

THE BULLETIN

WATER HERE, WATER THERE, WATER EVERYWHERE

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For evolutionary scientists around the world, the idea of a global Flood is unthinkable. Supposedly, nothing that catastrophic has ever happened on (or to) Earth. Everyone agrees that our planet has had its share of local floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, and volcanic explosions, but many will not entertain the thought of a miraculous, global Flood.

Yet, year after year, increasingly more evidence points toward a time in Earth's history when water once covered everything. For more than 150 years, scientists have been unearthing dinosaur graveyards throughout the world—from Tanzania, Africa to Alberta, Canada to Dinosaur, Colorado. The burial of countless dinosaurs in various locations all over the globe demands an adequate explanation. What reason is most frequently given for the existence of ubiquitous dinosaur graveyards? Evolutionists explain most of the largest dinosaur graveyards in the world as having been caused by some kind of a flood (though they are quick to include words such as “seasonal,” “flash,” and “regional”). In truth, however, the global Flood of Noah's day (as recorded in Genesis 6-8) provides the best explanation for many (if not all) such graveyards throughout the world (cf. Genesis 7:11-12,19). [For more information, see Butt and Lyons, 2008.]

Furthermore, consider the various terrestrial locations of marine fossils found around the globe. Fossilized aquatic arthropods known as trilobites “have been found on every continent and subcontinent” (Gon, 2008). From Morocco to Wales, from Oklahoma to Utah, many thousands of these fossilized marine animals have been unearthed in arid areas. Marine fossils have even been found in the Himalayas (see “Mt. Everest,” n.d.). In Kansas, scientists recently discovered the jawbone, teeth, and scales of a shark, which they estimate to have been over 32 feet long (see Walker, 2010). Other than having a few lakes, Kansas is a very dry place. What scientists know, however, is that Kansas, Oklahoma, and many other arid places on Earth, were once covered by water.

Atheists, evolutionists, and skeptics continue to ridicule the idea of a worldwide, catastrophic flood, but such a flood adequately explains the existence of a myriad of fossils around the world. Marine fossils obviously demand water. And scientists credit flooding (albeit “localized”) with countless other fossil sites. When you put it all together, adding what the Bible (Genesis 6-8) and history (see Butt and Lyons, 2008) have to tell us about the matter, it should be clear: the Bible is right—“all the high hills under the whole heaven” were once covered with water (Genesis 7:19).

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Regularly Scheduled Services

Sunday worship: 9:30am

Sunday Bible class: 11:00am

Sunday evening: 6:00pm

Wednesday Bible class: 7:00pm


JESUS IS AN EQUAL
OPPORTUNITY
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Our Family News

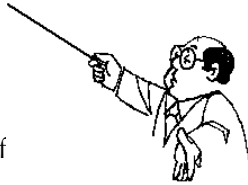
"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household," Ephesians 2:19, NAS95.

If you're a visitor to our church, welcome! If you have questions, we welcome them; please don't hesitate to ask Park Linscomb our minister (the really tall guy) or any other church member.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Teachers workshop—

On June 12th after Bible class we will have the first of a series teachers' workshops. Please plan on attending, if you currently teach or would like to teach. We will be talking about how classes are going, what we would like to do, a vision for the future, getting a better rotation going so teachers can have a break, and also giving people a chance to teach classes! If you have any interest at all please come and help us help each other!



Our next fellowship luncheon will be a cook out

and will be in honor of our high school graduates! Come enjoy the food, fellowship, and time of congratulation to our young people.

VBS is August 15-17. Mark your calendars and get ready for some fun, great Bible stories, and meeting some new friends.

June 6—is our next MNFM

Fishing trip, organized by Nick B., for Canobie Lake after worship on June 5. The whole church is invited.



Wednesday's Meal will be tacos. Wendy Lecat will be cooking. Please help her plan by signing up, if you intend to come.

AREA EVENTS COMING SOON...

Work and Worship Week— June 25-July 1—a week of family camping, a great way to contribute to Gander Brook, and a great spiritual uplift each evening. This year's speaker is Arnie Holmes.

Gander Brook Regular Camping Season, July 2 through August 13. Registration can be done both online or by paper.

NEEDING HELP

- **GB Camperships**—It's that time of year again to help out our church youth who wish to attend Gander Brook this summer. Camper fees this year are \$365.
 - Checks for *any amount* can be written to the Manchester church of Christ (write GB campership in the memo), and they are tax deductible.
 - If you need help to send your child to camp this year you can contact Tony Casella (mht_church_treasurer@comcast.net) for a campership. We would love to see every child who wants to go have an opportunity to go.
- **If you'd like to help rebuild Gander Brook's director's cabin**, the camp has a

webpage where you can contribute online. Otherwise,



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checks can be given to Park who'll forward them to GB's treasurer.

- **Gander Brook is going to be building a new dorm soon**, and likewise needs donations toward that project. Again checks can be given to Park to forward to camp's treasurer.

PRAYER CORNER:

Good Works: Bible studies in progress, our website, MNFM, food pantry, Penny Ranger's evangelistic efforts online

Health: Tom Jones, Cy Stafford, Deb Dlutowski, Marge Simon, Lynn Millette, Penny's niece Chelsea, Mary Jane Parker, Dave Seguin, Natalie Cleavitt, David Lovering, Linda Tetrault and her brother Bob, John Matthew and Anni

Struggles: Randy Stevens; Jim Kenison; and finally, brethren who have forsaken the assembly.

Leadership: Ministers, Elders, Deacons, Teachers, Parents



A Word of Encouragement

"For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it." Hebrews 2:1, NAS95.

ABOUT NEGATIVE TEACHING

"Then the LORD stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, 'Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, To pluck up and to break down, To destroy and to overthrow, To build and to plant.'" Jeremiah 1:9, 10, NAS95.

Speaking the Lord's word has its share of thrills and privilege. I love to tell people about the forgiveness found in Jesus. I love talking about the resurrection body, Heaven, the tree of life, and the golden streets. I love talking about the Savior's love for undeserving mankind and about the victory found in Jesus. It's faith-lifting to me to talk of prayer, providence, and the power of God. And I am over-awed in speaking about the holiness and majesty of the only true and living God evidenced in a clear, starry night sky, the power of a storm, the grandeur of the mountains, and the "resurrection" of spring.

On the other hand, there are times when speaking God's word isn't quite as pleasant. Sometimes a preacher needs to talk about sin. Sometimes about error. Sometimes I need to tell people that they should do something that they really don't want to do. Sometimes those conversations or sermons are kind of awkward and uncomfortable. But that's the nature of faithful service to both God and man.

And yes, you read that correctly, "faithful service to both God and man."

"Humph," someone might say, "It doesn't feel like much of a service to me, when you're telling me I'm wrong or you're correcting me."

Yeah, I get that, believe it or not. But I also know that anyone in their right mind would prefer to be corrected by a human being *here and now*, when there's still *opportunity* to do a course-correction; rather than be judged by God in the *ultimate sense on the last day*, without a chance to change things. What sort of favor am I (or any Christian) doing for someone lost in sin by saying nothing and letting them remain in the sin that will damn them in the end? What service am I doing by keeping my peace toward someone who has believed in Jesus, but has never obeyed Him in baptism?

Yes, the message is sometimes negative, but correction, rebuke, reproof, warning, and

admonition are all part of the Lord's Gospel and the teachings of the New Testament. Did you notice in the passage quoted above that $\frac{2}{3}$ of the message was going to be negative; only $\frac{1}{3}$ was about building and planting. The inspired apostle Paul speaks of a similar ratio, too...

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;" 2 Timothy 3:16, NAS95.

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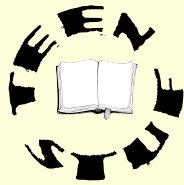
"preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction." 2 Timothy 4:2, NAS95.

Why this ratio? Largely because doing sinful things is just so common and false teachings are everywhere. If you're a math teacher and students are coming up with lots of subtraction errors, you wouldn't dwell on the elegance of a good algebra equation; you'd mainly work on correcting the subtraction errors—even if you also wanted to talk about the beauty of algebra. Similarly, to enjoy the newness of life given at baptism (Romans 6:4), to experience abundant living given by the Lord (John 10:10), and to be certain that the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you (2 Peter 1:9) corrections, rebukes, reproof, etc. will be needed—along with the positive exhortations.

So next time you hear a negative Biblical teaching or sermon or statement, please at least entertain the idea that it's not being offered in ill-humored criticism and judgment, but instead may be offered as a faithful service to both God and yourself. After all...

"Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear." Proverbs 25:12, NASB.

Park Linscomb



* June 11th is a Chill night at Mark and Ann's from 7-9.

* Teacher workshop is June 12th from 12-2ish. We will be talking about where our Bible classes have been, where we are currently at, our vision for the future, as well as ways to make it easier

for our teachers and to get new teachers involved. There will be some form of lunch and we will have a short lesson for our teachers. Please plan on coming if you are currently a teacher, want to be a teacher, or even have a slight interest in going. Please give Mark or Ann a heads up if you are coming so we can plan accordingly.

* Devo will be June 17th from 7:30-9:30. Place TBD

* Senior Sunday! Is June 19th. We will have a cookout after Bible Class. Please be looking for a sign up sheet for things to bring. Seniors... Please make every effort to be there that Sunday!

* Movie Night is June 25th from 7-9:30 at Mark and Ann's.

* Chuckster's Day! We are currently planning on going to Chuckster's on June 27th. We need to have 10 people go in order for us to get the rate we are looking at! We will be spending 3 hours there. You may bring friends as well. This is a 6th grade and up event.

* VBS! The theme for VBS will be announced at the end of services today!

| Bible Reading Schedule for this Week | | |
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| Sunday | May 29 | Proverbs 22-23 |
| Monday | May 30 | 2 Corinthians 8 |
| Tuesday | May 31 | Proverbs 24 |
| Wednesday | June 1 | Proverbs 25-26 |
| Thursday | June 2 | 2 Corinthians 9 |
| Friday | June 3 | Proverbs 27-29 |
| Saturday | June 4 | 2 Corinthians 10 |

| Service Schedule for May 29 and June 1 | | |
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| Call to Worship | Park Linscomb | |
| Song Leader | Stuart Peacock | Steve Johnson |
| Scripture | Nick Bonzagni | |
| Lord's Supper | Will Hamel | |
| Closing Prayer | Mark Casella | |
| Worship Tech | Susie Peacock | |
| Coordinator | Rich Therrien | |
| Devo | | Mark Casella |

| Our Congregational Calendar for May 29—June 11 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 29 Worship @ 9:30am Bible class @ 11am Bldg sm grp-- 6pm | 30 Faith H. BD | 31 Julia Ogunsuyi BD | June 1 Jones anniv. 6pm dinner 7pm Bible study | June 2 | June 3 | June 4 Peacock anniv. Tony Casella BD |
| 5 Worship @ 9:30am Bible class @ 11am Bldg sm grp-- 6pm | 6 Monday Night for the Master 6pm Birthdays: Doug P., James K., and John Ogunsuyi | 7 Daggett anniv. | 8 Birthdays: Beth King, Nancy Kerrins 6pm dinner 7pm Bible study | 9 | 10 Girling anniv. Stuart P. BD | 11 |