

OUR RECORD

ATTENDANCE:	February 10, 2008
BIBLE CLASS:	198
WORSHIP AM:	214
WORSHIP PM:	165
CONTRIBUTION:	\$9,482.25

Count Contribution for February

Shawn Sanford, Barry Hyche, Jimmy Rivers

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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RENEW YOUR MIND

by
Brad Harrub, Ph.D.

Evolutionary Hoaxes

“Ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny.” This phrase, often heard in freshman biology classes, was coined by 19th century German biologist Ernst Haeckel to describe the idea that the human embryo replays the steps of evolution as it develops. Specifically, this theory says that human embryos pass through a progression of abbreviated stages in the womb that resembles primary evolutionary stages (e.g., fish, amphibian, reptile) during the course of development.

While Haeckel’s name might not sound familiar to you, one of the drawings he used to bolster his theory probably is. This now-familiar illustration of embryos of fish, reptiles, birds, and mammals lined up side-by-side is a common staple in most biology and embryology textbooks. This single figure has altered the public consciousness and has become one of the best known “evidences” for evolution. Additionally, some individuals use this principle of “recapitulation” to justify abortion (they argue that after all, at various stages the human embryo is no different from a fish or reptile).

There is only one small problem. Haeckel’s illustration was a fake! He drew the human embryo to look just like the early embryo of the fish, amphibian, and reptile—but it doesn’t. Ironically, the fact that these drawings are a fraud is “old-hat” to biologists. History records that Haeckel was accused of scientific fraud by his peers. Recognition of his falsehoods still appears in scientific journals, as noted in a letter to the editor in the May 15, 1998 issue of *Science*.

We could ignore this pathetic chapter in the history of evolutionism—were it still so popularly used in American textbooks. Even Dr. Benjamin Spock saw fit to perpetuate Haeckel’s recapitulation myth in his well-known book, Baby and Child Care. Spock confidently assured expectant mothers that “each child as he develops is retracing the whole history of mankind, physically and spiritually, step by step. A baby starts off in the womb as a single tiny cell, just the way the first living thing appeared in the ocean. Weeks later, as he lies in the amniotic fluid of the womb, he has gills like a fish” (1998, p. 223).

Make sure your children and grandchildren know when they see these drawings that they are fakes. Humans beings never look like a fish, amphibian or reptile when they are growing in the womb. We were made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26-27), and we must make sure our young people know (and believe) this.

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

**REPORTS FROM SELECTED MISSIONS
SUPPORTED BY ADAMSVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST**

January 2008

1. **Childhaven** – “2007 was a banner year for us. We had new opportunities, major campus renovations completed, and responses to the Gospel were seen. God has been good to us, and we give Him thanks. We were chosen to work in two locations in a pilot program working with and coordinating all services to at risk families. This program is only a few weeks old and we are already seeing good results. I am asking you to help us. Your gift will allow us to close this year in the black and continue this wonderful work. Your investment with Childhaven is paying great dividends. Please keep this work in your prayers.” **Jim Wright**

2. **Ligonier Church of Christ** – “I want to thank you on behalf of my family and myself for the decision to send support our way. We are thankful to be here and the congregation is loving and caring and we want to help the church to grow. We are working on a church website, a pictorial directory and fellowships. We have also been visiting members in their homes and hope this will lead the men of the congregation into helping with visitation teams. Thank you for the great help you are to us and ask that you continue to keep us and the work here in you prayers. In Him, **Steven P. Lucas**”

3. **Faulkner University** – “We were especially pleased to receive your gift of \$200 for The V.P. Black Preachers Challenge. We also get a warm feeling knowing that every gift received means others believe in the work we are doing. Thank you for the gift of money and confidence in us.” Sincerely, **Sam Long**

4. **Amridge University (formerly Regions)** – “This is our 40th year and my faith is renewed in the fact that many of our dreams and visions have been fulfilled. These dreams have been fulfilled in large measure. We must continue to carry these dreams into the future. With God at the center of our plans, we believe this will be done. I want to express to each of you my sincere appreciation for your support of Amridge University, both by prayer and your financial support.” Sincerely, **Rex A. Turner, Jr. Ed.D**

5. **International Gospel Hour** – “We have received your check for the IGH and I am writing to express our deep gratitude. Your contributions are much needed and deeply appreciated. We use the money to purchase the best available time on radio stations to preach the gospel to precious souls for whom Jesus died. Brother Claiborne will continue to preach the truth, addressing the fundamentals of Christianity as well as moral issues that threaten the church and society. It is our prayer that you will continue to support this great work of preaching the gospel of Christ.” Thank you, **David Sain**

6. **Freed-Hardeman University** – “You are such a good friend to our wonderful students. Your gift of \$200 to the Bible Teaching Program will be a tremendous help to our students through daily Bible classes and Chapel. We appreciate your partnership as we engage in the mission of teaching young men and women how to live and make a living. We have been honored by your prayers, humbled by your support, and blessed by your friendship. We pray God’s richest blessings on you and your family.” Sincerely, **Milton R. Sewell**

7. **Ellabell Church of Christ** – “Greetings from Ellabell, Nigeria, and Cameroon! I received your Christmas greetings and wanted to say thank you. It is nice to be appreciated. I appreciate all the signatures from the bretheren there. Thank you so much for your personal commitment to the Great Commission.”

In Christ, **Joe Holloway Jr.**

8. **Truth for the Word** – “Our first full calendar year is at an end. I attended four different lectureships this year. The regular recording of television and radio programs was a large part of the work this year which is the main part of the work I do. We made a couple of big changes. We replaced an old teleprompter and we added closed captioning to our television programs. We greatly appreciate your support for the year and we look forward to working with you in 2008 as we strive to get the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the entire world.” **Richardson Mission Report**”

The Mission Deacons,
Barry Hyché and Ray Bearden

Sick

Bob Daniel is in Princeton with pneumonia. He is hoping for discharge home on Tuesday, the 12th.

Cecil Short is scheduled for shoulder surgery on February 12th at Brookwood.

Beverly Higdon continues to be sick with her back.

Valerie Holmes (Brenda Madison’s niece) is has now been transferred to Shelby Ridge Nursing Home and Rehab.

Jimmy Mullenix (Virginia’s son) is in Princeton in CICU.

Danny Parsons (Janice’s husband) is at Princeton in room 3105.

Abbey Swartz (5 yr old granddaughter of Charlie Akins) came thru the brain surgery well on Feb 8th in Atlanta. She is scheduled to have a major surgery on Feb. 14th.

Please Continue to Pray For..

*David Burford, Jean Cicero, Gwen Johnson,
Sara Morgan, Janice Parsons*

Remember Our Shut In

Gertrude Blackwell, Ruby Glidewell, Iva Dean Goolsby, Vurvel Jones, Earl Martin, Ruth Parsons, Annette Roddy, Bernice Snow, Ginger Shadix, and Beatrice Truett

Pray For Our Troops

Ron Hudson, Stentsen Ellenburg, Mark Davis & Brad Timmons

Youth Happenings

Sunday, February 17 -- Area Wide Youth Devo hosted by
Adamsville.
5:00 PM -- Worship
6:00 PM – Fellowship Meal
7:00 PM – Devo

We will need to bring spaghetti. The speaker is **Tim Hayes** – for the PM worship service at 5:00 and also the youth devo at 7:00. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Franklin Camp Scholarship Fund

In Memory of

*Jewel Martin
by
Dorothy Reagh*

Visitation Teams

Visitation Team #3 will meet on Sunday after our AM service. Our visitors will be invited to join us for a great meal. A copy of the worksheet will also be available on the table in the foyer on Sunday nights. This is a list of those that need encouragement, absentees, birthdays, and anniversaries. Please pick one up and use for this good work.

Mark Your Calendar

2008



- Feb. 17** --- Area Wide Youth Devo
- Mar. 21-23** --- Lads/Leaders meet in Nashville
- Summer 2008** -- Wednesday night Summer Series
Theme: *The Home*
- 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

2009

February 15-17 -- Singing School, Director: **Burt Jones**

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