

MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Worship 9:00 AM

Fellowship Time 10:00 AM

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WHO IS THE GOD OF THE BIBLE

"In the beginning God..." [Gen. 1:1]

For 1400 years God interacted with the Jewish people helping them to get to know Him. To pass this on to you and me He raised up men to write down an accurate record and interpretation of His dealings with them. This produced the Bible. The first words in that Bible, do not argue for the existence of God, they introduce Him and tell us to deal with it.

Believe in a supreme being [God] who created us is innate in human nature. It is part of what it means to be human. It does not have to be taught or learned. A man saw a little boy going to Sunday school and said, "Son, I will give you a dollar if you show me where God is." The little boy said, "Mr. I will give you two dollars if you show me where God *ain't*."

The Bible dismisses atheism with one verse, "**The fool has said in his heart, there is no God.**" (Ps. 14). Herschel Hobbs said, "He said it in his *heart* His head knew better." The atheist has not been born yet who can convince us that the laughter of a baby and the courage of a soldier are the products of time and slime.

Genesis shows God is *a Person* who makes decisions. He decided to create the universe. He is a powerful person who can hurl trillions of flaming Suns out into space and is wise enough to put our sun just the right distance from Earth. He is our *provider*, giving us this wonderful planet with everything we need to live a good and joyful life.

Sadly, God is a *punisher*. He built this universe on laws. The law of gravity says what goes up must come down. The law of agriculture says if we plant tomato seeds we get tomatoes. God also has spiritual laws. Life is a test where God wants to see if we will love and trust him enough to obey Him. He warned Adam and Eve that if they disobeyed him and

A DIFFERENT KIND OF GRADUATION

It was my pleasure and privilege last year to attend a different kind of graduation. There is a wonderful ministry in Greenville, that helps men from the Upstate, break away from the damaging effects of alcohol and drugs. One of those graduates was from our church.

From their early 20's to their late 60's, I saw men with smiles and a sense of accomplishment, who had been given a new lease on life; a new start in life and a new hope for the future. From you who a part of our church and from some people on our emailing list, who gave special offerings for our "Ongoing Love" fund, I was able to give them \$1,000 to purchase the Bibles used in this ministry.

Two of the Christian Ministries in Anderson who have been part of our budget for several years are no longer operating, so I put this ministry into our budget for this year. This means, as long as we are a church, and as long as they are reaching out the hands of Christ to lift up others, we will give \$1,000 *every year* to help them purchase Bibles.

It was my pleasure and privilege last week, on your behalf, to have our church send them \$1,000 for Bibles. This is something you and I did last week as individuals. You and I are helping change lives for the Lord. Doing this; plus you and I helping each other, is the only reason I believe God has left me here this long.