the Elders and ministers will meet in the elder's office. At 4:00 PM the elders, ministers, deacons and all male members will meet in the large classroom in the rear of the auditorium for their quarterly meeting. The elders, ministers, and deacons are expected to attend this meeting. All other male members are encouraged to attend and have a part in making decisions that involve all of us at Adamsville. Thank you for attending. **Paul McCaleb** will be the chairman of these meetings.

Mark Your Calendar 2008

Jan. 18-19 --- Ladies' Retreat
Feb. 17 --- Area Wide Youth Devo
Mar. 21-23 --- Lads/Leaders meet in Nashville
June 1 --- Homecoming
June 1-4 --- Gospel Meeting, Speaker: **John Daniel**
June 22-25 --- Vacation Bible School
July 18-19 --- Youth Rally
Oct. 12-15 --- Gospel Meeting, Speaker: **Larry Acuff**
Oct. 18 --- Family Fun Day @ Tannehill
Nov. 20 --- Thanksgiving Dinner
Dec. 31 --- New Year's Eve Singing

Youth Happenings

Sunday, January 20 - Area-Wide Youth Devotional @
Roebuck Parkway church of Christ
Sunday, February 17 - Area Wide Youth Devotional @
Adamsville

Attention Sunshine Girls:

This is a reminder about the support forms for China Mission and Indian Creek Youth Camp Project. Please turn in your forms indicating your support for each of the projects for 2008. Also the money is due for this support by January 15th. Remember you can pay annually, quarterly, or monthly. Please put the forms and your money in the Sunshine Girl box on the table in the classroom hallway or give them directly to **Carla Tavel**. If you do not have a form, see Carla.

Keenagers... Your next trip will be Thursday, January 17th to the Scottsboro Unclaimed Baggage. The bus will leave at 7:30 PM from the building. The cost will be \$5.00. We will get a biscuit on the way and stop at Boaz Outlet on the way back. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer.

*Remember
the Adams
House Devo
on Sunday at
2:00 PM.*