

Galatians 6:10 *“Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those of the household of faith.”*

April 24, 2016

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS---

- **Jimmy Parker, Terry Langley, Eric Heddon, Roger Key, Sue Whitehead, John Ozley, Sara Ozley, Aladean Jacks, Kynethia Kelley, Amanda Kelley, Myra Garrison, Stefani, Kate Miller, Johnny Richardson, Tim Craven, Mickey Aldridge, Beverly Craven, Tuesday Pierce, Faye Wilkinson Goodwin, Sarabeth Upton, Rhonda Knowles.**
- **Sawyer Jones, Jeremiah Hughes, Robert Langley, Ana Reichelderfer & all of our servicemen and women** who are defending freedom. **Our nation** and its leaders. **Those that preach and teach the gospel;** especially those who labor under hardships. **Ben Brownfield, Shannon Brown, and Terry Tatum** (Christians’ at Donaldson) and **Robert Gibson and Walter Aldridge** (released Christians who are struggling).

BLACK CREEK UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Donaldson Bible Classes** Every Wednesday @ 10:00 & 11:30

Area Gospel Meetings:

Helena church of Christ.....Bill Robinson.....April 24-27.....M-W @ 7:00 P.M.



Those Needing our Prayers.....

John Ozley Is back in Golden Living and doing well.
Tammy Andrews who is susceptible to high blood pressure and complications arising from that during her pregnancy. Her baby is due in early June.
Sara Ozley as she suffers from multiple hernia’s.
Ruth Parsons (Ann’s aunt) has moved to a care facility.
Roger Key has been more mobile since his medicine change. **Brenda** fell and was injured and unable to get out for several days.
Becky Oglesby, Melanie’s friend, who has breast cancer) as she has weekly chemo treatments
Ronald Wood, Mike’s father, has back to back chemo treatments once a month.

Black Creek Banner of Truth

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“You have given a BANNER to those who fear you, that it may be displayed because of the TRUTH. “ Psalms 60:4

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Schedule of Services

Lord’s Day
9:30 A.M. Bible Classes
10:30 A.M. Worship

Wednesday
7:00 P.M.

4:00 P.M. Worship (3 PM on the second Sunday of every month)

Elders
 Philip Jacks 436-3055
 Truman Wallace 483-7016
 Van Cooper 491-9695

Deacons
 Jeff Swindle 475-3043
 Matt Carter 491-0414
 Roger Key 491-3723
 Mike Wood 522-5703
 John Powell 641-5181

Evangelist
 Sammy Bynum 368-3511

Who We Are: The Black Creek Church of Christ is simply a group of Christians dedicated to serving God. We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and it is to be our sole guide. We are committed to preaching the gospel of Christ, which is man's only hope for eternal life.
 We are interested in helping anyone who is searching for the way to God. We welcome the opportunity to privately study the Bible with you. If you would contact us, we would be happy to meet with you. In addition, you are invited to visit one of our public assemblies (information is above). At our public Bible studies, we have classes for adults and children of all ages. If we can help you in knowing more about God and His Word, then please visit, call, or write us.

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Man Can Confuse Anything!

A five-year-old boy went for a weekend trip with his grandparents. On the way home, they stopped at a country restaurant for lunch. The little boy left the table to use the restroom by himself. A moment later he returned with a confused look on his face. He says, “Grandpa, am I a rooster or a hen?”

In today’s society, grandpa’s answer isn’t as simple as it once was. When a baby is born, it’s pretty easy to tell the boys from the girls. But by the time the child is old enough to go to school, the ease of distinction is being eroded away by the politically correct climate of our day. Now, we are told, one must let the child decide which gender he or she believes themselves to be. Now we are hearing terms like, gender-equality, gender bias, gender neutral and many others. Universities are allowing students to pick their own gender. Even Facebook accommodates the choosing of a third gender choice. Recently, an elementary school student sued the school system for not allowing a boy to use the girl’s restroom. The boy claimed to identify as a girl. The courts agreed and awarded his (or her?) family \$75,000.

Yet, God could not be any plainer about having only created two genders. And throughout the scriptures various roles are assigned to each. From the beginning, this has been so! “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” (Genesis 1:27). Jesus said in Mark 10:6 that “male and female” make up the unit of marriage to the exclusion of any other combination. Elders and deacons must be male as evidenced by the fact that they are to be the “husband of one wife.” (1 Tim 3:2,12). God does not permit a woman to “teach or exercise authority over a man” (1 Tim 2:12). Yet man is not allowed to abuse or dominate his wife but to love her as his own body (Eph 5:28). In the giving of roles, the recognition of a specific gender is essential, and the assumption is that it is the one you were born with. And in doing so, God is not discriminating against either because He is not a respecter of persons (Acts 10:34).

Man confuses things, not God. God does not try to be politically correct. Man does. God keeps things simple, to the point, and full of divine wisdom. Man doesn’t. Let’s make sure we can tell our grandchildren which bathroom they should use! *By Ben May*

“And It All Just Happened”: The Story of the Honeybee

Once upon a time, gazillions of years ago, so we’re told, an infinitesimal speck decided it wanted to become a honeybee. It wanted to bless humankind some distant light years in the future with sweet honey, and help flowers beautify the landscape. Or so the evolutionists tell us. What we have today is truly amazing and so complex that it is hard to imagine how it all came together. Let’s look at the construction of the honeybee just to see how it’s put together and how all the intricate parts of its anatomy cooperate. Time Magazine had an article on the honeybee a while back, and that is the source of much of the information in this article.

The eyes – Bees have five eyes. There are two large compound eyes and three ocelli which are used to detect light intensity. There are nearly 7,000 lenses in the bee worker’s eyes.

Electrostatic charge – How do bees attract pollen? There is an electric charge on the hair on the bee’s body that attracts the pollen.

The proboscis – The bee’s “nose” is an airtight tube like a straw. It sucks up the nectar, and also has a reverse mechanism that allows the bee to feed baby bees from a stomach that is full of nectar.

Mandible – The bee’s jaws help to bite and pack the pollen, and also shape wax that is used in building the honeycomb.

Wings – Each bee has two sets of wings. By rapidly flapping the wings, warmth is generated, which then evaporates the water from the nectar in order to make honey.

Wing hooks – There are hooks on the bee that allow it to attach one of each set of wings together when in flight to allow greater efficiency.

Legs – The bee’s legs have brushes that scrape pollen from front to back, where the pollen is collected in a pollen basket. That basket is a sac attached to each rear leg.

Wax plates – These little creatures secrete wax beneath plates on their abdomen, which wax is then used to build honeycombs.

Honey stomach – The bee has a second reservoir where nectar is stored temporarily until it is needed, at which time it is regurgitated.

Production – The expression “busy as a bee” is an apt description. A hive of workers together fly about 55,000 miles to produce one pound of honey.

The hive – Typically consists of 20,000 to 30,000 bees, and in winter they create an ecosystem inside the hive while living off the honey. They stay warm by working their wings. Middle-aged workers build in the hive by attaching each comb to the walls of the hive. This process may require more than two pounds of wax. The hive’s inhabitants – Workers do the construction, store the honey, keep the nursery, do guarding and caretaking, as well as scouting and foraging for flowers. Drones mate with the virgin queen in midair. They are adept at flying, so can fly backwards, and can rotate and flip. The Queen lays up to 1,500 eggs a day. She secretes pheromones in order to control the workers.

The dance – No, they don’t have a ballroom dance party, but when a scout locates food, he alerts the others about the location with a series of dance moves. By the number of turns, the length of the dance and various moves, the scout indicates the distance to the food, and the angle of the food to the sun. A figure-eight dance routine tells the others to fly towards the sun. The number of these patterns in the procedure indicates the distance to the food. The angle of the dance indicates the angle of the food source relative to the hive and the sun. If the food is nearby, the bee does a round dance.

It’s all so amazing that someone might exclaim, “It’s a miracle that it all came together.” Oh, wait a minute. It IS a miracle! An ancient document written thousands of years ago said, “In the beginning, God created...” (Genesis 1:1). Truthfully, how can anyone suppose that this took place over millions of years by accidents of nature? Consider the proboscis, the bee’s nose. I have been told that in addition to sucking up nectar and then reversing the process to feed the babies, the bee also breathes through the proboscis. Remember, the evolutionist theory is that it may take millions of years for the bee to adapt as it improves. So...it sucks up the nectar, but it has not developed the mechanism to clear the passages so it can feed the babies, as well as breathe. So the bee has to figure out a way to do this, but that may take eons of time. And in the process, guess what happens. ALL THE BEES DIE! Why? Because they cannot feed the babies, and they cannot breathe. So, which is more rational? To believe that the bee is an accident of nature that took eons of time to evolve, or that a master planner designed and created the bee? I believe the answer is evident. *By Jefferson David Tant*