

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Don't forget about Ladies Bible Class here at the building Monday night at 7:00. All of the ladies are invited to attend.

Daily Bible Reading Schedule		
Date	Morning	Evening
02/16/09 Monday.....	Leviticus.....03-04	Luke.....03
02/17/09 Tuesday.....	Leviticus.....05-06	Luke.....04
02/18/09 Wednesday.....	Leviticus.....07-08	Luke.....05
02/19/09 Thursday.....	Leviticus.....09-10	Luke.....06
02/20/09 Friday.....	Leviticus.....11-12	Luke.....07
02/21/09 Saturday.....	Leviticus.....13-14	Luke.....08
02/22/09 Sunday.....	Leviticus.....15-16	Luke.....09

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TIMES OF SERVICE

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:30
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....7:00
 Ladies Bible Class 3rd Monday Evening of Each Month.....7:00

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REVIEW OF THE BUTT-BARKER DEBATE

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Unfortunately we didn't make it all the way to Columbia, South Carolina as we ended up getting lost in the Appalachian Mountains because we followed our GPS system rather than the map. Instead we ended up in Sylva, North Carolina one hour before the debate was to begin and it was over two hours away, so we cancelled our hotel reservations in Columbia and got new reservations in Sylva where we were able to watch the entire debate over the internet. As it turns out, had we not got lost, our original schedule would have put us at the University right at 6:00 p.m. and we probably would not have been able to have been seated. As I understand it there were 550 people in attendance (the building was packed) and they were turning people away; some of them had driven great distances to see the debate. At least one group chartered a bus.

As I watched the debate on "Justin.tv" I was able to see the chat of others who were watching. There were over 22,000 people watching via the internet. When Dan Barker started in speaking he started off strong, almost to the point of arrogance. I remember seeing several members of the Lord's church writing in the chat "I wish Bert Thompson were here," and "I wish Thomas Warren were here," and "Kyle will be eaten alive by this guy." Most members of the church expected Kyle to lose hands down. Over the last month I have seen a lot of criticism about Kyle's age and inexperience going up against a man who had participated in 67 debates. I certainly could feel for him because some questioned me in my first debate going up against a man who had previous experience. But I had read Kyle's works, and I knew he had the knowledge, and I had faith that he would not let truth suffer, and he didn't.

When Kyle began to speak the attitudes in the chat window began to change from "I wish Thomas Warren was here" to "Hey, this guy is good," and "go get him Kyle." Dan Barker didn't make any argument to show that God didn't exist, he just got up and pulled some scriptures out

News & Notes

THOSE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We need to remember all those who are sick and afflicted in our daily prayers. We need to remember those who are in the nursing homes, and in the military. We also need to keep Doris Pendleton, Ruby Backus, Tex Kinman, Bill and Verna Butler, Gary Cooper, Lynna Shanks, Verma Long, Connie Gass, Nelta Brock, Cheryl Harris, Janet Patrick, Evonelle Calkins, Vera Dreyse, Elnora Shanks, Dawn Tivoli, Richard Massey, the Bill Habermehl family, Savannah Shanks, Taylor Shanks, Adrian and Jean Swindler, Chesley Shanks, Gary Wallace. Sandy Sarchette has ovarian cancer and will have to start taking treatments every week for six months. Please remember the family of Gil Yoder. His father-in-law, Carl Hecker, passed away on Saturday. Carl spent many years preaching the gospel.

<p style="text-align: center;">THOSE TO SERVE February 15, 2009</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A.M.</p> <p>Greeters.....Jerry McDonald & D. Keeney Announcements.....David Shanks Song Leader.....Andy Shanks Opening Prayer.....Leroy Thomas Lord's Supper.....Elwood Runge & Tex Kinman Sermon.....Jerry McDonald Closing Prayer.....Gary Wallace</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.M.</p> <p>Song Leader.....Andy Shanks Opening Prayer.....Elwood Runge Sermon.....Jerry McDonald Closing Prayer.....Danny Keeney</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>Song Leader.....Andy Shanks Opening Prayer.....Danny Keeney Devotional.....Jerry McDonald Closing Prayer.....Elwood Runge</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THOSE TO SERVE February 22, 2009</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A.M.</p> <p>Greeters.....Thomas & Jerry McDonald Announcements.....Gary Wallace Song Leader.....Thomas McDonald Opening Prayer.....Leroy Thomas Lord's Supper....Danny Keeney & David Shanks Sermon.....Jerry McDonald Closing Prayer.....Andy Shanks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.M.</p> <p>Song Leader.....Thomas McDonald Opening Prayer.....GaryWallace Sermon.....Jerry McDonald Closing Prayer.....Elwood Runge</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>Song Leader.....Jerry McDonald Opening Prayer.....Andy Shanks Devotional.....Thomas McDonald Closing Prayer.....Danny Keeney</p>
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of his head and tried to show from those scriptures that God did not exist. He tried to show that in some instances God seemed unable to do some thing, yet the Bible said that God could do all things, so God did not exist. That is no argument for the non-existence of God; even the God of the Bible. When Kyle began he started making logical arguments for the existence of God. He argued from design and showed that before something could be designed there had to be a designer. This was something that Barker was not prepared for; during the break he was a little too close to a microphone and was heard to say that he did not realize he was going to have to deal with the design argument. Kyle used the computer as an example and argued that when we see a computer we know that the computer was designed by a designer because no one would think that all the components just came together. Barker replied that a computer was a non living thing, but a human was. However, though Kyle said that understood the difference between something non living and something living, the design demanding a designer was something Barker was never able to deny.

Kyle obviously studied Barkers previous debates because when the debate turned to morality, he quoted Barker, from a previous debate, saying that if it was necessary to rape a young girl to save humanity it would be the morally right thing to do, and asked Barker if he still held to that view. Barker was nervous, but he admitted that he did. Kyle then asked him if raping 2 girls would be morally right, and Barker nervously said "Yes." By this time even the atheists on the chat window were complaining about how nervous Barker was; now one reviewer is excusing this by saying "to be fair, Barker seemed to be suffering from a cold or something" (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/coCBanned/message/14839>). One atheist wrote "Charles would be ashamed right now." I am assuming he was referring to "Charles Darwin" since it was Darwin's 200th birthday, and that debate was put together to celebrate his birthday. Kyle then asked if 20, or 200 girls being raped would be the right thing, and Barker, nervously affirmed that it would. Then Kyle asked if raping 2 million girls to save humanity would be the morally right thing to do, and Barker became a little angry, but he affirmed that it would be morally right thing to do because in doing so he would be saving humanity. Kyle then asked why we prosecuted the Nazis' for murdering 8 million Jews, when the doctors argued that the Jews were an inferior race, and the human race needed to be saved from it. Barker said that was different because we are intelligent and have laws against such. Kyle held Barker's feet to the fire on this to the point that even the atheists saw the weakness of Barker's position.

Kyle brought up abortion and pointed out that abortion is used as population control to save humanity and he got boos from several atheists in the audience, but he stood his ground. Kyle Butt stood for the truth in this debate, and held his own against a man who was supposedly one of the top debaters of the atheistic community. I don't know if the atheistic community will be using Barker any time soon, but Kyle Butt stood for the truth and the truth prevailed and it did not suffer in his capable hands. When the debate was complete the audience was asked to applaud Dan Barker and there were some who did, but when the audience was asked to applaud Kyle Butt they nearly brought the house down. Everyone knew that Kyle was well prepared, and Dan was not prepared at all. It was a debate that I would love to have been there in person to have seen, but then I would not have seen the chat going on if I had been there in person. Neither the Lord nor his church has anything to be ashamed of out of the job that Kyle Butt did that night. It is good that we have such capable men to carry on the banner of truth. The debate will be copied on DVD by the Word Video Bible School.

FAIR HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOME

The items for Fair Haven Children's Home this week are "Paper Plates," and "Brown Sugar."

Sermons for the Next Two Weeks

A.M. For February 15, 2009: "Helps In Overcoming Sin." The P.M. Lesson will be "Paul, A Prisoner For Jesus Christ."

A.M. For February 22, 2009: "You Can Rely Upon Your Bible." The P.M. lesson will be "Being Fellow-laborers."

OUT OF TOWN

Thomas is out of town this week. He will be back for Wednesday evening.