Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM

Study Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Sunday Morn 11:00 AM Worship Sunday Eve 5:00 PM

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Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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Servants during April:

Songleader: Peter (2), Stanley (9), Larry (16),

Peter (23), Stanley (30)

Reading: Peter **Announcements:** Larry

Table: Marty, Stanley, Mike M, Mike B Wednesday Lesson: Larry (5), Stanley (12), Kris

(19), Larry (26)

Lawn Mowing (week starting): Stanley (2), Larry (9), Kris (16), Marty (23), Stanley (30)

Meetings: Eastside (Russellville),

April 9-14, Tom Holley; **Needmore**, April 9-11, Kent Persall; **Market Street**, April 16-19, Jeff May; **Jordan Park (Huntsville)**, April 23-26, Matt Lannom; **Bethel (TN)**, each Monday 7pm, Series: How we Got the Bible, Scott Richardson

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Obey the Gospel Now?

by Allen Ashlock

Before you die! You could die at any time. Be prepared. Be a faithful and dedicated child of God. The Bible declares, "...it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment," Heb 9:27. There is a horrible price to pay for the person who dies outside of Christ.

Before you can't! A person can live in sin and then suffer in a terrible accident or suffer from a stroke or other disease and be rendered unable to make decisions such as obeying the gospel or being restored to faithfulness. There is a high price to pay for delay in obeying God.

Before you become hard of heart! The Bible declares that some were "...seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron," 1 Tim 4:2. When a person continues to delay in doing right, he will eventually lose sensitivity to the word of God. When a person goes beyond feeling it is impossible to

reach him. Again, there is a high price to pay for delay in obeying God.

Before you lead others to sin! Every person influences others. No one will go to heaven alone and no one will go to hell alone. We will take others with us to eternity. By our delay in obeying God we are leaving a terrible example for others to follow. You may not even know of those who are being influenced by your example and thus are being led away from God. The Bible says, "...A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough," Gal 5:9. You are the "little leaven" that will influence the "whole lump." What kind of example are you? Again, there is a high price to pay for delay in obeying God.

Before Jesus comes! The Lord declared, "Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour," Mt 25:13. We do not know the time when the Lord is going to

return. However, we do know that he is coming again some day. Thus, we must always be prepared. When you delay in obeying God you are endangering your soul for the Lord could come today and if he did you would be unprepared and thus lost. There is a high price for delay in obeying God. Obey today!

Are ETs and UFOs real?

by Jason Lisle

Science fiction programs depict creatures from distant planets, but many secular scientists believe we will one day discover life on other planets. The Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI) is scanning the universe with radio telescopes to detect signals from intelligent aliens. Is the idea of alien life biblical?

The idea of extraterrestrial life stems from a belief that the earth is one of the planets where life could have evolved. With billions of planets, life is almost inevitable in an evolutionary worldview. From Scripture, we learn that God created the earth especially to be inhabited and that the other planets have a different purpose. If the alien life were *intelligent* then they could not be redeemed for their sin—they are not descendants of Adam.

The Bible teaches that the first Adam rebelled against God and brought sin and death into the world. The inherited sin problem keeps all humans from being right with God. Christ was the perfect sacrifice, the Last Adam, and has paid the penalty for our sins by taking on human flesh and dying on the Cross. Christ died once for all. If there were human-like beings elsewhere in the universe who were not descended from Adam, Christ could not be the sacrifice for their sins. Some might suggest that Christ lived and died for each of those societies as well, but that is antibiblical as Christ died *once* for *all*.

There is currently no evidence for extraterrestrial life. If it is inevitable that life evolved at many places in the universe, there should be advanced civilizations that evolved billions of years ago. We would expect that these advanced civilizations could have colonized our galaxy. The absence of life in the universe is called the Fermi paradox. What is a paradox for evolution is actually a *feature* of the universe described in the Bible. Earth was designed for life and the other planets were not.

Many people have seen unidentifiable objects flying in the sky, but these are just that— Unidentifiable Flying Objects. There are many phenomena in the atmosphere and space that can explain these sightings whether or not the individual can explain them or not. How these objects interpreted depends on the worldview of the observer. From the biblical perspective these cannot be alien spacecraft, and there is no tangible evidence to support such a notion.

So why is our culture so fixated on extraterrestrial life, and why does SETI spend millions of dollars searching for life? Discovering alien life would be seen as a vindication of evolution as it is a prediction of a naturalistic worldview. Some surely hope that aliens may have extensive knowledge to share with us—even the key to living forever. The belief in

alien life has become a secular replacement for God. God is the healer of disease and the provider of wisdom and eternal life. The aliens are a way to replace God in this culture.

The first chapter of Romans makes it clear that God has revealed himself through His creation. Many have rejected that message and exchanged the truth for a lie—man's reasoning is set above the knowledge of God. But when we start with the Bible, the evidence is consistent with an earth that is specially created. The magnificent beauty and size of a universe which is apparently devoid of life except for one little world where life abounds, is exactly what we would expect from a biblical worldview.

—via Patterson, Roger, <u>Evolution Exposed:</u> <u>Earth Science</u>, Answers in Genesis, Hebron, KY, 2008, p200,201, by permission.

Pray for our meeting scheduled with Nick Woods, May 7-12!

» Remember in Prayer«

Mike Beckman continues to see specialists to combat his cancer. Hazel's son-in-law, Shane Reed, has chosen to remain home, and stop further treatment for his leukemia. Joyce continue to deal with her cancer, as well.

Pollard's newborn, Paige, was

transported last Sunday to Johns Hopkins in Baltimore; please pray that things would go smoothly as they transition to going home. **Dot** hurt her feet, and can't walk while until they heal.

Let's continue to pray for **Betty**, **Buddy**, and **Carolyn**.