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UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

Aug. 26	Living in this world
Sept. 2	Go into all the world
Sept. 9	Our work – saving souls
Sept. 16	Guest Speaker
Sept. 23	To forgive, divine???
Sept. 30	Dylan Atkins to speak

SUNDAY PM

Aug. 26	It is too late now (#381)
Sept. 2	Waiting for the mercy of God? (#382)
Sept. 9	Jesus is the way (#383)
Sept. 16	Guest Speaker
Sept. 23	Work out your own salvation (#384)
Sept. 30	Is one church as good as another? (#385)

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.
Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

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To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Pardon, Pete Darling, Rusty Darling, Phyllis Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Jean Reeder, Cheryll Akers, Kathy Briggs, Betty Jo's aunt, Erin's father, Robert Van Alstine, Jo Matheny, Jimmy Mortimore, John Mortimore, Jim Loper, Jewel Warfield, Bill Arnold, Marilyn Smith,

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: Phil. 3:13-17 **PM:** Heb. 9:27,28

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Aug. 24 – Singing at 5 p.m.

THERE WAS NOTHING, THEN SOMETHING

Charles Coats

As we examine the title of our lesson, we find a statement that is impossible in this material world. Everything we have is made from something that was already there. The wood for a table came from a tree that already existed. The bricks used on a house were made from materials already existing. Nothing in this world with which we have anything to do just appeared. It is a scientific fact that something does not come from nothing.

Yet, there was a time in which something came from nothing. This was a time before we had anything on the Earth – trees, grass, rocks, etc. It was the time of creation, in which God spoke the world into existence.

Hebrews 11:3 tells us that *“things which are seen were not made of things which do appear”*. Again, there

was a time when there was nothing and then there was something. Although this does not work in our physical world, this does work in the realm of the miraculous and shows us the great power of God (Rom. 1:20).

Man cannot comprehend this power and is unwilling to accept that such a being exists. However, we accept this because we have the evidence to do so. Again, Heb. 11:3 shows us that we know this by the word of God. We do not accept this by some blind faith, a leap in the dark.

The Bible has been shown to be the word of God, the inspired message given by God himself. It has been shown to be without error or contradiction. The word of God is unlike anything man has written and can be relied upon. The evidence of God's word teaches us that God framed the worlds (all the universe) from things that did not exist before.

Further, we have the evidence of creation itself. Since something exists, it must have come from somewhere. This is true of every material thing. If you and I see a table, we know it did not create itself. If we see a car, we know that it had a designer and maker. When we look up in the sky and see the moon and the stars, we know that each had a beginning. The universe did not create itself.

Since matter is not eternal, then everything must have come from a source higher than it. There must have been a great designer and maker who brought everything into existence. This would bring us to an always existing being who created all things. This is the confirmation we find in Heb. 11:3.

Through faith, we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.