

## TIME OF SERVICES

### Sunday:

Bible Classes	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Worship Service	6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday:

Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.
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**THE BIBLE AND THE BIBLE ONLY,  
MAKES CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS  
ONLY. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS  
COMPOSED OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE  
NOT JOINED A DENOMINATION.**

# StoneRidge Church of Christ

where CHRIST is the chief cornerstone

1 Peter 2:7



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## What Would Evolution Prove Belief in God is?

If evolution were true, even then it would prove God exists. Notice:

1. Evolution teaches the survival of the fittest.
2. Animals don't have the capacity to believe or not believe in God.
3. Anthropology shows belief in some kind of god is part of most every society.
4. So if animals can't believe in God but humans can, and humans are the more evolved species, then believing in God is the result of the fittest surviving. Belief in God is therefore necessary for societal human survival.
5. Consequently, when humans don't believe in God, logically it is an evolutionary step backwards towards being animals. Fitting because this is what evolutionists teach about humans, that we are nothing but animals.
6. So remember when an atheist argues that they have intellectually grown out of theism, they are the ones who according to evolution are digressing.
7. One might say, belief in God is human.

*-Perry Hall*

## Is everything that happens God's will?

After the death of a child, a horrible mishap or any other tragedy there are always some who say, "It was the will of God." Is that statement always true?

It Depends!

Yes... It is the will of God to permit tragedies and trials.

Everything that happens is permitted by him.

No... However, God doesn't want everything He permits! There is a subtle but important difference between permitting something and wanting it to happen!

Illustrations

God...

\* ... did not want the Israelites to divorce, but he permitted it because of the hardness of their hearts (Matt. 19:8).

\* ... did not want ancient people to have more than one wife (Gen. 2:24), but regulated it when Israel was a primitive society (Deut. 21:15-17)

\* ... did not want Israel to have a king (2 Sam. 10:17-19), but tolerated it and even had his prophets anoint them.

\* ... does not want anyone to rebel against Him and be lost (2 Pet. 3:9), and yet gives men the free will to do it.

\* Often Christian parents will allow their teenage children to do something that they don't necessarily want them to do, so that they will learn to face the consequences of their actions.

I can think of two Biblical reasons why God allows things to happen that He doesn't necessarily want:

(1) He wants to give us free will (Deut. 30:15-19). He wants us to have the freedom to choose. He doesn't want us to make bad choices but He allows them.

(2) He allows tragedies because He doesn't want us to become too attached to this world that has become corrupted by sin.

Rather, He wants us to prove our love by learning to deal with trials and then have eternal life with Him (2 Cor. 4:17).

Careful with our words!

Whenever a child dies or someone suffers horribly, we need to be careful before saying, "God wanted it." Yes, God allows trials and tragedies, as in the case of Job, but that doesn't mean that He →

## *News/Notes/Quotes.*

**THE SICK.** Almon and Belva Williams have been sick...Nellie Vanhooser is being treated for a broken wrist and possible surgery...Beth Cossey is fighting infections and other complications. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer to coordinate visits with her... Joyce Riley is to have a heart ablation tomorrow at St. Bernard's...Virginia Bishop still awaiting treatment for it...Mike and Cherilyn McFarland are still sick but some better. They're still under doctor's care... Lynessa Davis is still dealing with some ongoing health challenges...Gail Brooks and Rita Kieffer have both fallen recently and received injuries...Courtney Harbin's grandmother's health is declining rapidly and in need of prayers...Charles Wayne French (Nola Christenberry's brother) continues to receive treatment for cancer... Donald Crisler is also receiving treatment for cancer...Remember our shut-ins: Madonna Vines fell and broke her hip and had surgery last Tuesday. Beth Cossey is at Advanced Care Hospital in Searcy (see bulletin board for address)..Bob and Jean Evans are also confined at home...Gail Brooks and Rita Kieffer are both at St. Bernard Village...Shirley Coots at Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... Joyce Riley is at St. Elizabeth's Place... Continue to remember all of these in your prayers.

**IDENTIFIED.** We welcome Angie Hembry

**GROUP MEETING.** Group 2 will meet Saturday, January 21, at The Weaver's home, 5:30 p.m.

**CLEAN UP DAY!** January 28<sup>th</sup> will be clean up day here at the building - deep cleaning - at 10 am.

**PODCAST!** Hear a lesson from God's word each morning from John Mundy on Facebook & YouTube, 8 am.

**Note:** Our newspaper articles for the past 9 years (about 70) are being compiled and will be 3-hole punched for a notebook. They will be arranged topically instead of chronologically. If you would like to reserve a copy, please sign the list on the bulletin board. The list will be taken down after today.

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wants them. When we suffer, let's blame Satan and the curses that come upon our world because of sin. Let's never blame God! -Gardner Hall

