



# Tallapoosa church of Christ

"And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

### Welcome Visitors

We are blessed by your attendance and worshipping with us.

### Prayer Request

- Jason Rowell
- Teddy Cauthen
- Pete Bridges
- Pat Blumer
- Bonnie Godwin
- Jeremy/Candyce Isabell
- Diane Aldridge
- Jefferson Allen
- Brad Vines
- Kenny Laminack
- Troy & Sarah Stapler

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Cory Payne 4
- Bonnie Godwin 24
- Wayne Aldridge 25
- Kelly/Angie Cauthen 30

### Atheism's blind faith

Dear friend, I hope this letter finds you well and I hope you are enjoying the signs and sights of spring all around you. As the trees and grass "wakes up" I hope you will pause and truly consider what has to happen for trees and plants to go dormant and then reawaken each year at the proper time. Think about what they have to do in order not to freeze and the built in timing mechanism they possess. Did these complex processes happen by mere chance?



Do you have a blind faith or is it built upon evidence?

You mentioned that you consider religion and faith just a crutch for the weak-minded. You argued that intelligent people believe in naturalism and evolution—which you said could be proven. Let's consider your argument for just a moment. I will grant you that some people find solace, peace, and comfort in their belief in God. Life can be tough sometimes, and a strong faith helps a person navigate safely though pain and suffering. (Crutches can be good for those who are healing an injury.)

However, your point was meant to be more derogatory,

I AM  
the LORD  
your God...  
You shall have  
NO  
other gods  
before Me.



### God's Plan of Salvation

1. Hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17; Acts 16:32)
2. Believe what is taught (Mark 16:16; Heb 11:6)
3. Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
4. Confession (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9-10)
5. Baptism (1 Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Rom. 6:3-4)
6. After the above five steps, faithful

#### **This Week Leading Worship:**

##### Sunday Morning:

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| Announcements  | Kelly Cauthen    |
| Scripture      | Camp Mallory     |
| Song Leader    | Cory Payne       |
| Opening Prayer | Harel Otwell     |
| Table          | Tony Hotalen     |
|                | Brennan Mallory  |
| Assisting      | Steve Cole       |
|                | Brandon Estvanko |
| Closing Prayer | Caden Mallory    |

##### Sunday Evening:

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| Announcements        |
| Scripture            |
| Song Leader          |
| Opening Prayer/Table |
| Closing Prayer       |

#### **Next Week Leading Worship:**

##### Sunday Morning:

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| Announcements  | Cory Payne     |
| Scripture      | Shane Buchanan |
| Song Leader    | Caden Mallory  |
| Opening Prayer | Joe Mallory    |
| Table          | Cory Payne     |
|                | Camp Mallory   |
| Assisting      | Korbin Cauthen |
|                | Kelly Cauthen  |
| Closing Prayer | Tony Hotalen   |

##### Sunday Evening:

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so let's address that. While the mainstream media rarely reports it, there are literally thousands of men and women with advanced degrees who believe in God and the creation account. (see [https://rationalwiki.org/wiki/Lists\\_of\\_creationist\\_scientists](https://rationalwiki.org/wiki/Lists_of_creationist_scientists) or <http://www.ideacenter.org/contentmgr/showdetails.php/id/1207> or <https://answersingenesis.org/bios/>). In fact, most of the fields of science you now embrace were actually founded by men who held a firm belief in God and the Bible. An honest person could hardly call Isaac Newton a pseudo-scientist—and yet, he wrote strong papers refuting atheism and defending creation and the Bible. Newton once said, “I find more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history whatsoever.” (See Wilmington’s Guide to the Bible, 1981, P. 797).

But let's consider faith for just a moment. You try and assume an intellectual high-ground because you say my beliefs are built on faith. Yet, you fail to recognize you entire worldview hinges on a massive amount of faith. Consider these truths:

1. No one witnessed (or can recreate in a laboratory) the Big Bang, so it must be taken on faith.
2. No one has witnessed living material evolving from non-living material (or can recreate it in a laboratory), so it must also be taken on faith.
3. No one can explain where the original matter for the universe arose from (or can create matter from nothing or anti-matter), so this too must be taken on faith.
4. No one can adequately explain the origination of males and females through the process of evolution, so this must be accepted as blind faith.
5. No one can explain the design witnessed in the Universe and human body while at the same time denying a designer.

All of these facts require faith on your part. Faith that the Big Bang is real and happened. Faith that living material can arise from non-living material. You rely on the scientific method that says that something must be observable, measurable, and repeatable. Newsflash: The Big Bang is not observable, measurable, or repeatable. Most textbooks promote this idea, saying that if we cannot measure something using the scientific method

### **Reminders:**

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[facebook.com/tallapoosachurchofchrist](https://facebook.com/tallapoosachurchofchrist)

Sunday Bible study: 6PM (Zoom)

Sunday Worship: 11AM

Sunday Afternoon:

Wednesday Bible study: 7PM (Zoom)

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(using your five senses) then it is an illusion. Where does that leave God—Whom the Bible describes as a spirit ([John 4:24](#))?

Anyone who has spent any time at all studying philosophy or logic can understand that while a Supreme Being may not be proven in a laboratory using the scientific method, the laboratory's very existence is proof for His existence. Consider this simple logic: It is a self-evident truth that something cannot come from nothing. Since something now exists, this indicates that something has existed forever. That means something is eternal— meaning it has always been here. This is simple logic—something exists today, thus something has always existed.

The question is, what has eternal properties? Evolutionists would have students believe that the Universe is eternal, however you probably already know that does not fit the scientific data. We know today that the Universe is expanding, which is a clear indication it had a beginning. The only logical conclusion is that God is eternal and He was responsible for the creation of the Universe.

So, back to your argument: You laugh saying my worldview requires faith, and yet your worldview requires faith to believe in a Big Bang. You also must have faith to believe in life from non-living inorganic matter. So really, which theory requires more faith? Brad Stine once mused: “Who is more irrational? A man who believes in a God he doesn't see, or a man who's offended by a God he doesn't believe in?”

I hope you will think on these things. Until next time, I continue to pray for you.

Brad Harrub