

**OUR RECORD**

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>April 13, 2008</b>
<b>BIBLE CLASS:</b>	<b>197</b>
<b>WORSHIP AM:</b>	<b>227</b>
<b>WORSHIP PM:</b>	<b>187</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTION:</b>	<b>\$9,198.30</b>

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Count Contribution for April

Lewis Mobley, Barry Hyche, Jimmy Rivers

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**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

**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Class 7:00 PM

(all are code 205)

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# The Visitor

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**RENEW YOUR MIND**

By Brad Harrub, Ph.D.

Believe it or not both creationists and evolutionists agree that there was once an Ice Age. The difference is in **when** it occurred, **how long** it lasted and **what** caused it. As we continue to strengthen our biblical worldview through a study of Bible history, I want to spend a few weeks looking at specific historical events in the light of God's Word.

There is strong evidence that for a time, ice and snow covered much of northern United States, as well as Canada, Eurasia, Greenland and Antarctica. Evolutionists would maintain that this happened several different times for millions of years. Ironically, they do not have a good explanation for why this occurred—outside of teaching our children this is a cyclic event. Creationists on the other-hand believe the evidence indicates that there was a single Ice Age that occurred right after the Noahic Flood, and that rather than multiple Ice Ages, there was a period of thawing and refreezing during this single event.

One possible explanation can be found in Genesis 7:11 where the Bible describes the fountains of the great deep breaking up—causing hot water and lava to pour directly into the ocean. Having not witnessed a Global Flood from an angry God, we have a hard time of truly envisioning the devastation God unleashed on this sin-sick world. There would have been tsunamis, volcanoes, and torrential rains as God punished all land-dwelling creatures. The heat released from the “fountains of the great deep” would have undoubtedly warmed the oceans, causing an increase in evaporation and the amount of water in the atmosphere available for precipitation. At the same time, the ash from the volcanoes would have very effectively blocked out much of the Sun's rays, cooling the land. This combination of cool land and increased precipitation would have easily resulted in snow-fall that fell much faster than it melted, allowing ice sheets to build up.

The climatic change of warmed oceans and cooled land would have allowed this ice buildup to last for many decades (maybe even a few centuries). This ice bridge would have allowed both the descendants of Noah, as well as land-dwelling animals, to easily migrate from America to Asia. Eventually, however the seas would cool, producing less evaporated water, decreasing the snow supply for the continents.

Additionally, as the ash from the volcanoes settled, the Sun's warming rays would penetrate, causing the ice sheets to melt. The Ice Age was real, and its existence fits in beautifully to God's Word. (For more details on the Ice Age see the April issue of Think magazine.)

## WALKING, STANDING, SITTING

Springtime is typically replete with events such as ballgames, graduations, office parties, reunions, and the like. Most of these gatherings are wholesome, family-friendly get-togethers, but there are some that may include opportunities to participate in a “form of evil” (1 Thessalonians 5:22). Considering that the apostle Paul commanded us to “abstain from every form of evil,” we should be careful about where we are walking, standing, and sitting.

The Psalmist began his inspired text with a comparison of the righteous and the wicked: “How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked. Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!” (Psalms 1:1). This divine wisdom can be helpful to us in our own personal quest for happiness. A man is blessed because of some the things that he chooses not to do.

What does it mean to walk in the counsel of the wicked? This is something that a righteous man will not

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do. Oh, he will certainly seek counsel. “Where there is no guidance, the people fall” (Proverbs 11:14). “A wise man is he who listens to counsel” (12:15). “Without consultation, plans are frustrated, But with many counselors they succeed” (15:22). However, wicked counselors have ruined lives and upset whole nations. With his decision to listen to the counsel of his inexperienced peers, King Rehoboam lost the majority of his kingdom, and God’s people were divided. If Eve had not listened to the counsel of a crafty serpent, perhaps she would not have eaten the forbidden fruit and separated herself from God (Genesis 3). There is danger in walking in the counsel of the

wicked. So, beware of so-called friends who tout the health benefits of the modern dance and red wine. Resist the temptation to heed the call of materialism that so many have bought into. Instead, accept the commands of the “Wonderful Counselor” (Isaiah 9:6).

Standing in the path of sinners is the next logical step for someone who has listened to wicked counsel. Where our minds lead, our bodies will follow. It stands to reason that if I am willing to listen to the advice of someone I trust, I will spend time sharing in his activities. A young man named Saul, who had been influenced by radical Judaism, found himself witnessing the murder of a devout Christian named Stephen. He had given ear to the teaching of hate toward Christianity. Now he was standing in the “path of sinners,” taking care of the robes of those who participated in the stoning (Acts 7:58). Do you think Saul might have thought, “It’s okay for me to be here as long as I don’t throw a stone?” Perhaps we should examine ourselves to find out where we are standing before we find ourselves “sitting in the seat of scoffers.”

Once you have walked and stood in the presence of wickedness, it may not be long before someone says, “Have a seat and make yourself more comfortable.” Our tolerance of sinful thoughts and actions tends to have a desensitizing effect on our minds to the extent that we find ourselves as Saul, who was in “hearty agreement with putting [Stephen] to death” (Acts 8:1). Before long, “Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house; and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison” (v. 3). It seems that he had made up his mind to continue in this work until he met his Lord on the road to Damascus (cf. Acts 9). Later, he would proclaim that he had lived his life with a perfectly good conscience (23:1).

It is important for Christians to understand the progressively destructive nature of sin in our lives. As James said, “...when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death” (James 1:15). We must be careful where we are walking, standing, and sitting, so that we are not deceived to the point of destruction.

—Ashley Kizer

## Prayer List

### Sick

**Ramona Yeilding** is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday, April 15th at UAB.

**Butch Myers** was sick and unable to attend worship on Sunday.

**Ivis Byars** (Paul Byars’ mom) went home from the hospital after an extended stay.

### Please Continue to Pray For..

**Maude Bell, David Burford, Jean Cicero, Sara Morgan, Janice Parsons, Martha Wiley, Jessica Ingle**

*Please continue to pray for our unfaithful brothers and sisters.*

*Our Young People facing temptations of the world. We have a great group of young people.*

### Pray For Our Troops

Remember our leaders and those protecting our freedoms in our armed forces both at home and abroad. Please remember the following who are currently serving in Iraq: **Ron Hudson, Stentsen Ellenburg, Tyler Burger, & Brad Timmons**

### Visitation Teams

Team #3 please continue to make your plans to meet on Sunday, April 20th. A copy of the worksheet will also be available on the table in the foyer on Sunday nights. Please continue to pick one up and use for this good work.

### Homecoming/Gospel Meeting

*We will have our Homecoming and Gospel meeting on June 1st. We would like to mail a special invitation to encourage our unfaithful brothers and sisters and any who have moved away, to come back to our Homecoming. Everyone be making your list and give us in the office a copy. Hopefully, if you send them a note and the office does.. they will all come! We hope to have to bring in extra chairs for this day! Please pray for our efforts.*

 *Thank You* 

I would like to say thank you for my church family for the prayers and phone calls on behalf of my grandson **Zachery Madison**. He is now at home doing much better. In Christian love, **Brenda Madison**

To the elders, deacons especially **Shawn Sanford** and **C.A. Prater** and **Bob Daniel**, We want to express our appreciation for your tender and willing hearts to build a hand-railing and wheel chair ramp and also for trimming the shrubbery and doing such a good job. Thank you all very much, Love, **Danny & Janice Parsons**

**WOW!!**

**Wow** to our **Sunshine Girls** for the beautiful flowers and plants out front of our building. Girls, you did a great job. They are so beautiful. Thanks for all the great work you do.

**Wow** to our Youth Deacons, **Shawn Sanford, Shane Sanford, Barry Hyche,** and also, **Tracie Sanford, Lynn Sanford, Lisa Gilbert, Ronnie Hayes, Ashley Kizer, Candace Kizer,** and everyone that helped with the Prom Alternative. Everyone had a great time. The decorations were beautiful and the food was great!

**Wow** to **Pat Graham** and **Janice Goolsby** for all the work on the Teachers’ Workroom. **Wow** to **Cecil Gilbert, Tommy Reid, Ronnie Hayes, & Shawn Sanford,** for the painting and clearing out. You all did great work.

**Wow** to **Ray Bearden & David Knight** for remodeling in Ashley’s classroom. Guys it looks great.

**Wow** to **Dan Kilgore** for the work in the Library and Tracie’s office. The shelves look great.

**Wow** to **Lewis Mobley, Shawn Sanford** and others for the grounds around our building always looking so beautiful.

Congratulations to **Clay Blackwell** for earning the rank of an **Eagle Scout**. This is the highest rank possible with the Boy Scouts of America.

We welcome our newest member, **Magan Hamrick** (Jimmy & Peggy River’s granddaughter). She is a junior at Corner High School. Her address is: 751 Phillips Town Rd., Empire, AL 35063. We are very thankful that you have decided to worship here with us.