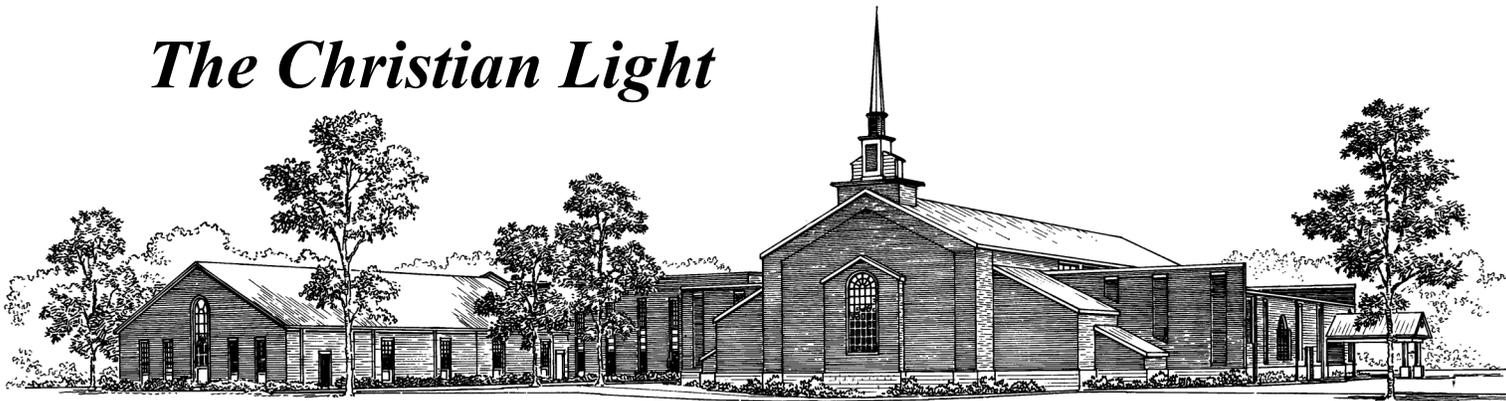


The Christian Light



North Jackson church of Christ, Jackson, Tennessee

GOD IS INVISIBLE ... SO WHAT?

One member of the Wednesday Night College Age and Young Professionals Bible Class shared how a patient/client of hers ridiculed her and other Christians for worshipping and venerating an invisible being. But has this patient/client (a self-proclaimed atheist, by the way) chosen a tactic of mockery that only backfires?

The Bible proclaims God's invisibility—a doctrine Christians readily accept (Rom. 1:20; Col. 1:15-16; 1 Tim. 1:17; 6:15-16; Heb. 11:27; 1 Jn. 4:12, 20). Plus, the crux is whether invisibilities can also be real. When the atheist mocks the possibility for invisible realities, he mocks reality as even he knows it! This is the contradiction that is atheism. Consider the invisible realities below. From them we begin to *see* the real *image* of the biblical God and not the idol-god atheism rejects:

1. **Self-evident truths & principles of logic are also invisible.** Laws of thought differ from laws of society. Congress drafts and passes legislation to govern the state. The state upholds these laws. This is how sociological law works. Yet, laws of logic are at work independent of human invention or agreement. They are grasped by our minds and they lead us to a proper knowledge of what is true and real. They are not reserved for those with a high IQ nor denied to those with a low IQ. All are aware of these first principles and use them. A person cannot even deny their existence without using them. They can neither be demonstrated nor refuted. They are a part of what we refer to as "common sense." These laws are not physical and yet they exist; they are real. They are invisible realities.

2. **Physical forces & goal-directedness in nature are invisible too.** Why does electricity do what it does? It is governed by an immaterial law of nature: electromagnetism. Electromagnetism is one of multiple forces at work in the universe, holding it together and giving it order. Yet, these forces are only identified because of what they do to the objects they affect. They, themselves, are invisible. Likewise, when the seed of the pine tree emerges and grows, encoding in the DNA plus epigenetic information *tell* the plant to become a pine tree rather than a daisy or a cobra. It is directed to its goal of becoming a mature pine tree. These laws are not physical and yet they exist; they are real. They are invisible realities.

3. **Personhood & objective moral values are invisible as well.** When part of a person's brain is removed this individual doesn't become two people. The self is not equivalent to the body. The mind is the invisible self while the brain is the visible organ. A brain surgeon cannot physically locate the mind. In addition, each human recognizes values of good and evil, duties of right and wrong. It is irrelevant whether all human beings agree on the correct category into which these values and duties are to be placed. The point is that every person still distinguishes beliefs, convictions, actions, and inactivity as moral or immoral. Even the so-called amoralist would consider it *wrong* for moral individuals to infer morality from all people, which is self-defeating. These laws are not physical and yet they exist; they are real. They are invisible realities.

These examples warrant more than a possibility of the existence of an invisible being. God is the basis for self-evident truths, principles of logic, physical forces, goal-directedness in nature, personhood, and objective moral values. Without Him these would not be possible (John 1:1-5). Atheism undermines the only plausible explanation for such phenomena and so buries itself in the process.

--josh

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M./6:00 P.M.
Sunday Hispanic Bible Study.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Hispanic Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.
Wednesday Hispanic Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.
Tuesday Ladies' & Men's Classes.....10:00 A.M.
(September – May)

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YOUTH NEWS & NOTES

A Little Request...

It's that time of year again...SCHOOL'S BACK! Many of you are starting this week, and many of our college students are preparing to head back in the next couple weeks. I saw something recently, yes on Facebook, that was initially aimed at freshmen leaving home for the first time, but, if I may, I'd like to add a few of my own to make it applicable to all our students heading back to school. So here it is... A little request. When your mom wants to drop you off at the front of the building on the first day of school, let her. When your dad leaves you little notes in your lunch box, let him. When your mom wants to help you pick out school supplies or unpack all of your clothes and make your bed for the first time, let her. When your dad wants to introduce himself to your friends, or every person on your floor, let him. When they want to take pictures of your first day or of every move you make your first weekend of college, let them. If they embarrass you or act crazy, let them. As you start this new chapter of your life, whatever grade that may be, they are also starting a new chapter of theirs. And believe it or not, this is probably more difficult for them than it is for you. So, let them treat you like their "baby" for a little while longer. While you're learning to be a teenager or young adult, they are learning to parent a teenager or young adult. Thank your heavenly Father every day for parents that love and care for you and want to see you not only grow mentally, intellectually, and physically, but most importantly, want to see you go to heaven. Of course, they'll ask weird questions and make you blush from embarrassment, but I mean this when I say it, they do it because they love you (aaaand because it's a parents prerogative to embarrass you for all the times you've embarrassed them in public). Hug them a little tighter on the first days and pray for them as much as they pray for you. If mom starts to cry for what seems like no reason, let her. She has her reasons. If she gives a real, two arm hug and wants to hear, *I love you, Mom*, let her.
In love, Adam.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- August 5:** Girls' Day in the Sun
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
@ home of **Allen & Michele Verell**
- August 10:** THUMP Day/Medina/7:00 a.m.
@ home of **David & TyJunah Martin**
- August 13:** Back to School Kickoff - Grades 6-12
Following evening worship
@ home of **Adam & Tavia Carlucci**
Families are invited.
- August 17:** THUMP Day/Jackson/7:00 a.m.
@ Chick-fil-A

DEVOTIONAL

Sunday, August 6
Regency Retirement Village @ 1:00 p.m.

SYMPATHY

We express our love and sincere sympathy to **Sherry Carwile** and all the family in the death of her cousin, Jewell Robinson, on Friday, July 28. The funeral was held Monday, July 31, in Huntingdon, Tennessee.

We continue to remember **Moe Cleghorn** and all the family in the recent death of his grandfather, Alton Cleghorn. The funeral was held Tuesday, July 25, in Arley, Alabama.

We continue to remember **Lance & Ashley Norris** and all the family in the recent death of Ashley's grandfather, Clinton Jadwin. The funeral was held in Salem, Missouri on Wednesday, July 19.

BIBLES, UMBRELLAS, AND DISHES

A number of Bibles and umbrellas have been placed on the lost and found table located in the stairwell foyer. If you have misplaced a Bible or an umbrella, please check the table to see if one of them is yours. We will dispose of all that remain unclaimed following evening worship on Sunday, August 6.

Please check the baker's rack in the kitchen to see if any of the dishes that have accumulated there belong to you. All unclaimed dishes will also be disposed of following evening worship on Sunday, August 6.

MISSION EFFORT

David Beach, Susan Henry, Maddie Henry, John & Andrea McCadams, Maddie McCormick; Mark & Alice Moore, Denise White, and Tommie K. Wyatt are scheduled to be in Soesdyke, Guyana August 2-7. While there they will conduct a VBS and worship with and encourage the brethren. Please pray for Patrick Welcome, the missionary in Soesdyke supported by North Jackson, for his family, for this effort, and for the safety of those who will be traveling.

NEW MEMBER



Norma Meek

We welcome **Norma Meek** to the family of God that meets at North Jackson. Norma is the wife of **Denver Meek**. Denver, Norma, and son, Miguel, live at 15 Twin Oaks Place (05). Norma's cell phone number is (615) 955-0938, and her email address is normamiguel2007@gmail.com.

PB & J BACK TO SCHOOL LOCK-IN

Begins Friday, August 11, at 6:30 p.m.
Concludes, Saturday, August 12, at 9:00 a.m.
Parents are asked to sign the list posted on the PB & J board for items they will provide, and to provide money for pizza. They are also reminded they are responsible for their own "camp out" gear.

OUR SICK

NORTHBROOKE: Ben Way, room 408-B
CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Don Agnew; Virginia Agnew; Susan Clayton; Vivian Dickerson; Steve Greenway; Ron Hickman; Betty Jackson (now @ home following surgery); Alan Highers; Marilyn Jones (@ home following surgery); JoAnn Stover (surgery scheduled at Cleveland (Ohio) Clinic on Friday, August 4), grandmother of Sarah Cook and Josh Cook; Brittany Savage, daughter of David & Gail Forbis; Terry Harris, brother of James Harris; Rodney Mullins, brother of Carol Holland; Helen Lents (hospitalized in Florida), sister-in-law of Ron & Beth Lents; Bobby Crittendon, brother of Cathy Powell; Edward Lynn Redfearn (hospitalized in Atlanta), brother of Martin Redfearn; Shawana Wade, niece of Mary Tole; Jim McClain, brother of Janelle Waddell; Kay Wyatt, mother of Scott Wyatt; Bill Mitchusson, father of Heather Young; our shut-ins; those dealing with cancer & other serious illnesses

ICU SNACKS peanuts/raisins

(snack-sized & individually wrapped packages)

PANTRY NEEDS instant rice/spaghetti o's

Thank You so much!

Dear Church,

My husband had a brain tumor. It was successfully removed leaving only slight double vision. God answered your prayers for us and we thank both you and Him. We were awestruck with the peace we had and God keeping our spirits so quiet. We are ever grateful for all who spent time praying for us. God is good - always. God bless you!

*Dale & Joannie Foglyano
(brother-in-law and sister
of Chuck & Susan Clayton)*

To our Family at North Jackson church of Christ,

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, prayers, and food which we received during the recent loss of my mother. Also thank you to Group 2 for the donation made in her memory. We also appreciate the potted plant that we received. Words cannot express how much all of this meant to us.

*In Him,
Mr. & Mrs. Richard McKnight
and Christopher*

Dearest North Jackson Family,

Words fail us when trying to express what you mean to us - always, but especially on the death of my brother, Harry Summer. Thank you for making the journey with us! Your inquiries, calls, hugs, cards, and concern helped so much. We sorrow, but not as those who have no hope! Special thanks to Don & Nancy Mitchell for their presence, to the elders for their prayers, and to all of you for your prayers. We are deeply grateful for you all.

*Lovingly,
Jack & Mary Frances Christie*

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, July 30, 2017

Bible Study.....	456
A.M. Worship.....	585
P.M. Worship.....	450
Wednesday P.M., July 26.....	449

REQUIRED TEACHER TRAINING

If you teach or plan to teach youngsters, ages birth through high school, or serve as a teacher assistant for those ages, you are required to attend a Youth Protection Training Class taught by Sean Jones. If you have not taken the class, please plan to attend the class that will be taught at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 13. See Sean Jones or call the church office to sign-up.

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES 2017-2018 KICKOFF

Please join us on Sunday afternoon, August 13, at 4:45 in the fellowship hall for our 6th annual Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes kickoff meeting. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes program and for our youth to sign up to participate this upcoming season.

NEW BABY



Congratulations to Lee & Jennifer Johnson. They are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Amelia Cate. Millie was born July 17. Proud big sister is Sadie, and proud big brothers are Jack and Will.

FAREWELL

Sunday, July 30, was the last Sunday Jordan Ralph will be with us at North Jackson. He is moving to Knoxville, Tennessee to work on his MBA degree at the University of Tennessee. We love Jordan and will miss him. We wish him the very best as he makes this transition. We hope to visit with him whenever he is in the Jackson area.

GOSPEL MEETING

David Powell will speak in a gospel meeting at the Greenfield church of Christ in Greenfield, Tennessee August 6-11. Please pray for a fruitful meeting and for David's safety when traveling.

AREA GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

August 6-9: Meads Chapel church of Christ & Middle TN School of Preaching & Biblical Studies
Twelfth Annual Restoration Revisited Series
August 6-9: Cherryville Road church of Christ
Family & Friends Day and Gospel Meeting
Weeknights @ 7:00

Those Privileged To Serve

The elders request that those leading in worship and those ushering, please wear a coat and tie. Your understanding and cooperation are deeply appreciated.

Sunday, August 6, 2017 10:00 A.M.

Greeting & Announcements **John McCadams**
Song Leader..... **Ray Poston**
Scripture Reading/First Prayer..... **Doug Hays**
Lord's Table..... **(H) Brian Forbis, Gary Grisham**
(S) Robert Brooks, Chuck Clayton, Donnie Colbert
Don Holcomb, Adrian Jones, Brian Vaughn

Men serving the Lord's Supper are asked to meet outside the training room immediately following the auditorium Bible class.

Closing Prayer **Jon Anderson**
(If unable to serve in worship, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)
Alternates: **Lee Barton, Steve Greenway, Chris Ramey, Randall Renfroe**

Nursery Attendants **Frances Maupin, Pam McAlexander**
Beverly McDonald, Gina Petty
(If unable to serve in the nursery, call **Tavia Carlucci, (615) 491-4211.**)

Sunday, August 6, 2017 6:00 P.M.

Greeting & Announcements **John McCadams**
Song Leader..... **Ray Poston**
Scripture Reading/First Prayer..... **Chad Banks**
Lord's Table **(H) John Hall, Drew Rush**

Please use one of the following translations: King James, New King James, American Standard, or New American Standard.

Closing Prayer **Glynn Carden**
(If unable to serve in worship, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)
Nursery Attendants **Mikall Norris, Jennifer Orphanides**
(If unable to serve in the nursery, call **Tavia Carlucci, (615) 491-4211.**)

Wednesday, August 9, 2017 7:00 P.M.

Greeting & Announcements **Josh Cook**
Song Leader **Brian Forbis**
Closing Prayer **John Verell**
Collect Cards..... **John Brown, Jerry Yarbrough**
(If unable to serve, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)

Ushers For August

Jeff Baker, Scott Dahlstrom, Nick Earls, Daniel Rogers

Balcony Communion: Brian Riddle, Logan Riddle

(If unable to serve, call **John Brown, 803-2823** or **Jerry Yarbrough, 422-5388.**)

Bus Driver for August 2 and August 6: Chris White (731) 437-9090

Bus Driver for remainder of August: Mark Moore (731) 787-0000 or (731) 693-6330

Communion Preparation/Open & Close Building For August: Group 1

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