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*You're Invited
To a*
Gospel Meeting
October 16-18, 2009
**Elizabethtown
Church of Christ**

Sermon Topics:

- Friday Night**—7:00 p.m.—Did the Founding Fathers advocate “Separation of Church and State”?
Saturday Night—7:00 p.m.—Did the Founding Fathers embrace “Pluralism and Multi-culturalism”?
Sunday Morning Bible Class—9:30 a.m.— Did the Founding Fathers advocate religious neutrality?
Sunday Morning Worship—10:30 a.m.—Was America originally intended to be a “Christian Nation”?
Sunday Afternoon Worship—1:30 p.m.—What can Christians do to save our nation from moral and spiritual destruction?

About our speaker:

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). 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?”

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The Greatest Farce on Earth

Last night I was intrigued as I read a transcript of a part of an interview with renowned atheist, Richard Dawkins. I found the transcript on the **Fox News** website. Dawkins appeared on the *O'Reilly Factor*. What was of interest to me was some of the statements Dawkins made during his interview.

For those who do not know Richard Dawkins, he is a scientist and avowed atheist (he says he knows there is no God) who had written a book a number of years ago entitled *The God Delusion* and has just recently released a book entitled *The Greatest Show on Earth: The Evidence for Evolution* (the title for this article is a play off of the first part of Dawkins title). He also appeared in Ben Stein's documentary, *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*. The more I see Mr. Dawkins try to defend his position, the more I am saddened by what people will choose to believe in an attempt to negate God.

Please consider for a moment what Mr. Dawkins said at one point during his recent interview:

"There's a great deal that science hasn't worked out, and we don't know how it all began. But it's the most extraordinary piece of warped logic to say that because science can't answer a particular question, you're going to throw in your lot with Jesus. And there's no evidence that he did it either. You would never get any evidence with either of them. Throw in your lot with science which at least is working on the problem."

Dawkins later noted:

"You must see that it's quite a remarkable piece of illogic to say that because science cannot fill a particular gap, therefore we have to turn to Christianity."

I believe these statements from Mr. Dawkins really need no commentary; those who read this article can clearly see the blinded bias of such statements.

As Stein's documentary (*Expelled*) espoused, not only will the atheist refuse to factor God into the equation of how life and universe came to be, they also refuse to accept what some thought would soften the animosity in the creation vs. evolutionism debate. Some, by moving the debate into what they thought would remove the religious element, suggested that *Intelligent Design* might provide at least an alternative to the formation of the universe and life that scientists would be willing to accept. Atheistic scientists still refuse to accept this concept fearing they would give too much "sacred ground."

Despite the effort of those in the ID movement to remove themselves from religion in an effort to be taken more seriously as scientists, the scientific community still does not like to accept any idea of intelligent design. Those opposing the ID movement believe that there is complexity in the universe; they simply believe that complexity can be explained someday through naturalistic science. They believe it is an assumption to say that where naturalistic explanations are lacking for "gaps" in science that necessarily means that a designer must fill that gap. Again they believe given enough time, science will find an adequate answer. This is the attitude displayed by Dawkins in the interview mentioned above.

At first hearing, this argument may throw some theists. They may think "Is it fair to make the assumption that the "gaps" in naturalistic explanations should be filled with the designer concept?" The only problem with such thinking is that it is not an assumption at all to affirm that in the areas where science has no explanation, the theist can claim not only *Intelligent Design*, but also God as the one who fills the "gap."

The reason the theist can fill the "gaps" with God is because to do so is not assuming anything. The theist has a body of writings to which they can go to explain certain things that science, no matter how much time they are given, will never be able to answer. The reason such is the case is that the "gaps" the atheists are trying to fill cannot be answered by naturalistic explanations. The answers lie in the realm of the supernatural.

In the realm of the supernatural, God has provided the theist with answers to some of the "gaps" left by science. It is not assumption to go to the body of doctrine and read what is given as an explanation for something science cannot answer, especially when the answer given by God is substantiated by science.

Dawkins is a hero in the scientific community. Sadly enough, the world of knowledge (science) has been reduced to the field of the lack of knowledge and common sense. Remember all true science (knowledge) comes from God and His revelation to mankind, the Bible, will provide the answers man most desires—like where did man come from and what must man do in order to gain the favor of God? I wish no ill will to Dawkins; I pray he will find the knowledge of God before it is too late (Psalm 14:1a)

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY

News and Notes

MARY ANN HARDESTY underwent outpatient foot surgery Wednesday in Louisville. **JEFF STULL**, Wilma Stull's son, will have outpatient surgery October 15 at Hardin Memorial Hospital. **SHERRY MARCUM**, Dan & Sharlene Marcum's sister-in-law, remains in University of Louisville Hospital after suffering a stroke. **BILL CYRUS**, John & Dorotha Weaver's nephew, is dealing with cancer. **JESSE GOFF**, Jim & Dyrena White's brother-in-law, continues to deal with cancer.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Carl & Delsie Axton	Carl Mercer
Betty Addington	Tom Morgan
Neil Burden	Andy Nevins
Dana Fox	Pansy Sells
Howard Gardner	Grace Speer
Faye Guess	Oleta Stranahan
Janice Hardin	Kay Thomason
Roy Johnson	Barbara Underwood
Kent Lane	Lonnie Underwood
Diane Lewis	Dorotha Weaver
J Martin	Lawrence Wells
	Jim White

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers: Robert E. Wooten, Kelly Leverett, Korry Leverett (Iraq), Joe Betterton, Terry Turner, Cameron Ponder, Brett Fleming, Nathan McClain, Ronald O'Bryant, Roni Reed, Hector Meza, Aaron Wellman, Michael Morrow, Israel Fox, Barry Barclay, Brian Wilkins, Nathan Miller, Cody Hutson, Dan Sloat, Gregory Stack

Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Karen Stough and her family in the death of her aunt, Nell Whisenant. Her funeral was held last weekend in Cullman, Alabama.

Thank You

Thank you for your concern, interest, prayers, cards and also the beautiful vase of fall flowers. A special thanks to John Board for visiting with my family and his special prayer on my behalf.

Janice & Charles Hardin

We want you all to know that the cards Howard received are very much appreciated. Special thanks to everyone for all the get well notes since his accident. We love you all.

Howard & Millie Gardner

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **FALL GOSPEL MEETING, October 16-18**, with Dave Miller. Sermons will be presented on "The Silencing of God: The Dismantling of America's Christian Heritage."
- **CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK**, Sunday morning, **October 18**, at noon in the South Wing. CSG #4 will set up and CSG #1 will have clean up duty.
- **5th GRADERS & UNDER TRIP** to Rineyville Blooms, Saturday, **October 24**, at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$5/child (no charge for adults) which includes going through a corn maze, painting a pumpkin, and roasting marshmallows. There is a sign up sheet posted for those interested in going. If rain on the 24th, the rain date will be Sunday, October 25, at 2:00 p.m. Any questions, please see Ken or Monica Bybee.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **October 25**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **YOUTH DEVOTIONAL/CHILI COOK-OFF**, Sunday night, **October 25**, at the home of Ken & Monica Bybee.
- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**, Sunday, **November 1**
- **LADIES RETREAT, November 13-14**, at White Mills Camp

Pantry Items of the Week

Week of 10/18/09—Canned pork'n'beans, peanut butter and soup

Congratulations

Proud grandparents, Gene & Karen Stough, announce the birth of a grandson, Troy Benjamin Allen, born Monday, October 12, in Jackson, Tennessee! He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 19 1/2" long. Proud parents are Bryan & Leanna Allen.

OUR RECORD FOR

October 11, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	135
Sunday Morning Assembly	211
Sunday Evening Assembly	135
Wednesday Bible Study	102
Ladies Bible Class	19
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$7,395

Elder/Coordinator for October
Rick Whobrey

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: What is to make known the "manifold wisdom of God"?

Last Week's Bible Question: Who said, "Is there any taste in the white of an egg?" The correct answer is Job, Job 6:6. Those who correctly answered the Bible Question this week are Joyce Pack, Rick Eiler, Helen Raby, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Katy Watson, Bloria Taylor, Nadine Fulkerson, Lorene Harris and Edna Ashlock.

Please write down your answer and put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email your answer to chofchrist@windstream.net by Tuesday afternoon. Please include the Scripture reference and your name.

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class	10:30 A.M.
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Wednesday

Evening Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Oct. 16-18 — Gospel Meeting w/Dave Miller
Oct. 18 — Congregational Potluck
Oct. 24 — 5th Grade & Under Trip to Rineyville Blooms
Oct. 25 — Singing at Atria
Oct. 25 — Youth Devo/Chill Cookoff, Bybees
Nov. 1 — Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 13-14 — Ladies Retreat, White Mills

1. Isaiah 53-55; 1 Thessalonians 2
2. Isaiah 56-58; 1 Thessalonians 3
3. Isaiah 59-61; 1 Thessalonians 4
4. Isaiah 62-64; 1 Thessalonians 5
5. Isaiah 65-66; 2 Thessalonians 1
6. Jeremiah 1-2; 2 Thessalonians 2
7. Jeremiah 3-4; 2 Thessalonians 3

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