Bible 101 – Think about this…

When considering the first chapters of Genesis, let’s note how the relationship between science and faith is often misunderstood. The Bible was not written in a scientific age, nor was it inspired by science methods, or equipped with scientific data. It’s a theology book, anyway, not a science book.

Science is limited to the observable and can only deal with measurable data. So science is an excellent method God has given us to answer the questions What?, Where?, When?, and How?.

Faith is not limited to the observable (see Hebrew 11:1) and faith deals with issues of purpose and meaning. Thus, the Bible is interested in such questions as Who? and Why?.

The supposed conflict between science and faith is only in the minds of people who confuse these concerns. The two methods of knowing go together nicely, like two hands clapping.
Wednesday dinner, Sept. 30 - 6:00 PM
Menu: POT LUCK NIGHT – Please bring a dish or two of meat, vegetables, or desserts… and we’ll enjoy a nice variety of food!

Sept. 30 - Music & Missions for Kids - 6:45 to 7:30 PM
Children learn exciting ways to serve God through missions and how to play children's hand bells. For ages through 5th grade; nursery is also provided.

Handbells – 6:45 PM

Video: The Fall of Jericho…
an archeological/historical look at a Bible event

Choir – 7:30 PM

The family and friends of Francis & Levis Crump invite you to the celebration of their 70th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday, October 4, 2009 at 2:00 PM
Mount Hermon Baptist Church
18100 Genito Road, Moseley, VA

Your presence at this celebration will be your treasured gift to them on this special day. – RSVP to Kay Hancock, 804-739-2253 or FranKay8@comcast.net

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE
Sunday ministers

Children's Church
  Sept 27 – begin Christmas program practice
  Oct 4 – Christmas practices continue

Nursery Care
  Sept 27 – Felice & Bill Hall, Jr., Dustin Pratt
  Oct 4 – Carolyn, Billy & Shane Bare

Ushers
  Sept 27 – Kitty Snow, Billy Bare, Woody Carter,
             Rita Utley, Vincent Russell
  Oct 4 – Levis Crump, Rachel Boothe, Bob Lanier,
           Barry Flora, Charles Payne

New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

- Ilene Rutherford, having surgery next week
- Sandra Hauser, blood clot in leg
- Mitchell Heath, knee injury
- Rita Prather, home from hospital
- Peiling Zhao’s parents in China: her father is to be operated on Friday for stomach cancer, and her mother is in hospital with blockages in the arteries of her neck. Peiling is now in China with her parents.

Congratulations to Kevin Godsey and Karen Denneny who were married last Saturday, September 19 in Ashland, VA. Kevin is the son of David & Penny Godsey.

Note of Appreciation...

Having such a wonderful church family has blessed our lives in so many ways. Thank you all for the prayers, cards, calls, and visits during and after Michael’s surgery. He has recovered wonderfully and is back to being his fun-loving, rambunctious little self.

  – Bill, Felice, & Michael Hall
Thank you so much for your prayers, love, and concern. Your thoughtfulness meant so much. I am doing okay and healing well. It means so much to know that our children are in such a loving church. May God richly bless you.

Love, JoAnn White (Gina Thompson’s mother)

Jean Boykins, the mother of Beth Paul, thanks the members of Mount Hermon for remembering her in their prayers. Your thoughtfulness has made her trip to Tampa [for surgery] go much easier. So far, the surgery seems to have been a success, and she thanks everyone who was kind enough to pray for her.

Happy Birthday this Week!

Sept 27 - Herman Morris Oct 1 - Corey Hatcher
Sept 29 - Carly Bare Oct 1 - Jane Wilkinson

Quotes for Today

A smile is the shortest distance between two people. - Victor Borge

You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your grandfather was. - Irish Proverb

Between two evils, choose neither… between two goods, choose both.

- Tryon Edwards

Sunday – September 20, 2009

Sunday School - 37 Contributions $ 3,180.00
Worship - 98 Avg. weekly needs 3,765.00
Building Fund - $25.00

Given to date: $ 137,894.00
Total budget needs: 143,070.00

From the Pastor  Believe in Germs?

Although you can’t see germs, you believe they exist. All your life germ theory has been pressed upon you by your grandparents, parents, teachers, and friends. So, given such pervasive input and persuasive evidence and experience, you believe germs exist and that they can affect your health in serious ways. The fact that microscopes can photograph germs now simply provides further proof, but day-by-day, you still believe without seeing.
For many decades after being first proposed, germ theories were resisted, even by the brightest, most experienced physicians and surgeons. They had a tough time believing in something they could not see. Lots of patients died needlessly as doctors applied unwashed hands and medical tools on one person after another. Yeesh!

This fall, the H1N1 flu virus might run rampant through the nation and world population. Perhaps not. But if it does, we could/should take steps in our church life to minimize germ transfer, perhaps by doing less hand shaking and hugging at church for awhile. We will also place hand-sanitizers around the building and encourage people to use them liberally. Yes, we’ll do such things because we believe in germs.

You’ve never seen God, have you? But you believe God exists, and that He is working in your life even today. Your relationship with Him will ALWAYS be a matter of faith until that Day He chooses to make Himself known face-to-face. -- So press on, you faith-person, you! The more you trust Him, the more real He becomes!

In His love,

Lee

Worship – September 27, 2009

Thoughtful Preparation for Worship
Call to Worship Jesus, Name Above All Names Choir
Scripture Call to Worship Matthew 4:18-22 Wayne Boothe
Invocation Prayer
* Song of Praise 56 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
* Praise Be to the Lord God Psalm 72:17-19
* Greet each other…
Welcome and Church Highlights
Children’s Time Lee Ellison
God’s Word James 4:13-17
Prayer
* Offering Song 52 “He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought”
* Offertory Statement & Prayer Wayne Boothe
Solo I Will Praise You in This Storm Dana Heath
[older children go to Children’s Choir]
Scripture Mark 9:30-37
Message Lee Ellison

God Has a Plan for Your Life?
* Commitment Song 64 God Will Take Care of You
* Parting Blessing
* Parting Song I've Got Love Like a River Choir