

**OUR RECORD**

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>August 24, 2008</b>
<b>BIBLE CLASS:</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>WORSHIP AM:</b>	<b>211</b>
<b>WORSHIP PM:</b>	<b>183</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTION:</b>	<b>\$8,714.95</b>

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**Count Contribution for August  
Lewis Mobley, Shane Sanford**

**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

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Bible Class 7:00 PM  
 (all are code 205)

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# The Visitor

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On Sunday, August 31, 2008, **Dave Miller** will be with us for a seminar on **Islam** at our Bible class and also our morning and evening worship. Classes for the 6th grade and up will meet in the auditorium. Please pray for this effort, make your plans to be here and remember to invite your friends and family to hear these timely lessons.

*The seminar addresses such questions as: Who was Muhammad? What is the religion of Islam? What are Islam's central doctrines? Who are the Sunnis and Shi'ites? Why do Muslim terrorists hate Americans? Does the Quran possess the attributes of inspiration? Are Christianity and Islam compatible? What should Christians do?*

**Islam** is making extensive encroachments into American life. Over 1200 mosques dot the American landscape from California to New York—over half of which have been founded in the last two decades. Politicians now freely include Muslims in their allusions to the social fabric of the nation. Attempts are being made to include the teaching of Islam in the public schools.

Dr. Miller is a graduate of Lubbock Christian University, where he earned a B.A. degree in speech and Bible. He earned his M.A. degree in speech communication from Texas Tech University, and his M.Th. and M.A.R. from the Harding Graduate School of Religion. He also is a graduate of Southern Illinois University, where he earned his Ph.D. in speech communication. For over 30 years, he has served in various capacities for churches of Christ, including pulpit preacher, director of a school of preaching, and host of the nationally televised program, "The Truth in Love," which airs on GBN ([gbntv.org](http://gbntv.org)). As Executive Director of Apologetics Press, he also serves in the Bible Department. Dr. Miller is the author of numerous articles and books, including The Quran Unveiled, Sexual Anarchy, and Piloting the Strait, a highly acclaimed volume examining the problem of contemporary changes in the church. He appears on lectureships and conducts weekend seminars and Gospel meetings 40-50 weekends a year. In addition to speaking on a wide range of biblical subjects, Dr. Miller specializes in presenting seminars on the topics, "The Silencing of God: The Dismantling of America's Christian Heritage," "Islam, the Quran, and New Testament Christianity," "A Trip Through the Bible," and "Must Churches of Christ Change?"

God told us through the pen of Solomon, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). This verse is a constant reminder of two things: 1) We need to work hard. 2) Our lives will soon end where we can do no more work. Thank God for the physical and mental health to work in His service. What a wonderful blessing to be able to see, hear, think, move, talk and all those blessings that so many of us enjoy and can easily take for granted. May we all use our lives in service to God in every way physically possible while we have the time and ability.

## ALLAH VS. THE GOD OF THE BIBLE

Dave Miller, Ph.D.

An honest and objective reading of both the Quran and the Bible reveals a significant clash between the two both in terms of how to conceptualize God, as well as in their respective depictions of the **behavior** of deity. Allah says and does things that the God of the Bible did not and would not say or do. The Quran's representation of the sovereignty of God (like Calvinism) contradicts the character of God by attributing actions to Him that are unlike deity.

For example, the Quran repeatedly represents God, on the occasion of the creation of Adam, requiring the angels/djinn to bow down and worship this first human. All do so with the exception of Iblis (i.e., Satan) who refuses to do so on the ground that Adam was a mere mortal:

Verily We created man of potter's clay of black mud altered, and the Jinn did We create aforetime of essential fire. And (remember) when thy Lord said unto the angels: Lo! I am creating a mortal out of potter's clay of black mud altered, so, when I have made him and have breathed into him of My spirit, **do ye fall down, prostrating yourselves unto him**. So the angels fell prostrate, all of them together save Iblis. He refused to be among the prostrate. He said: O Iblis! What aileth thee that thou art not among the prostrate? He said: Why should I prostrate myself unto a mortal whom Thou hast created out of potter's clay of black mud altered? He said: Then go thou forth from hence, for verily thou art outcast. And lo! the curse shall be upon thee till the Day of Judgement (*Surah* 15:26-35, emp. added; cf. 2:34; 7:11-12; 17:61; 18:51; 20:116; 38:72-78).

This characterization of deity is completely unacceptable. This one incident alone illustrates that Allah is not the God of the Bible. The God of the Bible simply would not do what the Quran says He did. Numerous Bible verses convey the complete impropriety—even blasphemy—that the worship of a mere human constitutes. Humans are forbidden to worship other humans (Acts 10:25-26; 14:14-15). Humans are forbidden to worship angels (Colossians 2:18; Revelation 19:10; 22:8-9). And, most certainly, angels are not to worship mere humans. The Law of Moses declared that worship is to be directed to God (Deuteronomy 6:13; 10:20). When Satan tempted Jesus, and Satan urged Jesus to worship him, Jesus quoted the Deuteronomical declaration from the Law of Moses and then added His own divine commentary: “and **Him only** you shall serve” (Matthew 4:10, emp. added). No one and no thing is the rightful object of worship—except deity! Interestingly enough, Satan's reasoning as reported in the Quran was actually biblical and right. Satan recognized that not only should angels not worship humans, but in view of his own angelic condition, Adam occupied a status that was beneath his own accelerated, celestial existence—a fact affirmed by the Bible: “What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor” (Psalm 8:4-5; cf. Hebrews 2:9). The Quranic depiction of God ordering Iblis/Satan to worship Adam is a serious breach of divine propriety and a further indication of the Quran's conflict with the Bible. [NOTE: As is frequently the case, the Quran appears to have been influenced by Jewish sources, since the Talmudists also represent the angels as bestowing special attention and honor on Adam (*Sanhedrin* 29; *Midrash Rabbah* on Gen. par. 8)].

## Remember in Prayer



## Hospital

**Eloise Rouse** (Nick's grandmother) is at Physician's Medical Center Carraway in room 324.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We rejoice with **Tonya Watson** for her decision to ask for prayers of the church on Sunday.

## Those with Long Term Needs

**Maude Bell, David Burford, Jean Cicero, Ray McGee, Sara Morgan, Billy Starkley, Glenda Terry, Charles Webb, Martha Wiley, Ramona Yeilding, Jessica Ingle**

## Shut In

**Gertrude Blackwell, Ruby Glidewell, Iva Dean Goolsby, Thelma Hudson, Vurvel Jones, Earl Martin, Ruth Parsons, Annette Roddy, Bernice Snow, Ginger Shadix**

## Military

Please remember the following who are currently serving in Iraq: **Tyler Burger & Mark Davis**

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

**Continue to pray for our young people facing temptations of the world. We do have a great group of young people!**

## Church Directory

It is time to update our church directory. We need new photos of everyone. Please see the sign up sheet on the table in the foyer to sign up for a convenient time for your family portrait to be made. Please pick up the information update form, complete and give to **Ann Kilgore**. Pictures will be taken in the Lads/Leaders classroom. Thanks

## Mark Your Calendar/2008

### Summer Series

Aug. 27 How My Home Helps Me Get To Heaven

**Mel Futrell**

August 31-- **Dave Miller** “Islam Series”

Sept. 6 - Faulkner VS Samford football game

Oct. 12-15 - Gospel Meeting, Speaker: **Larry Acuff**

Nov. 20 --- Thanksgiving Dinner

Dec. 31 ---- New Year's Eve Singing

## 2009

Feb. 15-17 -- Singing School, Director: **Burt Jones**

June 7-10 -- Gospel Meeting: **Ken Tyler**

Oct. 11-14 -- Gospel Meeting: **Curtis A. Cates**



**Ron and Mary**

**Hudson** have moved to 331 Hayfield Loop Rd., Dora, AL 35062 and their new phone number is 648-0497.

## The Tuesday Morning Class

will resume on September 9, 2008 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We start back on lesson 5 in *New Testament Volume 3 : 1 Timothy thru Revelation*.

## Elders' Meeting

The elders will meet on Sunday, August 31, 2008 at 2:00 PM. **Paul McCaleb** will chair the meeting. The 2008/2009 budget will be discussed.

Remember the **Linn Park Devo** on Thursday night, August 28, 2008. Please come to give encouragement and teach God's Word. We will need finger foods and snacks.



Ladies, you are cordially invited to attend a miscellaneous **Baby Tea**

in honor of

**Belinda Chappell**

Sunday, September 7, 2008 from 2-4 PM in the afternoon in the Fellowship Hall.

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