

OUR RECORD

ATTENDANCE:	February 17, 2008
BIBLE CLASS:	191
WORSHIP AM:	233
WORSHIP PM:	340
CONTRIBUTION:	\$8,383.40

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

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Evolutionary Hoaxes

In 1931, German scientist Alfred Wiedersheim listed 180 human organs as being vestigial or rudimentary—not needed. Today, that list has been all but demolished—thanks to our advancing knowledge of human physiology. However, it appears that in the endless quest to support evolution the vestigial organ will continue to plague us well into the twenty-first century.

Vestigial structures are those structures in man and animals that evolutionists claim to be degenerate, and thus useless. We are told that these structures, while of no value to present-day animals, were at one time useful to their evolutionary predecessors. These structures are said to be “leftovers” that eventually will be lost completely through evolutionary processes of selection.

As late as 1997, *Encyclopaedia Britannica* described the appendix in the following manner: “The appendix does not serve any useful purpose as a digestive organ in humans, and it is believed to be gradually disappearing in the human species over evolutionary time.” However, the importance of this alleged “vestigial organ” was being discussed in medical textbooks as long ago as 1976. As one scientist admitted: “The appendix is not generally credited with significant function; however, current evidence tends to involve it in the immunologic mechanism.” Current medical textbooks describe the appendix as a “well-developed lymphoid organ” and whose “primary function is as an organ of the lymphatic system.” Even with this knowledge, the appendix still is mentioned in some evolutionary literature as being vestigial. But this reasoning begs the question: If our ancestors used an appendix in some earlier function, from which ancestral stock did it “devolve”? The “old” and “new” world monkeys must be more highly evolved than humans, because they do not possess an appendix—**which leaves one to rationalize that monkeys must have evolved from humans!**

Sadly, however, young people are still being taught this falsehood that the body contains organs it no longer needs. It turns out that scientists actually used the word “vestigial,” not to mean a “useless” organ, but instead to say, in reality, “we’re ignorant of what this organ’s function is at this point in time.” As our ignorance wanes, so, ironically, does the number of alleged vestigial organs. Our children need to understand that many organs have been labeled “vestigial” until we actually discovered what it is they do.

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REREADING ROMANS

Recently, a coworker of mine asked me to reread the New Testament book of Romans. Her request came as a result of a discussion we had shared which centered mostly on the question of works. Does one have to do anything to be saved? According to her preacher, it does not matter what one does in this life, as long as he or she accepts Jesus Christ as his or her personal Savior. As some would put it, the work has already been done, so there is no work left for us to do.

This false doctrine of “faith only” is commonly preached in our day and time. There is no question as to why it is such a popularly held belief. If I do not want to be held responsible for my actions or inaction, I can easily accept the notion that it does not matter what I do in this body of which God has given me stewardship.

During our first conversation, I politely gave my friend a list of scriptures that explained to her the responsibilities God has given to New Testament Christians. These included a list of conditions for salvation. After she had read those truths, she asked me to read the book of Romans again. There was no further indication of her thoughts. “Just read it again,” she said.

So, I read the book of Romans again in light of our apparent disagreement. In the first verse, I noticed that Paul described himself as a “servant of Jesus Christ”. A servant is defined as “one employed to care for someone or his property,” and “serve” is defined as “to take care of; to wait on; to prepare and supply; to complete a term of duty...” (Webster’s Dictionary and Thesaurus, 2000). I also noticed that Paul said he was “...called to be an apostle...” An apostle was more literally known as “one sent,” and had a lot of work to do. Not the least of these tasks involved the arduous work of going from place to place preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Already, the epistle to the Romans did not appear to be written by a man who would advise neglecting the work of the Lord. Surely this “servant” would not say that our work is of no consequence.

As I continued to reread Romans, I noticed the word “obedience” in chapter one, verse five. As a matter of fact, some form of the word “obey” is used at least thirteen times in the King James Version of the book of Romans. Paul said that he had received “grace and apostleship” from the Son of God “for obedience to the faith among all nations...” What are the commands in the book of Romans that require obedience? Though I could not find a scripture that commanded the Romans to “accept Jesus Christ as personal Savior,” I did find many other commands. For example, the Romans were commanded, “Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof” (6:12). In chapter 12 Paul gave a list of commands: “...be ye transformed...think soberly...cleave to that which is good...be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love...” (vv. 2, 3, 9, 10). And these are just a few!

Is there still any doubt that our deeds make a difference? Romans 2:6 says that God will “render to every man according to his deeds...” Of course, we understand that “...all have sinned...” (3:23), but we are justified by the blood of Christ and reconciled to God through His death (5:9, 10). The inspired apostle reminded the Romans as we should be reminded: “...so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death...Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death...so we also should walk in newness of life” (6:3, 4). We must be obedient to this “form of doctrine” so that we can be “free from sin” (vv. 17, 18).

No, I have not changed my mind about the essentiality of obeying the commands of our Lord. However, I am thankful that I was encouraged to reread Romans. What a blessing it has been to my life!

—Ashley Kizer

Sick

Martha Wiley is at St. Vincent’s in 329 South. She had a pacemaker put in on Tuesday.

Valerie Holmes (Brenda Madison’s niece) is has now been transferred back to Shelby Baptist for back surgery.

Jimmy Mullenix (Virginia’s son) is in Princeton in Stepdown room 68.

Danny Parsons (Janice’s husband) is at Princeton in room 5126.

Abbey Swartz (5 yr old granddaughter of Charlie Akins) will not be able to undergo the surgery that was planned.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the friends and family of **our dear sister, Gwen Johnson** who passed away Thursday night and was laid to rest on Saturday.

Mark Your Calendar

2008

Prayer List 

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 **Linn Park Devo** on Thursday night, February 28th. Please come to give encouragement and teach God’s Word. We need finger foods and snacks.

Please Continue to Pray For..

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

Pray For Our Troops

Ron Hudson, Stentsen Ellenburg, Mark Davis
& Brad Timmons

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. **Earl Martin**-Laurelton Nursing & Rehab, 850 NW 9th St. Alabaster, AL 35007. **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

Franklin Camp Scholarship Fund

*In Memory of
Ann Pope & Freddie Kizer
by*

*Eulan & Robbie McCaleb
In memory of all the loved ones lost in death
of our congregation
by
Lynn & Earline Powell*

Visitation Teams

Visitation Team #4 will meet Sunday after our AM service. 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 absentees, birthdays, and anniversaries and those that need encouragement. Please pick one up and use for this good work.