

CHURCH OF CHRIST

of Genesee County

5284 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan 48507

Schedule of Services

Worship...	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
	Sunday	6:00 p.m.
Bible Study...	Sunday	10:00 a.m.
	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.

July 12, 2020



Matthew 26:27 “And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;”

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Fellowship Dinner is on hold due to COVID-19 concerns. We do apologize for the confusion. All of us want the Fellowship Dinner, yet there are some reservations whether it is wise or not. So, we will wait until we can move forward with confidence knowing everything is safe.

PRAYER LIST

Marty and Joyce Stearns.

Gracie, Tracy and Austin Clark.

Cindy Dobbs—heroine in the fight against COVID-19 as a healthcare worker. Pray for her often.

Joan’s brother Hurley (had heart surgery this past week) and Opal, sister Christena Apostolico in Ohio—health problems, and Donna

Bill Alldaffer—encouragement

Cindy Atkinson—health. (knee), Cindy’s friends-Ireland Family, Wayne Hamilton, Kathy, Jody Rynca-cancer, Mitchell Larson and Walt and Ilene Davenport—health, Marie Hall—health. Friend Jackie is in need of prayers.

Betty requests prayers for Earlene Currier-health-Betty’s Aunt, Betty’s daughters: Donna, Carrie, Susan Wills, Debra and Lauren Weidner-grand-daughter, Joyce Harrison—Betty’s cousin

Jeff Stevens—health

Chere’ - request prayers for Priya and Daniel

John and Linda Schafer-wife Linda is in need of prayer

Rachel Hall—health problems

Dale and Sue Gregory—health

Food closet: Cereal

SERMONS

AM: Job Followed The Truth

PM: “Render...honour to whom honour” Rom 13:17

Lauren King and Women Preachers

In the long ago, Moses warned Israel with these words: “When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations” (Deut. 18:9). God did not want His people to become like the Canaanites. He gave them His law so they could be a people set apart for His holy purposes. A New Testament admonition that is similar to the one given by Moses on the banks of the Jordan is found in Romans 12:2. Paul writes: “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.” Paul told the saints in Rome: “Do not let the world mold you.” Instead, they were to be radically altered through their adherence to the Word of God. Again, God’s precepts were to separate His people from the world so they can carry out God’s divine purposes. Over the last 50 years, God’s people have not been content with the practice of holiness as outlined in God’s Word. We no longer desire to be different—to be strange. We have become like Israel of old and desire to be like the nations around us (1 Sam. 8:4-5). Our speech, our dress, our behaviors, and our worship look almost exactly like the world. When worldly concepts are introduced into our churches, it seems that many people love to have it so (Jer. 5:21). One of the moves that many brethren have made over the last several years concerns the role of women in the church. Women are being used in roles which in times past were filled exclusively by men: serving on the Lord’s Table, leading public prayers, leading singing, being elders, deacons, and preachers in pulpits. One of the most recent cases is found in the Fourth Avenue Church of Christ in Franklin, Tennessee. They have hired a young lady named Lauren King to assist as a “preaching minister” for the congregation. Recently (11/23/2014), she presented her first lesson to the church on a Lord’s Day morning. A video made the rounds through social media about this new “minister” for the church on Fourth Avenue. This video reveals more to us than just the fact that a woman is preaching in the pulpit. In this article, we want to discuss some of the things that were said and how God’s holy Word is being

mocked and defied by Miss King and the Fourth Avenue Church. One of the things that Lauren said is that the Lord has “made it clear” that while in college at David Lipscomb University she needed to pick up a preaching emphasis in her training.

One thing that needs to be asked is: “How did the Lord make this clear to Miss King?” We know that God has made known His will in the pages of the Bible. She did not hear the Lord’s voice from the Bible telling her to pick up a preaching emphasis. In fact, had she listened to God’s Word, she would have heard just the opposite. The New Testament instructs women with these words: “But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence” (1 Tim. 2:12). Lauren does give us a little insight as to how she perceives the Lord’s voice. She says that she knows the Lord’s voice when she has “peace when I walk through open doors.” In essence, she is saying that as long as her conscience is clear when she does things, then she believes God’s voice is approving her actions.

Lauren needs to take some lessons from Saul of Tarsus about this approach to God’s approval. When Christianity burst onto the scene on Pentecost Day in Jerusalem, Saul was a faithful Jew. He had steadfastly obeyed the Law of Moses all of his life (Phil. 3:4-5). In his zeal for the Law of Moses, he persecuted the church of Christ (Acts 9:1-2; Phil. 3:6). In Acts 23:1, we learn that this Jewish zealot never suffered the sting of conscience in all that he did. “And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.” Saul always had peace of mind in all that he did, even when he was disobedient to God. A feeling of peace deep within does not indicate that God approves of one’s actions. If this were the standard, then every person who is religious would be acceptable to God. Lauren King has accepted a false standard of authority that will cause her to be lost in the last day if she continues to accept it as her guide.

—Victor M. Eskew Via Seek The Old Paths

“Living Fossils”—Evolution’s Innate Circular Reasoning

Another earthshaking find within the evolutionary community only spotlights once again the inherent irrationality of the faltering, fallacious theory. During a Southeast Asian expedition, retired Florida State University science professor, David Redfield, captured the first photos of the Laotian rock rat, once believed to have gone extinct more than 11 million years ago. The fossilized remains, collected previously from sites in Pakistan, India, Thailand, China, and Japan, were thought to verify this last known relative of a long-extinct family of rodents known as Diatomyidae (“Retired Professor Captures...,” 2006). Surprise, surprise—another alleged “ancestor” eliminated from the tattered evolutionary tree.

Observe the two contrasting, conflicting, mutually exclusive approaches to the created realm:

1. **Evolution:** All animals we see today are advanced forms of primitive precursors, and descendants of a single ancestor. As more advanced forms have evolved by means of adaptation, natural selection, survival of the fittest, and genetic mutation, the earlier forms were naturally displaced and disappeared. Fossils, millions of years old, represent life forms that were the evolutionary predecessors of present life forms, but which went extinct long ago.

2. **Creation:** God created a spectrum of animals during the

six-day week of Creation. While reproducing only after their own “kind” (an ambiguous Hebrew term that likely parallels the modern taxonomic classification “family”), these animals were created with the genetic potential for producing a variety of other species, giving rise to the diversity of animal life presently on the planet. Along the way, due mostly to environmental factors, many animals have become extinct. However, other species have escaped detection by humans for centuries, only to be rediscovered in some remote area.

Which of these two viewpoints fits the actual physical facts? Obviously, the latter. Evolutionists repeatedly find themselves in the embarrassing position of discovering that the alleged evolutionary ancestors of current life forms, that supposedly went extinct millions of years ago, are in fact still living. They are forced to cover their tracks by inventing a self-contradictory, nonsensical term to identify these anomalies—in this case, “living fossils.” But that’s like a round square. Philosophers and logicians refer to such duplicitous posturing as irrational and “logical contradiction.” Evolutionists call it “science.”

by Dave Miller, Ph.D.

REFERENCE

“Retired Professor Captures a ‘Living Fossil’ on Video” (2006), *Research in Review*, June 13, [On-line], URL: <http://www.rinr.fsu.edu/rockrat/more.html>.

THREE THINGS IN LIFE

Three things in life that, once gone, never come back-
Time, Words, and Opportunity.

Three things in life that may never be lost-
Peace, Hope, and Honesty.

Three things in life that are most valuable-
Love, Faith, and Prayer.

Three things in life that are never certain -
Dreams, Success, and Fortune.

Three things in life that make a man-
Hard Work, Sincerity, and Commitment.

Three things in life that can destroy a man-
Lust, Pride, and Anger.

Three things in life that are truly constant-
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

-Author Unknown

Jericho



Joshua 6:20 So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.