

# The BEACON

October 2023



**“ARE THE THINGS  
YOU ARE LIVING FOR  
WORTH CHRIST  
DYING FOR?”**

LEONARD RAVENHILL

## WEEKLY MINISTRIES

### SUNDAYS

#### Morning:

Morning Worship 9:30 AM  
Sunday School 10:45 AM

#### Evening:

C.R.E.W. 5:30 - 7:00 PM  
Children's Bible Study 5:30 - 7:00 PM  
Youth 5:30 - 7:00 PM  
NEXT Ministry 6:30 - 8:30 PM

### WEDNESDAYS

Mid-week Connection 6:30 PM  
Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM  
Children's Bible Study 6:30 PM  
Choir Practice 7:30 PM

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## GOD'S BLESSINGS LAST MONTH

### SEPT. 3

TITHES/OFFERINGS \$ 8,178.67  
BUILDING FUND \$ 175.00  
LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 128.14

### SEPT. 10

TITHES/OFFERINGS \$ 8,955.72  
BUILDING FUND \$ 30.00  
LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 14.14

### SEPT. 17

TITHES/OFFERINGS \$ 4,740.87  
BUILDING FUND \$ 0.00  
LOVING YOU JESUS \$ 125.14

### SEPT. 24

TITHES/OFFERINGS \$ 5,280.61  
BUILDING FUND \$ 0.00  
LOVING YOU JESUS 14.14

MYERS-MALLORY \$1,395.00



## Deacons' Meeting

Sunday, October 8, 2023

@ 4:00 pm

All deacons are encouraged to attend.

## CCBC Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

@ 6:30 pm

Everyone is encouraged to attend.



October 10, 2023

@ 11:30 am

Potluck Lunch

## Wednesday Night Prayer Groups

@6:30 pm

Men's Group—Room S106

Ladies Group—Room S103

Coed Group—S105

Nursery, Children, & Youth Activities Provided



## Wednesday Nights

@ 7:30 pm

Oct. 1 : James Bailey

Oct. 8: Bill Darling

Oct. 15: James Elmore

Oct. 22: Mike Hogue

Oct. 29: Russell Griffin



**CHURCH  
SECURITY**



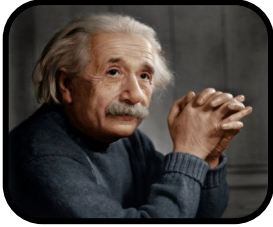


**John Martz**



**A Ministry For and With Those 18-25 Years of Age**

## **Does Evil Exist?**



A university professor challenged his students with this question. Did God create everything that exists?

A student bravely replied, "Yes, he did!"

"God created everything? The professor asked.

"Yes sir", the student replied.

The professor answered, "If God created everything, then God created evil since evil exists, and according to the principal that our works define who we are then God is evil". The student became quiet before such an answer. The professor was quite pleased with himself and boasted to the students that he had proven once more that the Christian faith was a myth.

Another student raised his hand and said, "Can I ask you a question professor?"

"Of course", replied the professor.

The student stood up and asked, "Professor, does cold exist?"

"What kind of question is this? Of course it exists. Have you never been cold?" The students snickered at the young man's question.

The young man replied, "In fact sir, cold does not exist. According to the laws of physics, what we consider cold is in reality the absence of heat. 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 (-460 degrees F) is the total absence of heat; all matter becomes inert and incapable of reaction at that temperature. Cold does not exist. We have created this word to describe how we feel if we have no heat."

The student continued, "Professor, does darkness exist?"

The professor responded, "Of course it does."

The student replied, "Once again you are wrong sir, darkness does not exist either. Darkness is in reality the absence of light. Light we can study, but not darkness. In fact we can use Newton's prism to break white light into many colors and study the various wavelengths of each color. You cannot measure darkness. A simple ray of light can break into a world of darkness and illuminate it. How can you know how dark a certain space is? You measure the amount of light present. Isn't this correct? Darkness is a term used by man to describe what happens when there is no light present."

Finally the young man asked the professor, "Sir, does evil exist?"

Now uncertain, the professor responded, "Of course as I have already said. 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."

To this 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 not like faith, or love that exist just as does light and heat. 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.

The young man's name — Albert Einstein.

There has been some debate whether this interaction actually took place or not. The important thing is not whether the debate took place or not. The important thing is there is truth in the story. The Bible is filled with example after example of people who did not have the presence of God in their life and as a result they did some pretty evil and sinful things. The Bible is also filled with example after example of people who allowed God to fill their life with his love and spirit and as a result they did some amazing things that showed their faith and changed their lives and the lives of others. Being filled with God is synonymous with our relationship with Him. We can see in Mark 1:35 that spending time in prayer was a characteristic of Jesus. Jesus went to His place of prayer "in the morning,...a great while before day," expressing its priority in His life. This description should drive us to examine our own commitment to communion with God the Father. The closer we are to God, Our Heavenly Father, the more we will be filled with His love and power to fulfill His will for our lives. Make it a point, daily, to set aside time to be alone with God and strengthen your relationship with Him.

In Christ,

*Bro. John*



Chuck Eavenson



*"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set for the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."  
1 Timothy 4:12*

## October Bon Fire      Oct 31<sup>st</sup>

The youth are invited to come over to the Griffin's property October 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm for a fun night of food, games, devotion and to enjoy a bonfire. I will send the address and more info soon.

## Jonah Bible Study

The youth and I have enjoyed the study of Jonah, there is always something new to learn and apply as you read God's word. God's compassion for the lost and His patience with His children is amazing. Jonah 4:2b "I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity."

## The Lift Tour

January 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Great news. The Lift tour is coming back to Tuscaloosa. We will be going to Valley View Baptist Church on January 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> to participate in this conference. This will be our Disciple Now Weekend. I am praying that we can incorporate a mission emphasis this year that can be done during our free time. Student Leadership University describes the theme and I have included it below.

"The Theme for **The LIFT Tour 2024** is **I N V E R S E**. Inverse (*n*) simply means, "something that is the opposite or reverse of something else." When Jesus spoke, His teachings were the inverse of what culture was and is saying. It was the opposite of what we would assume to be true. This year we will explore some of the most challenging and controversial teachings of Jesus. One of the most common truths that have regularly been applied to the person of Jesus is the fact that ***He comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable***. Yes, Jesus said and demonstrated the most loving, accepting, and grace-filled things. However, He also said some of the most complicated truths that even perplexed the people who knew Him best. Why? Because **Jesus taught both grace AND truth!** "



Brian Wilson

What a blessing to have so much talent in our church. You may not realize all the amount of workers needed to provide a great worship experience. I need two more people to help us each Sunday morning. Please let me know if you would be willing to help out every other Sunday. Thanks for your support.

**Bro. Brian**

*"I will sing of the Lord's  
great love forever; with my  
mouth I will make your  
faithfulness known through  
all generations."  
Psalm 89:1.*



# October 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <b>midweek Connection</b> Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	5	6	7
8 <b>Deacons' Meeting</b> 4:00 pm	9	10  11:30 am Potluck Lunch	11  QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING 6:30 pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 <b>midweek Connection</b> Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <b>midweek Connection</b> Adult Prayer Groups Children's Activities Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	26	27	28
29  United Appeal Offering	30	31				



# FALL FESTIVAL

Join us for our annual Fall Festival.

Sunday, October 29, 2023

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Carrolls Creek Baptist Church Ball Field

14612 Sally Hamner Rd.

Northport, AL 35475

- Candy (Every child receives a bag of candy)
- Games
- Tumble Bus
- Inflatables
- Face Painting
- Food, Drinks and Fellowship



October 1	Vicki Burns
October 3	Judy Holland
October 4	Shirley Hall
October 10	Kaitlyn Griffin
October 11	Johnathan Eavenson
October 14	Kelly Crumpton
October 16	Jennette Townsend, Robert Strange, Ben Calhoun
October 17	Susan Blankenship
October 18	Errol Jones, Deidra Long
October 21	Ginger Martz
October 22	Dana Dunn
October 23	Melanie Jackson, Stephanie Wheat
October 24	Ella Grace Hudson, Marla Boswell
October 25	Paul Barksdale, Lauren Kirkley
October 30	Mollie Shinholster Luetze

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