

Those to Serve

(B) Jack Wall
(FV) Doug Pruett
(O) Jorge Garza
(A) Judd Wall
1st prayer Keith Stifflemire
2nd prayer Mike Lovell
Announcements: Calvin Burks
Singing: Mike Mallett

Happy Birthday

Anson Day March 28th
Doug Pruett April 1st
Steve Sugg April 6th
Denise Wall April 11th
Connie Mallett April 30th
Coryell Day May 7th

Happy Anniversary

April 1st
Calvin & Tammy Burks
April 18th
Jack & Cindi Wall

Proverbs Chapter 23

(29) Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? (30) They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. (31) Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. (32) At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. (33) Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. (34) Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. (35) They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

Prayer List:

B W Pruett (Family)
Kadence Payne
Elyza-(Esperance Garza
Daughter)
Anita Adams
Diane Savage (Virginia's niece)
Cheryl Burks
Virginia Lovell
Dora Martinez
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

**Letha Sheldon fell and broke her
arm, she is at Hillside in Gatesville**

March 26th

Noon Fellowship

April 2nd

Mission Fund

April 9th

Easter Sunday

April 16th

Mens Business Meeting

April 30th

Noon Fellowship

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

Will Vann, Preacher

9:30 am Bible Study

863-899-0987

10:20 am Worship

Email: wvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

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Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

Stone Soup

Francis Crick, one of the scientists responsible for identifying the double helix structure of DNA, once said, “The origin of life appears at the moment, to be almost a miracle, so many are the conditions which would have had to have been satisfied to get it going.” When studying the origins of life most evolutionary biologists will turn to one form of the Primordial Soup Theory or another to explain how life came from non-life. Reading about these various different theories one cannot help but think of the story Stone Soup, which I have shamelessly copied from Wikipedia.

In the story a traveler comes to a village, carrying nothing more than an empty cooking pot. Upon his arrival, the villagers are unwilling to share any of their food stores with the very hungry traveler. He then goes to a stream and fills the pot with water, drops a large stone in it, and places it over a fire. One of the villagers becomes curious and asks what he is doing. The traveler answers that he is making ‘stone soup,’ which tastes wonderful and that he would be delighted to share with the villager, although it still needs a little bit of garnish, which he is missing, to improve the flavor. The villager, who anticipates enjoying a share of the soup, does not mind parting with a few carrots, so these are added to the soup. Another villager walks by, inquiring about the pot, and the traveler again mentions his stone soup which has not yet reached its full potential. More and more villagers walk by, each adding another ingredient, like potatoes, onions, milk, etc... salt, and pepper. Finally, the stone (being inedible) is removed from the pot, and a delicious and nourishing pot of soup is enjoyed by the traveler and villagers alike. Although the traveler has thus tricked the villagers into sharing their food with them, they have successfully transformed it into a tasty meal that they share with the donors.

From as early as the time of Aristotle the idea that life was spontaneously generated prevailed in the scientific community. This theory, i.e. non-life producing life, is referred to as abiogenesis. However, due to the efforts of scientists such as Louis Pasteur, the father of pasteurization, it was shown that preexisting life was necessary to produce further life. With this verifiable concept (biogenesis) one would think that theorizing about non-verifiable origins of life would be, well, unscientific.

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Stone Soup

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Let us not, however, underestimate the hubris of man. In 1924 Alexander Oparin proposed what is now known as the Primordial Soup Theory. The idea is that since organic matter is made up of the same basic stuff as non-organic matter then organic matter must have come from non-organic matter. So far so good (c.f. [Gen. 2:7](#)). The problem lies in the elimination of supernatural assistance to get from dirt to man. Oparin proposed that the right mix of non-organic material and the right amount of a catalyst, heat/electricity/atmosphere/etc..., produced organic matter, i.e. life. In the 1950's an experiment was performed showing that you can in fact make some of the more complex building blocks necessary for life (amino acids) from less complex building blocks. Unfortunately, there was one big missing ingredient, LIFE. Considering this dilemma, some modern scientists now believe that life didn't begin in the little soup bowl of primordial ooze, but at the bottom of the big soup bowl that was the primordial ocean in hydrothermal vents. Go big or go home I guess.

In the story, Stone Soup the stone, the original building block of the soup, doesn't magically turn into or produce anything. In fact, it does nothing but sit at the bottom of the pot until it's taken out and discarded. However, just like the villagers, many today will accept that a rock can produce the impossible just because they want what is produced. In the case of the villagers, the soup, in the case of modern scientists, the origins of life. When scientists get out of their own way and actually use the scientific method honestly, which includes being able to test a hypothesis, they will be able to see how very close they are to the truth. Yes, organic matter does in fact share the same basic elements as non-organic matter because it is made of non-organic matter. The problem is with the catalyst. Francis Crick was almost right when he said “the origin of life appears at the moment, to be almost a miracle” because it was in fact miraculous. “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being” ([Gen. 2:7](#)). Some have stated that the Primordial Soup Theory cannot be replicated because the conditions no longer exist on earth. In other words, they need elements that are outside of nature, i.e. the supernatural. God is supernatural, if only they would look to Him ([Prov. 3:5-6](#)).

By Will Vann