

CHASE PARK MESSENGER

Is There No God?

In Stephen Hawking's final book "Brief Answers to Big Questions," published Tuesday (Oct. 16) by Bantam Books, the professor begins a series of 10 intergalactic essays by addressing life's oldest and most religiously fraught question of all: Is there a God?

"I think the universe was spontaneously created out of nothing, according to the laws of science," Hawking, who died in March, wrote. "If you accept, as I do, that the laws of nature are fixed, then it doesn't take long to ask: What role is there for God?"

When I read these words, I was immediately reminded of the apostle Paul's letter to the Romans. In the first chapter, beginning at verse 18, he addresses these kinds of beliefs, which were common even in the first century. In verses 18-23, he states:

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes 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, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Hawkins did go on to also state in his book: "If you like, you can say the laws are the work of God, but that is more a definition of God than a proof of his existence, with the universe running on a scientifically guided autopilot, the only role for an all-powerful deity might be setting the initial conditions of the universe so that those laws could take shape — a divine creator who caused the Big Bang to bang, then stepped back to behold His work...We have this one life to appreciate the grand design of the universe," Hawking concludes the first chapter of his final book, "and for that I am extremely grateful."

Even atheists like Hawkins had to realize that there was more to our world and existence than our own humanist beliefs would allow, but he could not admit to the existence of our omnipotent God, who created the universe. Certainly, he now knows better, as he died in March 2018.

Paul concluded the section in Romans with a summary in verse 24, *"therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,"*

For the elders

Welcome, Guests

We are honored that you have chosen to visit with us today! Our time of worship together on the Lord's Day is one of the highlights of each week and we are thrilled to be able to share this special time with you.

As we worship, our desire is to do so according to the New Testament pattern and in a way that is pleasing and acceptable to God. It is also our prayer that our time together is uplifting to those who are here including you, our guests. If you have any questions about anything that you see or hear today, please feel free to ask. We would love to speak with you about those things and help you in any way that we can.



Ministers

Rusty Hills.....Pulpit
Pat Cowden Evangelism

Elders

Curtis Hill Dennis Lawson
Sam Kachelman Greg Parker
Barry Todd

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2018 THEME:

I AM THE CHURCH



YOUTH NEWS

Children's Ministry (Little Lights-6th Grade)



Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)

Every Wednesday Hang Time
(5:30)

Every Monday M4 (7:00)

Oct 28 Youth Devo
(after p.m. service)

Nov 3 Girl's Day
@ Chase Park

Lads to Leaders

Sign-ups continue until
end of November.
Registration fees due then.

Oct 28 L2L Work Day
(2:30 p.m., Youth room)

Theme for 2019:
I AM
(Exodus 3:14)

*Stay tuned for more details on these events or see
Joel Heady, Wes McDonald, or Stephen Trammell for more information.*

Outreach News—Pat Cowden

Last weekend we had our Fall Festival and our Sunday church-eat-church Friend's Day. Both were a great success with 276 people attending the FF and 405 in attendance for our Friends Day worship service. Having 111 visitors to FF gives us the enviable problem of having a lot of contacts to reach out to. I began the second part of that process on Monday and Tuesday by sending personal notes of thanks for their attendance and inviting them to come again and see what we are all about.

The third part of that process begins Monday when we will be trying to see them again face to face as we go visit them at their homes and invite them to services here at Chase Park. With having three or four recent responses and baptisms and then our annual outreach through FF happening, it truly is an exciting time to be a member of our congregation. The ministry staff and elders encourage you to become involved. If you do not know what that means or involves ask me or come to Monday Night for the Master tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m..

As we seek to learn how to be more effective at talking to others about spiritual matters, we need to be thinking about and praying for those who are at the forefront of our minds. Those who you already know and who might just say yes to an invitation to a service or to come over for a meal or to watch a game. (Who would refuse an invite to watch college football???) Perhaps you know someone in your neighborhood or from work who is struggling with something in their lives. Maybe they have lost a loved one or have a family member who is in the hospital or nursing home. I would love to help you connect with them in a way that will eventually lead to exploring spiritual matters.

Evangelism challenge:

We will have an opportunity tomorrow, Monday the 29th, to try to connect with families who came to our Fall Festival last Saturday. We would love to have you come help with that from 6:30-8:00p.m.!

Remember, I love you in the Lord and want to go to heaven with you.

Pat



News Of Interest

Sick

Home: Richard Franklin, Betty Meadows

Sympathy

We express sympathy to the family of **Allison Cumberbatch** in her death in Nevis. Her husband, Cuthbert, is the preacher at the Mt. Lily church there.

AGAPE Annual Dinner

Thursday, November 1, 6:00 p.m., Mayfair Church of Christ. Tickets \$20/person.

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 4, 2018

Set your clocks back one hour Saturday night, November 3, 2018.

Pantry Item:

Flour (All Purpose or Self –Rising)

“Dear Church Family,

Thank you

The family of Leo Johnson wishes to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to you for each act of kindness and thoughtfulness shown during the recent illness and death of our loved one. Your support of meals, cards, calls, visits, and prayers comforted each of us. God bless you.”

Dorothy Johnson

“Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Thank you so much for the sweet cards, food, phone calls, and prayers while I have been recovering from shoulder surgery. I am so thankful for the ladies who took me to therapy and doctor’s appointments, as well as the men who sat with Mark while I was in surgery. It is wonderful to know that we have such caring Christian friends. I still have a long road ahead of me but with all your support I know I will get through it. Thank you again for everything! Love always,”

Mark and Jan Rowe

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Meeting

B and H will meet today for potluck. **B leaders: Crabtree, Wells; H leaders: Jennings, Lambrecht, McCall.** **C and I** will meet Sunday, November 4, 2018. **C leaders: Champion, Landman; I leaders: J. Adams, Peacock, Pond.**

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.
Speaker: **Barry Todd**
Song Leader: **Paul King**

Hospital Visitation

Team (4) **McCall** please pick up your assignments after p.m. service.

Monday Night for the Master

Tomorrow, 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, October 31. Will go out to eat. Small bus will be available.

2nd Annual Chase Park Girl’s Day

Saturday, November 3, 2018, 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Speakers: **Marcia Lindstrom** and **Kaylee Rosenblum.**


Evangelism Campaign

November 8—15, 2018, to Highlandville, MO. Sign-up sheet is at Hospitality Desk.

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM NOVEMBER 4, 2018	
READING	Jared Olbricht
F PRAYER.....	Steve Watson
LS PRAYER.....	Tim Row
C PRAYER.....	Jon Rosenblum

SUNDAY PM NOVEMBER 4, 2018	
READING	Tyler Hills
F PRAYER.....	Andy Phillips
C PRAYER.....	Mark Stiegler

 November Birthdays 	
1 Kay Sims	16 Ally Hills
2 Nancy Pond	Ashley Hills
3 Darryl Wells	18 Lisa Smith
Alicia Morrison	Donell Parker
4 Celeste Gustin	19 Tyler Hills
Angie McGee	20 Rudye Cabe
Parker Clark	Mary Darnell
5 Ruth King	Carolyn Rice
6 Scott Gates	Whitney Williams
7 Joan Parker	21 Ginny Pryor
Randy Jenkins	23 Gladys Parker
8 Wesley McDonald	25 Robyn Brumlow
9 Edna Sanders	26 Ben Boggess
11 Seth Davis	28 Billye Phillips
Randal Jennings	Mark Sheridan
Lindsay Jones	Pam Huggins
Doylene Coffey	30 Nicole Olbricht
13 Stefanie Benson	Vincent Schneider
15 Tim Row	

Focus For
SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

*I Am A Part
of God's Family*

I AM THE CHURCH



Chase Park
CHURCH of CHRIST

*Chase Park Church of Christ
2nd Annual Girls' Day*

Choose Kindness

Ephesians 4:32

Saturday, November 3rd
9:00 A.M.

Speakers:
*Marcia Lindstrom
Kaylee Rosenblum*

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Statistics

Sunday, October 21, 2018

AM Worship	405
Month Average	364
Bible Class	316
PM Worship	218
Wed., Oct. 24, Bible Classes	258
Regency Ret. Worship	NC
Offering.....	\$18, 659.22
Budget	\$18,000
Average '18.....	\$18,602
Over Budget for year	+\$25,299
Building Fund	\$0.00

Services

Sunday

Worship	9:00 a.m.
Bible Class.....	10:15 a.m.
Worship	5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Super Seniors.....	10:00 a.m.
Bible Class.....	6:30 p.m.

Web Site Home Bible Studies

<https://www.cpcofc.org/home-bible-studies>
(Lesson 1 Link)
The Bible—God's Holy Word