

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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**THE BIBLE AND THE BIBLE ONLY, MAKES
CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS ONLY.
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS COMPOSED
OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE NOT
JOINED A DENOMINATION.**

StoneRidge Church of Christ

where CHRIST is the chief cornerstone
1 Peter 2:7



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A Great Moral Lawgiver

THAT EACH PERSON HAS A CONSCIENCE IMPLIES A GREAT MORAL STANDARD BY A GREAT MORAL LAW-GIVER.

Conscience is that sense of what we “ought” or “ought not” to do. It is a sense of “right” and “wrong,” with a compulsion to do what we believe is right. Everybody has one. When it’s tender the thought of doing something wrong bothers us and can deter us from wrong because we don’t like the feeling of violating our conscience. But if you keep violating it, it will eventually become useless because it has become hardened (1 Tim 4:2).

Once we violate our conscience we then feel guilty. Guilt is given to deter us from further wrong. Is it merely an accident that everyone has a conscience? How could it have evolved from non-moral matter? Something cannot give that which it does not have. It had to come from an intelligent Moral Lawgiver. God gave us conscience and guilt for a good reason.

Many people try to silence their conscience and tranquilize their guilt through intoxicating drinks and drugs. A high percentage of crimes are committed by people who re under the influence of alcohol and drugs. It gives them false courage to commit a crime they wouldn’t have had the courage to do while sober. The impairment of the mind is the sin committed by those under the influence. →

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Our conscience has to be trained to know the difference between right and wrong. If it hasn't been trained it may work against us.

Before his conversion, the apostle Paul was persecuting Christians, even putting them to death. He said he had a good conscience while doing it because he had been misled to think that Jesus Christ was an imposter and Christianity was a hoax (Gal 1:13-17; Acts 23:1; 24:16). When he learned the truth, he was sorrowful, and repented of his sins. He then became one of the greatest proclaimers of the gospel. And even gave his life. He went from being the persecutor to the persecuted.

What other reason could there be for man's being given a conscience if there is no standard by which to order and measure it? This implies a revelation of the will of the Law-giver. The Bible is that revelation that teaches us right from wrong. -db

"It was only a sunny smile,
and little it cost in the
giving,
but like morning light
it scattered the night
and made the day worth
living."

-F. Scott Fitzgerald



Atheism teaches intelligent life can come from non-intelligence. What atheism proves is that non-intelligence can come from intelligent life.

News/Notes/Quotes.

THE SICK. **Jane Cureton** continues in NEA Baptist therapy following her stroke...**Charles Wayne French** (Nola Christenberry's brother) continues with cancer treatment. Lately it has been as an out-patient St. Bernard Hospital... Continue to remember **Jerry Spencer's dad** is still in St. Bernard Hospital with a stroke, room 1112. Also **Pat Spencer** (Jerry's mom) who is dealing with stage 4 liver cancer. ... **Toby Rand's mother** is still in NEA Baptist Hospital following surgery. She has been there over 11 days...**Charles Bradsher** is also in NEA Baptist with sepsis. Remember him and his family... Taylor Harbin's cousin is still not doing well. Prayers needed...**Donald Crisler** continues his treatment for cancer... Remember our shut-ins: **Madonna Vines** is confined at home. **Bob** and **Jean Evans** are confined at home... **Gail Brooks** and **Rita Kieffer** are both at St. Bernard Village... **Shirley Coots** at Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... **Joyce Riley** is at St. Elizabeth's Place... **Charles Bradsher** at Craighead County Nursing Home... Continue to remember all of these in your prayers.

MOVING. Today will be Iris Ladd's last Sunday with us due to her move to Conway. We are going to miss her, but we wish her much happiness there. Her new address: 34 Jackie Lane, Conway AR 72032.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Oct. 21-23 – Raymore, MO – Dick Blackford

Either the Bible will
keep you away from sin,
or
Sin will keep you
away from the Bible



by November 2011

The only nation that, in some way, does not become Babylon is the holy nation of God, the body of Christ. God's nation today is not marked off by physical boundaries or ruled by earthly kings. It is the nation of which Christians are citizens first and foremost. Let us act accordingly:

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." (1 Pet 2:9-10)

"Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain." (Phi 2:14-16)

"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself." (Phil 3:20-21).



If every member were just like you, would we need to build more seats or close the doors?

