



## Calvert City Church of Christ

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### What Do Atheists Look Like?

What do atheists look like? Do they have tattoos and piercings? Do they look rough and rebellious? Do they drive cars with ACLU bumper stickers? Or do they have a look of smug arrogance and intellectual superiority? What if I told you that many atheists look just like the couple in the picture to the left? What if I told you that many atheists are frequently seen with folded hands, praying or with open Bibles, reading? Yes, it's true. Now allow me to explain.

Probably most of us could quote Psalm 14:1 – “The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God.’” We keep that verse handy as an apt description of atheists. However, I would like for you to take a closer look at this familiar passage.

My friend and colleague, Jody Apple, brought this to my attention over a year ago. The words “there is” in this passage, are not in the Hebrew text and is an addition by the translators. Several Bible translations will italicize those words, denoting they were added by the translators. The significance is that instead of saying “the fool has said in his heart there is no God,” it could be saying, “the fool has said in his heart, ‘no, God.’”

I would call this “practical atheism.” While of course it is foolish not to believe in the existence of God, it is also foolish to believe in God, but to say “no” to him. In what practical or functional sense does this differ from atheism?

So maybe we had better reevaluate the way we have applied Psalm 14:1. Could it be that this passage isn't about “them,” but about “us?” Do believers ever say, “no” to God?

What do we say when God calls upon us to make deep sacrifices? Do we ever say, “no, God?”

What do we do when God calls us to pursue peace and unity within the church? Do we ever say, “no, God?”

What do we do when God calls us to discipline the impenitent brother in Christ? Do we ever say, “no, God?”

What do we do when God calls us to forgive one who has sinned against us? Do we ever say, “no, God?”

What do we do when God calls us to speak up and be heard, to stand against our culture, and the tide of public opinion? Do we ever say, “no, God?”

What do we do when God calls us to seek him and his kingdom ahead of our own lives and family? Do we ever say, “no, God?”

If so, maybe Psalm 14:1 has as much to say to us as it does to the atheist. Give it some thought!

—Steve Higginbotham

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### Dates to Remember:

**June 12**—Caring Cooks  
**June 13-15**—WKYC Pee Wee Weekend  
**June 15-21**—WKYC Teen Week  
**June 17**—SYS @ New Concord  
**June 22**—Youth Devo  
**June 22-27**—WKYC Ages 11-13  
**June 24**—SYS@ Hardin  
**June 29**—5th Sunday, A.M.--Daniel McNatt  
P.M.-Youth



### Mission Spotlight: Benin, West Africa

Esperanso Menoah is a graduate of Bible Training Center and preaches for the Nupafu church of Christ in Lome, Togo. That congregation averages almost 200 in attendance on Sunday mornings. The Nupafu church appointed four elders and four deacons. This is the first time for such to take place in the churches of French-speaking West Africa.

Paul Tahinon, (also a BTC graduate) of Bachicon baptized an entire denominational congregation. This came as a result of first baptizing the preacher, then several days of Bible study with the church. Thirty-eight people (according to a count obtained from a photo) were baptized.

### Blood Drive

The Red Cross team will be here for another blood drive, Thursday, June 26th. Our last drive resulted in one of our highest totals for donors! If you will be eligible to give, please sign the list in the lobby or sign-up online by following the instructions on the flyers.

### Birthdays

- ♦ June 15—Ralph Davis, Meta Lineberry
- ♦ June 16—Joe Smith
- ♦ June 17—Dorothy Steury
- ♦ June 18—Fisher Beth
- ♦ June 19—Ryan Kinahan, Chris Riley,

Gary Roberts

- ♦ June 20—Anita Sullivan

### Sympathy

Sincere sympathy to the following of our church family who have lost loved ones:

**Cody Freeman** at the death of his grandmother, **Mary Helen Williams**. Funeral service was held Friday, June 6 in Murray.

**Dot Morehead** at the death of her brother, **Ralph McLemore**. Funeral service was held Monday, June 9 in Briensburg.

### Response

**Ashley Connor** came forward Wednesday night, June 4 asking forgiveness and prayers. Please keep her in your prayers.

### Golden Agers Trip

The Golden Agers will be going to Union City, TN on June 17 to shop at the outlet mall and will eat at Reelfoot Lake. The bus will leave at 9:00 a.m. Please sign up by June 15.

### Report from Angola

Hello church family! I hope you all are well. Bonnie and I are still very thankful for all the prayers. I've loved the emails that I have gotten from you all. Thanks a bunch! I really love spending time with the mission team here in Angola. They believe that they are simply mentors to the Angolans at the church here and they are encouraging them to implement ministries and church activities themselves. That's why the 6 a.m. prayer time is so special. The idea was from the Angolans and has been kept up by them. Bonnie and I "bonded" with an Angolan family this past weekend. We lived with them and got to experience Angolan culture in an Angolan home. It was very interesting and eye-opening. They love their Angolan soap operas. I'll explain more about those when I'm back home. This week we will keep up our Portuguese lessons, morning prayer time, women's Bible study, women's prayer time, and things like that. Thanks again for all the prayers. We love you!

—Shelby O'Bryan

### Remember in Prayer:

**Billy Hall**—recovering from kidney transplant  
**Earl & Stephanie Atnip, Patsy Atnip, Nelda Beth, Winford Claiborne** (Bettie Bean's uncle), **Brent Cope** (Nick Darnell's nephew), **Billy Hall, Robert Hall, Ernestine Noles, Tony Pierce** (Mary J. Sanderson's son-in-law), **Lexie Ray, Susan Sanderson, Gary Smith, Roy Vasseur, Todd Walker**  
*Nursing Home/Assisted Living:*

*Calvert Convalescent Center:*

**Nell Dobesh, Eedra Dossett, Mamie Hamilton, Elizabeth Harrell, Sue Owen**

*Emeritus (formerly Culpepper Place)—Rm 208:* **Mary Deane Swann**

*Oakview Manor—***Nancy Hall**

*Mission Trip—***Shelby O'Bryan in Huambo, Angola in South Africa**

## Summer Youth Series 2014

**“Uprising”**  
**Ephesians 5:14**

**UPRISING**

**“Rising Up Against Anger”**  
**June 17**  
**7:00 p.m. at New Concord**  
**Speaker: Drake Jenkins**

### Record: Week of June 8, 2014

Mid-Week (June 4)	141
Bible Study	200
Sunday Morning Worship	266
Sunday Evening Worship	142
Contribution	\$8,576

## When Band-Aids Are Not Enough

Every medicine cabinet should have a supply of Band-Aids of various sizes. They are excellent for keeping small cuts and scrapes clean and making “boo-boos” feel better. However, Band-Aids are inadequate treatments for cancerous tumors, broken femurs, or blocked arteries.

This insight is true in our personal lives as well. A smile and a word of encouragement may get us through some difficulties, but these Band-Aids may be inadequate in other settings. A “be ye warmed and filled” does not solve an empty pantry caused by unemployment. Marital affairs or child sexual abuse demand serious counseling and extended healing. Grief from losing a parent will not be eliminated by a few cards and a tasty casserole.

Band-Aids won't work with sin either, because forgiveness requires the blood of Christ. Addictions to drugs or pornography demand serious spiritual therapy. A track record of spiritual neglect will not be resolved by a simple prayer or generous check.

Let's not fool ourselves, sometimes we need major surgery or even an amputation. Recovery from sin demands the working of Christ in our lives. As Paul said, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect” (Rom. 12:2). The loving power of a forgiving God is better than a Band-Aid.

—**Don Loftis, Old Hickory, TN**

**PEW PACKERS**  
**SUNDAY 5:45 P.M.**

## **Schedule of Services**

### **Sunday**

Bible Study — 9:15 a.m.  
Worship — 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship — 6:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday**

Mid-Week Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

### **Bible Classes For All Ages**

***\*\*Please Note Time Change\*\****

**Sunday Morning: Bible Study—9:15  
Worship—10:00**

**Those Who Are To Serve:**

**Sunday, June 15, 2014  
9:15 A.M.**

*Song Leader:* Gayle Hall  
*Opening Prayer:* Mike Dougherty  
*Closing Prayer:* David Whirley  
*Convalescent Ctr. Devo:* Randy O'Bryan  
Cory O'Bryan

**6:00 P.M.**

*Song Leader:* Ben Leonard  
*Opening Prayer:* Larry Davis  
*Closing Prayer:* Terry Medley

**Wednesday, June 18, 2014**

*Announcements:* Nick Darnell  
*Song Leader:* Cory O'Bryan  
*Opening Prayer:* Kevin Hunt  
*Closing Prayer:* Ronnie Cox