

**PRAYERS**

**Butch and Chris** – Both continue to recuperate and are doing well.  
**Chanice** – Her sister passed away last week. Please pray for her family. The services are set for July 7<sup>th</sup>.  
**Anita** – Doing well after her recent cataract surgery.  
**Mozelle Zumalt** (Cindy’s mother) – Dealing with pain from bone spurs.  
**Zack Opheim** – Continued digestion problems.  
**All of our travelers** – Crawfords, Darlings, Carmen

**Congregation News**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** An employee once stretched his coffee break--all the way to the unemployment office!

**Those Privileged to Serve**

**Sunday Morning Service:**

**7/1/18**

**7/8/18**

Bible Class	Tom Bright	Colby Crawford
Announcements	Tom Bright	Colby Crawford
Song Leader	Tom Bright	Tom Bright
Opening Prayer	Tom Bright	Colby Crawford
Lord's Supper	Tom Bright	Tom Bright
Closing Prayer	Tom Bright	Paul Darling
Sermon	Tom Bright	Paul Darling

<b>Bible Classes</b>	<b>Sunday Morning</b>	<b>Wednesday Evening</b>
Adult	Tom Bright	Tom Bright
Children	Colby Crawford	Linda McBrayer
Toddlers	Cindy Bright	
Babies	Anissa Crawford	

<b>Birthdays &amp; Anniversaries</b>	<b>Building Cleanup</b>
July 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Cindy Bright	McBrayer

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# Aberdeen church of Christ

July 1, 2018

## **It’s just a little thing – Surely we can agree to disagree**

I have heard such a phrase relating to many things, one time on the “little thing” of creation vs evolution. There are many in the world who have taken the so-called science of evolution as a fact of science when in truth it is opposed to true science. Some (even in the church) have sought to modify it and speak of God being the Creator, but insist that He used the process of evolution to create all things (“theistic evolution” is the phrase they use). *But is this after all a “small thing”?*

In Genesis 1:1-31 we find the creation account as given by God. It is clear that the creation was not an evolutionary process, but was done in 6 literal days. Notice that each day of creation had a morning and evening (vs 5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31) and each day is noted by a numeral (first day, etc), which always in the Hebrew language denotes a 24 hour day. Consider a couple of questions:

- (1) If God wanted to communicate that He was speaking with days as we know them, what else could He have done to emphasize it? It is clear that He claims to have created all things in 6 literal 24 hour days (cf. Exodus 20:11)
- (2) If we are to trust in the promises of God (cf. Paul’s comment to Titus “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began” (1:2)), how can we do so if He DID lie about creation?

Consider another passage in Psalms 33: 6-12. It explains even further the danger, and also the horrors of the world we live in and how it relates to this “little thing” of creation being rejected.

*By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. (7) He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. (8) Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. (9) For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. (10) The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect. (11) The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. (12) Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own*

*inheritance.*

The context of the Psalm is that of praise as one considers the power, might and promises of God. But look again at what is attributed to God in these few verses – “By the word of the LORD were the heavens made ... he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.” Remember Genesis 1? In the creation account we read nine times in relation to His creative powers that “He said.” But some ask, “So what... what does it matter?” Look again at Psalm 33. In the midst of proclaiming that God created all things by His power, the Psalmist makes other important proclamations:

- Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him (8)
- The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations (11)

Is it any wonder why society, why individuals, are the way they are when they reject the mighty power of the God of creation? Is it any wonder that man’s hearts are filled with anything and everything other than the thoughts of God?! After all, He is not really the Creator – He was just kind of over a natural scientific process set in motion by natural forces. In Romans 1 we are told:

*...the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: (21) Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. (22) Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, (23) And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. (24) Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness ...*

Let’s not allow the world with its so called science (and that is what it is!), lead us to deny the great power of God and bring Him down to our level. Let’s realize that “He spake and it was done” and thus stand in awe of Him!

#### **Who Am I?**

She was the wife of Felix.

She was a Jewess

She heard Paul preach

Answer last week. **Nathaniel**

## **Can God count on You?**

Do you love God? How much? Are you willing to be fully committed to him in every way? Is there anything you would not do for God (Mark 12:29-30)? We live in a world that is constantly at war, at war with sin (2 Corinthians 10:3-6). Whose side are you on?

Can God count on you to increase your knowledge of his word so you can defend it against false teachers and their disciples? “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). God wants us to go beyond a state of spiritual infancy and advance to maturity (Hebrews 5:11-14). We do this when we pray, study, and apply the Scriptures (Acts 17:11). Will you resolve to study the Scriptures on a daily basis?

Can God count on you to defend the truth against every foe? Too many people will defend the gospel if someone they do not like is perverting it. But, if one of their friends perverts God’s word, they tend to be very tolerant, or they will make excuses for them. When truth is at stake, we should have no friends except God. Do you find yourself wetting a finger and sticking it in the air to see which way the wind is blowing before you take a stand on a controversial issue? The Bible says stand (Ephesians 6:13-14; Jude 3)!

Can God count on you to take an active role in the work and worship of the local congregation? God has not placed the responsibility for building up the local congregation on the shoulders of only one person. The evangelist’s role is to preach the word (2 Timothy 4:1-5); the elders oversee (Acts 20:17, 28-32); the deacons serve (Acts 6:1-6), and everybody is to work (Ephesians 4:16)! As the old timers used to say, “Don’t no one monkey run no show.” In short, everybody’s got to work if we are going to grow. If God can count on me, I must prove it!

#### **Welcome to our Assembly. . .**

Whether you are a first time visitor or a long time member of this congregation, we are happy to have you with us this morning. For those visiting, please make yourself comfortable. A good deal of information about this church and its activities can be found on this sheet. We encourage and invite anyone interested to participate in the activities offered throughout the week. If you have any questions about the facilities, our worship service, or want more information about the church, feel free to ask anyone present.