

**NEWS & NOTES--January 25, 2009**

**HOSPITAL/SICK:** Richard Akins (had out-patient surgery last Monday at St. Bernard's); Bryan Nichols (is now in Denver for treatments), Corey Tate is recovering from surgery.

**PRAYER LIST:** Earl Baker, Xander Bratten, Juanita Baugh, Bill Cullen, Eva Cullen, Aunean Etter, Jerry Houston, Ki Houston, Kale Joplin, Nelma Kent, Glenda Lane, Josephine Pearce, Doug Puckett, Maxine Rose, Jewel Watkins, Earl Whittingham, Freida Williams

**WED. (1/28):** Lorne Hazlewood, speaker, Meal: Pizza

**MARK CALENDARS:**

Sat., 2/7--Breakfast for Elders, Deacons and wives 9:00am, Fellowship Hall.  
Sun., 2/8--Bono Buddies, 6:00pm, Aud. (notice this is shifted from 2/1 due to the Super Bowl)

**PANTRY ITEM:** Toilet Paper

**LOST:** Ladies, if you are missing a red leather jacket, please check the ladies' restroom.

**YOUTH:** 7th grade and up are invited to Christeens Youth Rally in Russellville February 20-22. Cost is \$40 per person plus money for 5 meals.



**Destinee Rena Tate**  
Born: January 17  
6 lbs 7oz

Parents: **Corey and Shenna Tate**  
Grandparents: **Nick and Myra Tate & Randy and Penny Kirsey**

RECORD / Week of 1/18/09

AM Class -----	139
AM Worship -----	297
PM Worship -----	124
Wed. Class -----	124
Contribution -----	\$5572.45

**Annual Church Clean-Up Day  
Saturday, January 31**

**Meet in auditorium at 9:00 am  
for assignments.**



**Please bring buckets, rags, etc.**

**If we have lots of help, we should finish well before noon! See Wilson if you have any questions.**

**We need your Help!!!!**



**Pictures Needed**

If you were unable to get your picture taken for the new directory you may submit a picture (no bigger than 5 x7) to the office. If you submit a professional copyrighted picture, you must secure and turn in a release form with the picture.

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The pacing stopped. "Science says you have five senses you use to identify and observe the world around you. Have you ever seen Your Jesus?"

"No sir. I've never seen Him."  
"Then tell us if you've ever heard your Jesus?"  
"No, sir, I have not."

"Have you ever felt your Jesus, tasted your Jesus, or smelt your Jesus? Have you ever had any sensory perception of Jesus Christ, or God for that matter?"

"No, sir, I'm afraid I haven't."  
"Yet you still believe in him?"  
"Yes."

"According to the rules of empirical, testable, demonstrable protocol, science says your God doesn't exist. What do you say to that, son?"

"Nothing, I have only my faith."  
"Yes, faith," the professor repeats. "And that is the problem science has with God. There is no evidence, only faith."

The student stood quietly for a moment, before asking a question of His own.

"Professor, is there such a thing as heat?"  
"Yes," the professor replied. "Of course."

"And is there such a thing as cold?"  
"Yes, son, there's cold too."  
"No sir, there is not."

The professor turned to face the student, obviously interested. The room suddenly became very quiet. The student began to explain. "You can have lots of heat, even more heat, super-heat, mega-heat, unlimited heat, white heat, a little heat or no heat, but we don't have anything called 'cold'. We can hit up to 458 degrees below zero, which is no heat, but we can't go any further after that. There is no such thing as cold; otherwise we would be able to go colder than the lowest -458 degrees."

"Every body or object is susceptible to study when it has or transmits energy, and heat is what makes a body or matter have or transmit energy. Absolute zero (-458 F) is the total absence of heat. You see, sir, cold is only a word we use to describe the absence of heat. We cannot measure cold. Heat we can measure in thermal units because heat is energy. Cold is not the opposite of heat, sir, just the absence of it."

Silence fell on the room. "What about darkness, professor. Is there such a thing as darkness?"  
"Yes," the professor replied without hesitation. "What is night if it isn't darkness?"

"You're wrong again, sir. Darkness is not something; it is the absence of something. You can have low light, normal light, bright light, flashing light, but if you have no light constantly you have nothing and it's called darkness, isn't it? That's the meaning we use to define the word." "In reality, darkness isn't. If it were, you would be able to make darkness darker, wouldn't you?"

He began to smile at the student. This would be a good semester. "So what point are you making,?"

"My point is, your philosophical premise is flawed to start with, and so your conclusion must also be flawed."

The professor's face couldn't hide his surprise this time. "Flawed???? Can you explain how?"

"You are working on the premise of duality," the student explained. "You argue that there is life and then there's death; a good God and a bad God. You are viewing the concept of God as something finite, something we can measure. Sir, science can't even explain a thought. It uses electricity and magnetism, but has never seen, much less fully understood either one. To view death as the opposite of life is to be ignorant of the fact that death cannot exist as a substantive thing."

Death is not the opposite of life, just the absence of it. Now tell me, professor. Do you teach your students that they evolved from a monkey?"

"If you are referring to the natural evolutionary process, young man, yes, of course I do."

"Have you ever observed evolution with your eyes, sir?" The professor began to shake his head, still smiling, as he realized where the argument was going.

"Since no one has ever observed the process of evolution at work and cannot even prove that this process is an on-going endeavor, are you not teaching your opinion, sir? Are you now not a scientist, but a preacher?"

Now the class was in an uproar.

"To continue the point you were making earlier to the other student, let me give you an example of what I mean." He looked around the room. "Is there anyone in the class who has ever seen the professor's brain?" (The class broke out into laughter. "Is there anyone here who has ever heard the professor's brain, felt the professor's brain, touched or smelled the professor's brain? No?. So, according to the established rules of empirical, stable, demonstrable protocol, science says that you have no brain, with all due respect, sir. So if science says you have no brain, how can we trust your lectures, sir?")

The room fell silent. The professor stared at the student. Finally, after what seemed an eternity, he answered, "I guess you'll have to take them on faith."

"Now, you accept that there is faith, and, in fact, faith exists with life," the student continued. "Now, sir, is there such a thing as evil?"

Now uncertain, the professor responded, "Of course, there is. We see it every day. It is in the daily example of man's inhumanity to man. It is in the multitude of crime and violence everywhere in the world. These manifestations are nothing else but evil."

The student replied, "Evil does not exist sir, or at least it does not exist unto itself. Evil is simply the absence of God. It is just like darkness and cold, a word that man has created to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. Evil is the result of what happens when man does not have God's love present in his heart. It's like the cold that comes when there is no heat or the darkness that comes when there is no light."

The professor sat down.

*—by Steve Rhu (shared with RLA by Connie Stevenson and too good not to share with you. Please forgive the adaptations and form break with the quotes--I wanted to get it all in!)*

**Morning Services, January 25, 2009**

Opening Prayer: Dud Owens  
Reading: Brad Martin (Prov. 10:7-10; 13:15)

Closing Prayer: Bill Lane  
Communion Prayer: Wayne Tate

Table-East  
Jesse Tate  
Aaron Tate  
Randy Statler  
Weston Tate

Table-West  
Larson Tate  
Joel Cullen  
Dale Moody  
Robert Douglas

**Evening Services**

Opening Prayer: Tony Sauser  
Foyer and Halls: Gaylon Tate

Closing Prayer: Darrell Parks

**Morning Services, February 1, 2009**

Opening Prayer: Donald Jones  
Reading: Brad Martin

Closing Prayer: Lanny Shirley  
Communion Prayer: Darrell Parks

Table-East  
Donnie Brooks  
Len Sharp  
Lester Wilson  
Rick Thomas

Table-West  
Robin Castleberry  
Bill Inboden  
Ronnie Norman  
Michael Owens

**Evening Services**

Opening Prayer: Bill Keith  
Foyer and Halls: Wilson Lane

Closing Prayer: Kenny James

**ELDERS:** Danny Blalock (935-7693), Donald Jones (932-7654), Arvis Shirley (935-7574), Carroll Thetford (935-3629)  
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## The Very Best Answer to an Athiest

A science professor began his school year with these words, "Science has a problem with religion.

"Then he asked one of his new students to stand.

"You're a Christian, aren't you, son?" ("Yes sir.")

"So you believe in God?" ("Absolutely!")

"Is God good?" ("Sure, God is good.")

"Is God all-powerful? Can God do anything?" ("Yes.")

"Are you good or evil?" ("The Bible says I'm evil.")

The professor grinned. "Aha! The Bible!" He then considered for a moment. "Here's one for you. Let's say there's a sick person over here and you can cure him. You can do it. Would you help him? Would you try?" ("Yes sir, I would.")

"So you're good...!" ("I wouldn't exactly say that.")

"But why not say that? You'd help a sick and maimed person if you could. Most of us would if we could. But God doesn't."

The student didn't answer, so the professor continued. "He doesn't, does he? My brother was a Christian who died of cancer, even though he prayed to Jesus to heal him. How is this Jesus good? Can you answer that one?"

The student remained silent. "No, you can't, can you?" the professor said. He took a sip of water from a glass on his desk to give the student time to relax. "Let's start again, young fella. Is God good?" ("Er, yes.")

"Is Satan good?" ("No.")

"Then where does Satan come from?" ("From God?")

"That's right. God made Satan, didn't he? Tell me, son. Is there evil in this world?" ("Yes, sir.")

"Evil's everywhere, isn't it? And God did make everything, correct?" ("Yes.")

"So who created evil? If God created everything, then God created evil, since evil exists, and according

to the principle that our works define who we are, then God is evil."

Again, the student had no answer. "Is there sickness? Immorality? Hatred? Ugliness? All these terrible things, do they exist in this world?"

The student squirmed and answered, "Yes."

"So who created them?"

The student didn't answer again, so the professor repeated his question. "Who created them?"

There was still no answer so he paced in front of the mesmerized class and asked another student, "Tell me, do you believe in Jesus Christ, son?"

The student's voice betrayed him and cracked. "Yes, professor, I do."

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### NEXT WEEK:

The Way of the  
Transgressor Is Hard

*"Come, follow me... I will make you fishers of men..." [Matthew 9:19]*