

August 1, 2021



FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Does God Exist?

In 2012, renowned atheist Richard Dawkins was questioned about his unbelief in God. Specifically, he was asked, "What proof, by the way, would change your mind?" He quickly responded by saying, "That is a very difficult and interesting question because, I mean, I used to think that if somehow, you know, great, big, giant 900-foot high Jesus with a voice like Paul Robeson suddenly strode in and said, 'I exist and here I am,' but even that, I actually sometimes wonder if that would..." ("Q&A...", 2012). So, though Dr. Dawkins raises the possibility of the legitimacy of disproving atheism with a 900-foot high, hypothetical Jesus, He continually rejects the historical, miracle-working, resurrected-from-the-dead Jesus Who walked the Earth 2,000 years ago. Sadly, such irrational, hard-hearted unbelief is nothing new. Even some in the very presence of Jesus in the first century, who testified to the supernatural feats that He worked, rejected Him (cf. John 11:45-53; 12:9-11). Thus, it should not be surprising that many will reject the Lord God today despite the evidence for His existence.

Atheists are fond of claiming that their way of thinking is logical, reasonable, and intellectual. Yet atheism irrationally says that everything came from nothing. Atheism says that an explosion caused exquisite order. It says that random chances produced precision and that life popped into existence in nature from non-life. Atheism contends that a well-designed Universe could come about without a Designer. Atheism says that fish and frogs are man's distant forefathers and that intelligence is ultimately the result of non-intelligence. Atheism alleges that either man is on the same moral plane as a moose, or he actually evolved a sense of morality from amoral mice. While trying to convince others he is galloping confidently atop a stallion called Common Sense, atheism stumbles on the back of a donkey called Foolishness.

Theism, on the other hand, is absolutely rational. Why? Because (among other things) (1) matter demands a Maker; (2) life demands a Life Giver; (3) design demands a Designer; (4) intelligence demands an Intelligent Creator; (5) morality demands a Moral Law Giver; (6) the Bible's supernatural attributes demand a Supernatural Author; and (7) the historical, miracle-working, resurrected Jesus demands a supernatural explanation (which demands God). Indeed, the Christian can say with all confidence, "I know that God exists." As former atheist Antony Flew so eloquently concluded: "I must say again that the journey to my discovery of the Divine has thus far been a pilgrimage of reason. I have followed the argument where it has led me. And it has led me to accept the existence of a self-existent, immutable, immaterial, omnipotent, and omniscient Being" (2007, p. 155).

Taken from "7 Reasons to Believe in God," by: Eric Lyons, M.Min. & Kyle Butt, M. Div.

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Worship: Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm; Bible Class 10:15 am

Wednesday: 6:30 pm

NEW OFFICE HOURS AND MEETINGS

The church office will be open Monday-Thursday, from 8am-4 pm.

Also, if you would like to meet with Austin or John, please call the office to set up a day and time.

SICK/PRAYER LIST

Lane Baker, Colton Clifton (deployed overseas), Marjorie Cox, Rayford & Rhoda Gist, Mary Garrett, Eleanor Martin, Helen Parker, Larry Phillips, Paul Richardson, Shelby Wade

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Brian Allen (son of Dwight & Linda Allen), Willie Bird (brother of Mary Garrett), June Jones (mother of Kaye Holderfield), Larry Martin (son of Leo & Hazel Martin-brother of Deb Harrington), Brian Miller (former member at Flo Blvd, attends Sherrod Ave now) has COVID & Pneumonia; Vance Pitts (husband of Patsy Pitts), Dale Thigpen (nephew of Carolyn Poole), has cancer; Brett Wyatt (10 year old son of friend of Amy Dickson-has leukemia)

CEDAR VIEW ASSISTED LIVING: Doug Webster, Room 111

LAUDERDALE CHRISTIAN NURSING HOME:

Mary Nix, Room 6

Continue to pray for everyone that has lost loved ones

WEDNESDAY SUMMER SERIES

Wednesday, August 4th: "A Cup Of Water in the Bible," (2 Samuel 23:14-17; Matthew 10:42); Speaker: Chris Miller

August 11th: "Tents in the Bible," (Genesis 18:1-12; Genesis 13:12); Speaker: Austin Swinea

MEDIA/SOUND ROOM

During the month of August we will be training those interested in helping with the multi-media/streaming responsibilities during worship. Please see Justin Beckman if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

AUGUST MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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WELCOME BIRDWELL FAMILY

John, Hope, and Joseph will begin working with our Youth Group beginning today. John is our new Youth Minister. Next Sunday, August 8th, following **EVENING** services, **EVERYONE** is invited to a "Welcome Meal" honoring them. Everyone is asked to bring finger foods, drinks, and desserts. Also, there will be a table where cards/gift cards to restaurants can be placed if you would like to do so.

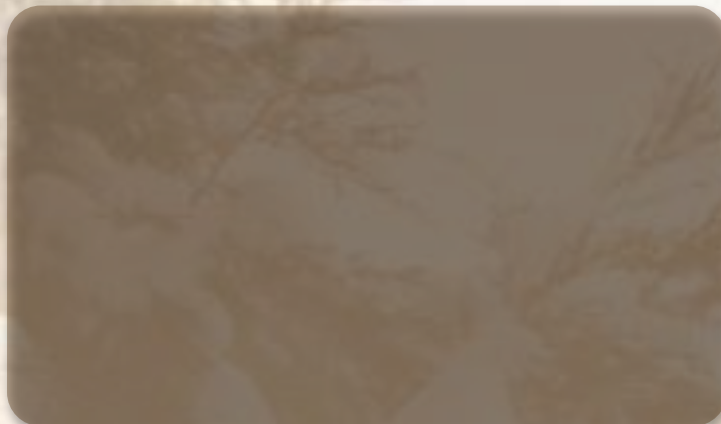


SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Bruce Rivers and his family, in the passing away of Mrs. Linda. She passed away on Wednesday, July 28th. Visitation will be **TODAY**, from 1pm-3pm, with funeral following at 3 pm, all here at Florence Blvd. As her obituary stated, "She was loved by all who knew her and her humor, laughter, and lively conversation will be missed."

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM: 280 / On Line Views: 190
Sunday School: 223 / On Line Views: N/A
Sunday PM: 169 / On Line Views: 191
Wednesday: 170 / On Line Views: N/A
Budget: \$13,300
Contribution: \$ 10,135



Sermon Titles:

AM:

PM:

Assignments

Morning Worship
Scripture Reader:

Evening Worship
Scripture Reader:

Leading in Communion:

Prayers
First –
Last –

Prayers
First –
Last –

Youth Led: (4:55pm)
Song:
Scripture:
Prayer:

Sermon Notes

Key Words:

Outline: