



First Church of Christ

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Sunday School 9:30AM

Sunday AM Worship 10:30AM

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Do We Take God's Word as Truth or Not?

No one wants to appear as being ignorant. We are all eager to be seen as a person of intellect. I do believe it's only wise to be able to admit that we can not know everything there is to know about every subject. On the subject of “How life began” there is great divide between the Creationist's view and the evolutionary theorist's explanation. Unfortunately, it is sad that many Christians, in an attempt to appear intellectual, willingly or unintentionally, compromise God's clear Word as to how and when life was created.

God's word is plain and straight forward in understanding that “*For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them...*” (Ex. 20:11). Yet because of questionable evolutionary “science” that alleges that the earth is billions of years old, many Christians have fallen into that kind of thinking, relinquishing their hold on God's clear statement of fact and are then left searching to find a loophole to support this new thought.

“*But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*” (II Peter 3:8). This verse of Scripture is perhaps one of the most misused for the so-called “progressive creationists” to

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try and harmonize the days of creation in the book of Genesis with the supposed 4.6 billion-year-old earth that evolutionary geologists suggest. They try and cite the Apostle Peter as being in agreement that “one day is a thousand years”... but that would be wrong; that is misquoting the words of Peter. No, Peter’s statement is one of a paradox, and one that is worded as a simile. It points to the power and sovereignty of God, that He can not be held to the confines of our mortal world. *“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD.*” (Is. 55:8). God can do in one day what by the natural laws of the earth would take a thousand years, and He is infinite for a thousand years passes like a day to Him.

When we look at the full context of this letter from Peter, we see that the Apostle is condemning uniformitarianism which teaches that “all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.” He criticizes them as being willfully ignorant of seeing the incredibly significant historical facts of Creation and the global flood. *“Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.’ For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.”* (II Peter 3:3-6). The written record that we have only goes back a few thousand years, to try and calculate any dating before that time requires the use of assumption and pretext, which our text from Peter has just condemned. God tells us that

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Feb 18 Church Challenge Begins
6:00pmMen’s Bible Study

Feb 21
10:00amWomen’s Bible Study

Feb 25
6:00pmMen’s Bible Study

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Mar 04 LAST DAY to ORDER
FAITH WEEKEND TICKETS

Mar 06 SUPERSTART!
3:30pm . . . Meet at FCC parking lot
to ride church van to Indianapolis



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uniformitarians lack knowledge and then exhorts us to believe in His Word and to not be ignorant.

Do we truly believe in the infallible word of God or not? If so, we must stand firm in its declarations. The answers to “how and when life began” are found in the Bible; it gives us the date and duration of creation. The great “I AM” made all of Heaven and Earth in six literal days, and not billions of years ago, but only thousands.

In His service,

Doug

Wednesday Night Study

The men's Bible study group is meeting every Wednesday evening at the church building. Grab a copy of the book, "Follow Me" Walking with Jesus in Everyday Life' from Doug. Even if you can only come one Wednesday a month, please still join us whenever you can! Starts at 6:00pm.

Last Chance!

If you happened not to see our paintings yet at the Union City Depot, you may still have time. Those of you who receive this newsletter via e-mail, then there may be a small window of time left. Last day of the art exhibit of Frances (Frankie) Nichols-Love is Wednesday, February 18th. Open from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Women's Study - book of Philippians
"Experiencing God's Peace"
Saturday, Feb. 21 @ 10am

Faith Weekend

The Newport Aquarium (a Cincinnati attraction) is offering \$12 tickets to anyone who would like to attend on March 7th or March 8th. Tickets must be ordered in advance and prepaid. Please place your order before Wednesday, March 4th, as this special group rate will not apply to walk-up ticket purchases. Tickets will be held at Faith Weekend Registration Table for pick-up the day of your visit. You can go online to www.newportaquarium.com and click on Groups, then follow the prompts. If you would like, come into the church office and Robin will be happy to help you!

Prayer Concerns

Home (Health Concerns):

Connie Alka, Steve Brewer, Mary Alice Clements, Charlie Cole, Cecilia Crowe, Scott Johnnting, Rhea Martin, Antoinette Meyers, Karen Meyers, and Roger Schmitt (Rebecca Glunt's father)

Our Missions, including:

Bright Outreach - Team Expansion
Tim & Twyla Bright (Arizona)

Partnering with the global church in transforming communities among the unreached by planting biblical churches.

- Where the Bible speaks, we speak; where the Bible is silent, we are silent.
- In essentials, unity; in opinions, liberty; and in all things, love.
- We are not the only Christians, but we are Christians only.

Assisted Living and/or Nursing Home:

Addison House: Kathy Ratliff

Autumn Hills: Helen Stewart

Modoc Group Home: Rochella Newland

Randolph Nursing Home: Joe Newland #108
Eula Newland #206

Summers Pointe: Beulah Kirk #32
Ruth Welch

Y.M.C.A. Church Challenge

The 2015 Randolph County Church Challenge begins on February 18th and runs through March 17th. Events include Team Bowling, Bible Bowl, Volleyball, Corn Hole, Euchre, and much more for the entire family! Cost is \$10 per person, or \$36 for families of 4 or more. Please see Philip if interested in participating.

Spring Break Snack Attack!

Spring is just around the corner and Randolph Southern students will be on spring break in just 5 more weeks. The local churches of this community have been asked again to help supply a bag of snack items for those elementary students who receive free lunches or reduced lunch prices. These families must request the "snack bags" in order to receive them for their children. At the Christmas break approximately 100 children were supplied with snack items. We can assume then that we will be distributing that same amount for the spring break.

Each church family has been asked to provide a specific item(s). First Church of Christ will be donating juice boxes and applesauce cups.

With time marching on, we are collecting money donations now for the juice boxes and applesauce cups. Therefore we will be able to purchase items and have them delivered to the school by March 12th. We want to allow sufficient time for the staff at the school to be able to get everything organized and time to prepare the "snack bags" before spring break.

****Anyone who would like to give a money donation, please leave at the church office, or you may give to Philip Williams. All Money Donations Will Be Greatly Appreciated!***

2015 Summer Camp Dates

Senior High:

June 28 through July 3 **(Ben Moore)**

Junior High:

June 7 through 12 **(Drew Dodd)**

Junior:

June 14 through 19 **(Becky Perry)**

Heart Start:

June 21 through 24 **(Leah Lynch)**

1st Alpha Bits:

June 25 & 26 **(Hannah Martin)**

2nd Alpha Bits:

July 12 & 13 **(Hannah Martin)**

Deaf Camp:

July 16 through 19

****The FCC Missions team will offer 50% of early registration fee scholarships to anyone committing to attend by May 24.***