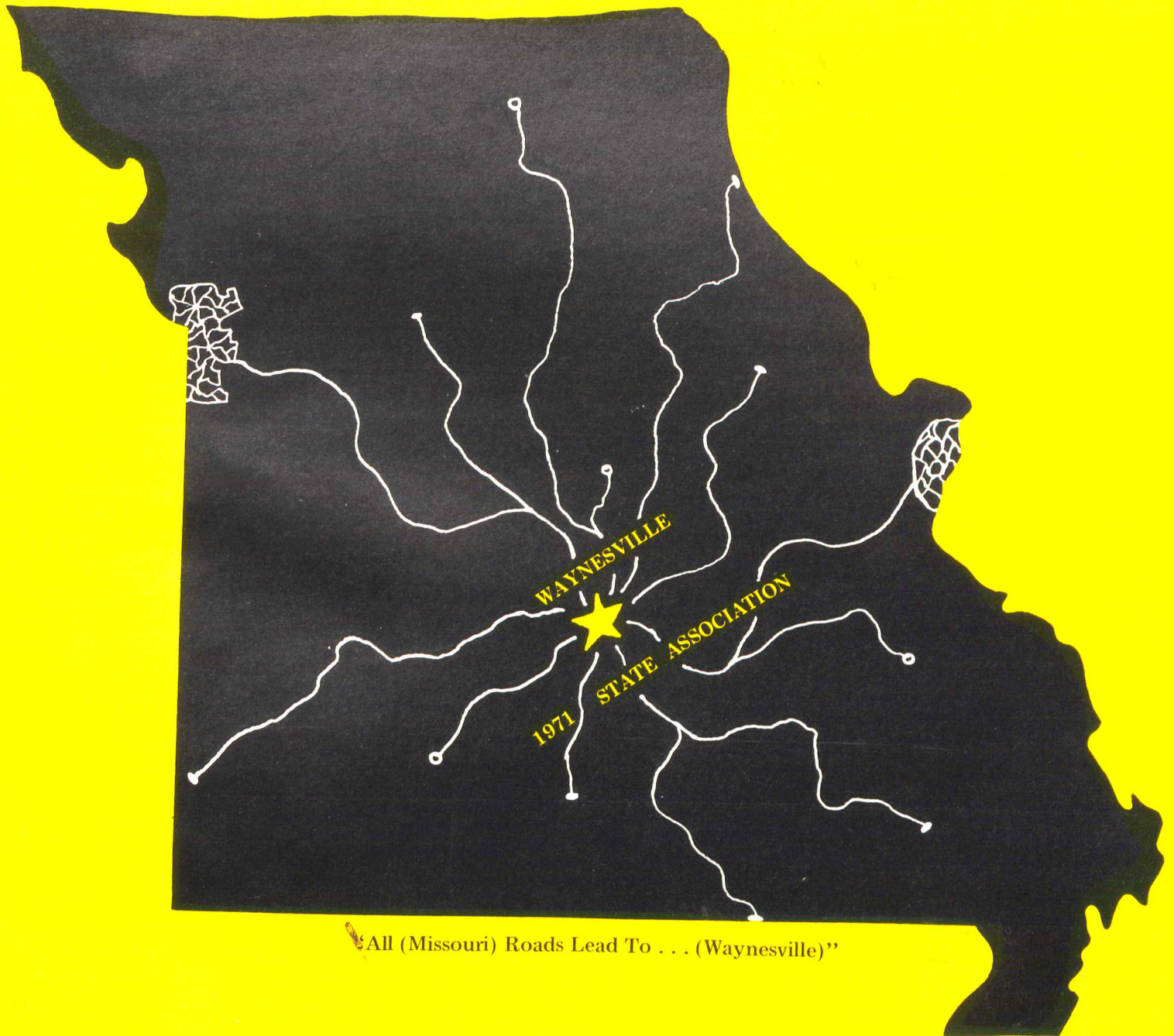


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“All (Missouri) Roads Lead To . . . (Waynesville)”

Personal from the Editor



Mathematics is an exact science. We know from long experience that two plus two equals four; that five times six equals thirty; that the Circumference of a circle is π times the radius squared. We are sure of these measurements. We can demonstrate them. They are not at all hard to prove.

We hardly think of faith in the same sense as mathematics, however. In mathematics, the numbers we use are symbols of reality. Faith is a reality itself. The writer of the book of Hebrews describes it as "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." It is a vitally real quality of life, even though you may not be able to see it in a test-tube or reduce it to an equation.

Just as mathematics is the language of measurement in the physical world, faith also functions as an instrument of measurement. As a belief and trust in Almighty God who expressed Himself in His Son, Jesus, faith measures the spiritual dimension of a man. It defines the expanse of his relationship with his Creator and his Redeemer. It describes the boundaries of a man's values in life. Best of all, faith doesn't just measure these qualities. It actually makes them happen.

It is interesting to observe that there are some striking parallels between the functions of mathematics and the functions of faith. In simple application, mathematics has four essential operations we all learned in grade school. They are addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. These same four operations apply to a working faith.

Faith adds. The Bible abounds in descriptions of the qualities faith adds to the Christian life. It tells how faith brings the presence of the living Christ and the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit to the believer. Faith never takes anything good away from a person; it always adds to the good to make it better. It adds a new dimension of joy and peace. It adds a power and will to endure, even when life gets

rough. It adds the motive to serve and achieve, not only in self interest, but also for the welfare of others. It adds new vision, new ideals, new enthusiasms.

Dwight L. Moody, the great American evangelist is a good case in point. As a young shoe clerk, he had no vision of all of the great future that lay ahead of him. Only after he found faith in Christ did he realize what a tremendous power was at his command. As he himself put it, "This world still has to see what a man wholly dedicated to Christ can do; let that man be me."

In the King James version of Matthew's Gospel, our Lord Himself says, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be *added* unto you." Yes, faith adds.

Faith subtracts. It takes away from the life of a Christian those elements which can make it most miserable. Take, for example, selfishness. Nothing can be a more insidious peril or greater curse to effective living than this spiritual blight. Reduce any sin to its fundamental nature, and you are sure to find selfishness, for it is the violation of the very explicit and most basic first commandment of God. But faith performs the mighty process of subtraction. It gives a vision of the supremacy of God and the overwhelming love of Christ. It creates a climate in which the selfish ego can no longer exist. The attitude of "me first" has to give way to "Christ first."

It subtracts the sinful and the trivial. It subtracts laziness and indifference. It subtracts the countless symptoms of the completely self-centered life; envy, jealousy, pride, conceit, intemperance, and immorality. It subtracts them all through the simple process of addition, for in their place it adds Christ.

You remember the story of Zacchaeus, a selfish little tax collector, who, out of curiosity, climbed a tree to see Jesus passing by. Jesus called him down from his perch and invited Himself to dinner. And what came of it all? A new found faith that stripped away from a greedy little man all of his self-seeking avarice and made a new person out of him. His decision at dinner that day was to give back four times as much as he had extorted from his victims. And that was only the beginning. Faith had worked its subtraction. The Gospel writer, Matthew, had been in the same shady profession until a new found faith in Christ caused him to "leave all and follow Christ." When faith in Lord Christ captured the heart of a man named Saul, he "gladly suffered the loss of all things" and became a new man named Paul, that he might gain Christ.

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Faith subtracts the worst, that the best might be. Jesus, Himself said it much better, "He who loses his life for My sake, finds it."

Faith multiplies. It has a way of multiplying the quality and worth of a man's life. Throughout the Scriptures are stories of men whose capacity for true accomplishment took shape only after they became men of faith. Take a random sample.

David was just a shepherd boy. But faith in a great God so multiplied his confidence and courage, his skill and his vision, that he all alone did what a whole army had failed to do. He defeated the enemy giant, Goliath.

Peter and John were just two men. But when they had been multiplied by faith in the risen Lord, they outnumbered an opposition council of 70 men who were powerless to silence the testimony of these courageous disciples.

Paul was just a man. But by the power he received through faith in Christ, he accomplished as much as could be expected from a whole crowd of men.

Elijah, several centuries before, was diminished by the anger of Queen Jezebel to a powerless coward. But when new found faith in Almighty God surged through him, he outnumbered the whole army of King Ahab and all the prophets of Baal.

Faith divides. Nobody totally escapes the problems and confusions of life. We are all subject to despair and doubt. Faith is the hand that grips the promises of God and won't let them go. God has pledged that with whatever temptations life throws at us, He will always provide a way of relief and escape. So faith divides the difficulties of life. It reduces them to proportions we can live with, reduce, or even solve completely.

Today there are magnificent highways crossing what were once considered impassable mountains. Many people thought it just couldn't be done. But the engineers knew otherwise. They blasted away great ledges of rock and moved the pieces out one by one. Their giant machines moved countless tons of earth and stone. Step by step they prepared the roadbeds and finally topped them with wide ribbons of smooth concrete. Their know-how divided an impossible job into a long series of tasks they could handle. That is what faith does for the Christian on his road of life. One by one it divides the difficulties and makes a highway out of them, on which to travel to new ventures of faith.

In its own way faith can do all that mathematics can—and much more. Mathematicians often talk about two other functions of their science, *cancellation* and *proportion*. Without going into the details of what they mean, we might add that faith does such things too. It is faith that brings the cancellation of sin. Faith is an act of commitment to Jesus Christ and trust in the sacrifice of His life and death for the forgiveness of our sin. And as for proportion, it is a basic law of the spiritual life that a man's character and service rise and fall according to his Christian faith. He meets temptation, duty, and opportunity in proportion to his faith in God.

What food is to the health and strength of the body, faith is to the life of the spirit. What fuel is to the power and efficiency of an engine, faith is to the service of the Christian man. What electrical energy is to the light bulb, faith is to the radiance of the spiritual life. Or as Jesus would put it to those who follow Him: "According to your faith . . ."

The Bible says that faith can remove mountains. There is not much it cannot do if you use it as your motivating thrust through all of life.



We live among people who are searching. Many people don't know what they are looking for, but some do. They just don't know where to look. Probably most prevalent among the things being sought is peace. It also seems that all the actions that have been taken up to this point have not produced that peace. These include wars, negotiations, and demonstrations. Some fight for peace, some talk for peace, and others demonstrate, apparently believing that if they demand peace long enough and loudly enough, it will come.

Peace like all other good things, comes only from God. In order for man to have peace, both inward and outward, he must be reconciled to God or be in harmony with Him. Of course, man's problem has been and still is that wars, negotiations, and demonstrations don't accomplish the necessary reconciliation.

Very simply, John 14:6 says, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." In this one verse are manifold lessons. Among them is the fact that Jesus is the only way man can come to God. God is the Giver of peace. Therefore, there cannot be peace unless man comes to God through Jesus Christ.

This simple little verse provides the answers for two other questions for which man has long searched: What is truth and how does one achieve eternal life? Jesus is truth. Jesus is the absolute truth, the infallible truth. This truth never changes even if man does. All things in Him are true and He is the giver of all spiritual knowledge and wisdom. In Him is life, outside of Him there is no life.

People ask, "What's in it for me?" Christianity provides peace, a knowledge of truth, and eternal life. What more can you ask?

Editor's note: Mr. Paul Burge is not a teenager, but none-the-less, we submit his article as proof #8. He and his family are charter members of the Columbia Church. Paul will receive his Doctorate in Education, June 1, and will be moving with his family to Columbus, Georgia, where he is employed by the Georgia State University. We wish him well in his new job and home and know he and his family will serve God well there.

Jesus Christ



or Evolution

by J. Mark Vandivort

With such an important fact as the origin of man I believe it is imperative that a Christian give Jesus Christ the pre-eminence that is due Him.

Jesus demonstrated His power to create life by restoring Lazarus to life who had been dead four days (John 11). Could not such a God create man out of a handful of "dust" (chemical elements)? I believe God could create anything He desired within a twenty-four hour period.

Jesus demonstrated His power to create matter by changing the water to wine. John 2:1-11. The chemical content of wine or grape juice is different than water.

The Apostle John speaking of Jesus said: "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." John 1:3. The Apostle Paul wrote: "... by Him all things consist, (cohere, are held together. Amplified Bible)." Colossians 1:17b. In 1875, long before modern concepts of the binding energy of the atom, J. B. Lightfoot wrote in his classic commentary: "He is pre-existent and self-existent before all the worlds, and in Him, as the binding and sustaining power, universal nature coheres and consists."⁽¹⁾ We are told in 2 Peter 3:12 that when God decides to terminate this planet He will allow matter making up this planet to be

converted to heat, sound, and fire.

The Apostle Paul acknowledged that Adam was created before Eve, as the Genesis account declares, thus eliminating any possibilities of evolutionary origin. Evolution requires a female. Paul wrote in Romans 5:19: "For by one man's (Adam) disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one (Jesus Christ) shall many be made righteous." Romans 5:12. Obviously, Paul considered Adam as historically authentic as Jesus Christ.

Some Bible believing Christians differ in opinion regarding time or the antiquity of man and the earth. For example, some believe there may have been time between the "creation days". God is eternal in existence. It should be remembered that "time" as we know it was also in the process of being created. Genesis 1:2 indicates the Spirit of God accomplished what was necessary to prepare the earth for creation. Who can say how much time, if any, this involved?

The creation account reveals that man was created an intelligent being. He was to "dress" and "keep" the garden of Eden. "Adam gave names to all the cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field." Some fossil findings of prehistoric man demonstrates his involvement in agriculture and tool-making. School children are confronted with an artist's imagination of an ape-like early man. How do we know that some of the skull fragments that have been found are not from an ape?

Adam was commanded not to eat of the "... tree of the knowledge of good and evil". He was told by God: "... thou shalt surely die, ..." if he did eat of it. Thus he was given a moral choice of obedience or disobedience to God's command. Are we not granted the same moral choice?

Adam was a man who needed the love and companionship of another human being (Genesis 2:20b). God created that companion, Eve, who was also morally responsible.

A beautiful picture is portrayed in Genesis chapter two when God "planted a garden" of perfect ecological balance of nature and environment in a world that had known no sin nor imperfection.

Chapter three of Genesis describes the changes that came with sin. Thus began a long chain of problems and catastrophies for man and nature.

Dr. Henry M. Morris, Chairman of the Applied Hydraulics Committee of the American Society for Engineering Education says:

"The Bible record describes a special Creation of all things, fully functioning from the very beginning, complete and finished by creative and formative process no longer in operation, now being sustained by God in accordance with the conservation principle enunciated in the first law of thermodynamics. It also described a fall of man, and God's curse pronounced on the earth, introducing a universal law

of decay and disorder, in accordance with second law of thermodynamics, which for the first time brought disharmony and death into the world. It then describes a great world-destroying flood in the days of Noah, which completely changed the first cosmos and its structure and process. It indicates, then that since the flood there has been an essential uniformity of both laws and processes, which can thus now be studied and elucidated by the scientific method.

It will be found if enough study is devoted to it, that all the real data of the fossil record, of biological mechanisms, of geologic processes, and of all natural phenomena, can be oriented and understood with this framework. Such a system will be fully consistent with both the basic laws of science and history and the data of divine revelation.”(2)

God does not plan to leave His creation in chaos. Genesis 3:15 records the first promise of redemption. God promised Eve that a Son of a woman would crush the head of Satan who started all of the world’s sin and troubles. In Romans chapter 8 Paul speaks of the whole creation waiting for redemption. The Apostle Peter tells of the promise of “...new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.” 2 Peter 3:13. Did not Jesus say: “I go to prepare a place for you”? The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ has already paid the price of redemption: “...having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself;” Colossians 1:20.

To whom does an evolutionist turn for redemption of sin and eternal life? Julian Huxley, an evolutionary protagonist says:

“... Darwin pointed out that no supernatural designer was needed; since natural selection could account for any known form of life

... There was no sudden movement during evolutionary history when ‘spirit’ was instilled into life, any more than there was a single moment when it was instilled into you.”(3)

Why do people choose to believe evolution?

Dr. Morris’s opinion is:

“The real reasons for accepting evolution are not scientific, but religious, reasons!

There seem to be just two basic reasons. The first is that which motivates the real leaders of evolutionary thought. Evolution, with its implications of innate principles of progress and development, of self-interest and self-improvement, with man himself as the highest system yet involved in the universe, now able to control future evolution through control of the social order and his own biological activities, is to such men an impelling

religious idea. Furthermore, it frees them from responsibility to a sovereign God and Creator, to whom they might otherwise have to give a personal accounting at some future judgment day. Man becomes his own god, responsible only to himself or, more practically, to the intellectual elite who will become his spokesmen.”(4)

It is reported that Karl Marx, the founder of Communism, declared to Ferdinand LaSalle, that “Darwin’s book is very important, and serves me as a basis in natural science for the class struggle in history.”(5)

“How long halt ye between two opinions? If Baal (man made idol) be God, follow him, but if the Lord be God follow Him.” 1 Kings 18:21.

I believe there is no disagreement between creationists and evolutionists on observed facts. For example, when a student looks through a microscope he should believe what he sees. When he sees the fossil of a plant or animal in a lump of coal he should believe that such a plant or animal existed. He is not bound by any “theory” as to how or when it got there! I encourage Christian students to observe, study and master the sciences as much as it is practical to do so. A Christian student of science is certainly not “anti-scientific”. Job says: “... Speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee:” Job 12:8. Romans 1:20 tells us that the world is a testimony of God’s handiwork.

Some Christian scientists conjecture that the Ice Epoch may have suddenly appeared from outer space in conjunction with the flood. Cold is first mentioned after the flood (Genesis 8:22). Job asked the question, “From whose womb came the ice?” Job 38:29a. Does not the Bible teach that God is the God of the universe? The psalmist says: “He casteth forth his ice like morsels: Who can stand before his cold?” Psalms 147:17. Apparently some mammoths and rhinos could not stand the cold. Mr. Donald W. Patton reports that mammoths have been found in Siberia on the fringe area of the ice field that were flash frozen with temperate to subtropical forage in their mouths and stomachs including elder berries that normally ripen in the fall. According to Genesis 7:11, Mr. Patton calculated that the flood would have occurred in the fall of the year—the time of ripe elder berries. He also reports that numerous mammoths have been quick drowned in Siberia, an area that has been the source of a vast number of ivory tusks.”(6)

Mr. Patton in his book, *The Biblical Flood and the Ice Epoch* points out several aspects of the Ice Epoch that are difficult for evolutionary scientists to explain.

Mr. Patton views the flood as a celestial catastrophe causing huge tides to rise and sweep over the crust of the earth and likewise causing tides within the molten lava under the earth’s crust with resulting sedimentation, breaking of the earth’s crust, erosion, extreme pressure, and general disruption of the earth’s physical features. “... The same

day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up . . ." Genesis 7:11.

Mr. Patton says:

" . . . If we look at the flood in terms of tides rather than rain, many things become far more logical and this includes the manner of floatation, the direction of floatation, the 150 day period of gravitational crisis, the daily increasing of waters, and several other features.

With tides five thousand and ten thousand feet high sweeping the earth daily, sedimentation and stratification would suddenly become great factors reshaping the surface of the earth. Tides ten thousand feet high will create pressures, two tons per square inch and more, pressures which would fossilize animals and petrify forests in a matter of hours.

In a quarry in England a tree was found about one hundred feet long, and at a forty degree angle. It went through strata after strata, each supposedly laid down millions of years apart. At the top, the tree was about one foot in diameter. At the bottom it was five feet in one diameter and two feet in the other diameter, as if it had come under immense pressures. Obviously, if the strata were laid down millions of years apart, the top would have long since rotted. This is but one of thousands of inexplicable items for uniformitarianism to explain; in my opinion the understanding of the Flood in its cosmological perspective helps immensely." (7)

The Bible says Noah loaded pairs of animals and their food on a three story ship, 450 ft. x 75 ft. x 45 ft., equipped with stalls and cages. As the flood receded, the ark was left on top of Mt. Ararat. Tooled wood from a ship shaped object buried in the ice on Mt. Ararat (10,000 ft. above sea level) has been brought down for examination. If this is not the ark, what is it? The Communists seem to be quite dedicated to stopping the progress of further exploration of the ark.

Since Noah, his family, and the animals walked off the ark, it seems that enough time has lapsed for the development of the Chinese, the Negro, the Indian, and the European. Who knows what color Adam and Noah were? I think it is interesting to note that Rachab, a descendant of Ham, is listed in the genealogy of Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:4). (8)

It is my opinion that considerable time is covered between Genesis chapter three and twelve including the flood, the tower of Babel, and the calling out of Abraham.

One should keep in mind that when God stopped the building of the tower of Babel, He gave the people different languages and scattered them over the earth. From reading Genesis 10:18; 11:8-9 it seems to me that God put it in the heart of man

to migrate to the ends of the earth. Bible believers should remember that Genesis was given to Moses by Divine revelation. Thus the amount of time covered would not affect to historical accuracy of the events recorded. Some Bible scholars believe that there are omissions in the genealogies. I believe the time represented by the period between the Flood and Abraham to be more than the addition of the life span of the names listed.

Could not changing climatic conditions and changing factors of ecology account for many plants and animals becoming extinct? At the time of man's sin God said: " . . . cursed is the ground for thy sake . . . Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee;" Genesis 3:17-18. Prior to the Flood: "There went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground." Genesis 2:6. "Cold" and "winter" are not mentioned prior to the Flood. Genesis 8:22.

Would the ark accomodate all the different species of animals in today's world? One scientist calculated that the ark carried the equivalent of 50 cattle cars. Did Noah have on board a St. Bernard and a Chihuahua or a Clydesdale and a Shetland or a Hereford and a Jersey? Could there not be similar variations among undomesticated animals since the time of the ark? For example, Charles Darwin observed various species of Finch on the Galapagos Islands performing the same ecological function that other kinds of birds did on the mainland.

The Genesis account says God created life to reproduce "after their kind". This is still true in our time. Dogs do not mate with cats and horses do not mate with cows.

We should keep in mind that God has His eye on the Sparrow and He knows the number of hairs on your head. Matthew 10:29-30. No change takes place without His notice or perhaps His supervision, or the execution of His will.

If Jesus gave credit to the authenticity of the Genesis account should not His followers do the same? "And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female." Matthew 19:4.

In the final analysis, the Biblical account of the creation is not a "theory". The Bible declares itself to be God's revelation of truth to be believed by faith (2 Timothy 3:16).

1) J. B. Lightfoot, *Epistles to the Colossians and to Philemon*, Zondervan.

2) thru 7) Henry M. Morris, et al, *A Symposium on Creation*, Baker.

8) *Halley's Bible Handbook*, (comments on the book of Ruth).

Editor's note: Brother Mark Vandivort serves our denomination and God as the pastor of the Columbia Church. He needs no introduction to Missouri Free Will Baptists. Thank you Pastor Vandivort for taking time out of a busy schedule to write for the GEM.

College News

1971-72

STUDENT BODY OFFICERS

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THE GLEANERS TRIO

*Claudia Bland, accompanist (standing) Carolyn Daniel
Mary Nell Lanier Phyllis Little*

BIBLE COLLEGE TOURING GROUPS VISIT SEVEN STATES

Students traveling with groups sponsored by the Bible College recently visited churches in seven states with programs of music and drama. Between 200 and 300 decisions were witnessed, with approximately 25 professing salvation.

The 35-voice Bible College Choir, directed by David Randlett, took its 18th annual tour, visiting 13 churches in Tennessee, Ohio and Michigan. For the first time, the school also sponsored a dramatic company, called the Evangel Players. The group, under the direction of Joseph Jones and Mrs. Charles Thigpen, presented two plays nightly in services held in Tennessee, North Carolina and

Virginia. Also a first was a 5-day tour taken through Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky by the school's Chapel Choir. The 40 students of the choir were directed by Abe Baerg, newest member of the school's music faculty.

Free Will Baptists received visiting students warmly and expressed praise for the services they presented. Over \$15,000 in support for the Bible College was raised during these recent tours.

GLEANERS TRIO ON SUMMER TOUR FOR BIBLE COLLEGE

The Gleaners Trio, students from Free Will Baptist Bible College, will be visiting 11 eastern states this summer, holding services representing the school. The group will begin their tour in Illinois, Michigan and Indiana, then move through states farther south.

Singing with the group are Carolyn Daniel, a junior from Royal Oak, Michigan; Mary Nell Lanier, also a junior from Leary, Georgia; and Phyllis Little, a sophomore from Newport News, Virginia. Claudia Bland, from Greenville, North Carolina, will provide piano accompaniment for the trio. Various members of the Bible College's faculty and staff will travel with the Gleaners to direct their services.

BIBLE COLLEGE PLANNING CAMPUS TOUR DURING NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Visitors to the National Association of Free Will Baptists, convening in Nashville July 12-15, will be invited to take a special tour of the Free Will Baptist Bible College campus, Public Relations Director Paul Kettelman has announced. Plans are being made to provide buses to transport visitors to and from the campus following afternoon business sessions. The purpose of the tours is that many of the 5,000 Free Will Baptists expected at the convention might see first hand the campus of their denomination's school and the results of God's blessings on it over its 28-year ministry.

OHIOAN CHOSEN STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

In recent elections, the students of Free Will Baptist Bible College chose Peter Wilson, an honor student from Toledo, Ohio, president of the school's student body. Other officers elected were Vice President Jon Thigpen, Nashville, Tennessee; Secretary-Treasurer Sheila Reid, Glennwood, Arkansas; and Chaplain Billy Hanna from Florence, South Carolina.

The new student officers will direct the student body activities at the Bible College for the 1971-72 school year.

CHURCHES

PEOPLE

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EVENTS



Parkview Church, Desloge, reports a successful revival in May. Rev. Elmer Turnbough, a former pastor, now serving as pastor in Nashville, Tennessee was the evangelist. The attendance was very good and the churches of the area gave their cooperative support to the services. Two were saved. Rev. Dale Underwood is pastor of Parkview and through diligent service to the congregation and a radio program, "The Radio Altar", the church is growing. The church rejoices for the many young families that are attending and those who have found a renewed interest in the work of the church.

The DeSoto congregation is now meeting in their beautiful new auditorium. The Lord has truly blessed and answered prayers. New children are being born into the family of God through the work of this dedicated church.

The Victory Church shares the good news of a blessed time of revival with Evangelist Bobby Jackson of Greenville, North Carolina. Special music was provided by the Goodwin Duet from Attumwa, Iowa. Attendance for the services averaged 110 and 15

decisions were made. God is still with His people.

Rev. O. T. Allred served as evangelist for the Independence Church near Stockton in a very successful revival which began April 4 and continued through Sunday night, April 11. Four fine young people were converted and four were baptized by the pastor Rev. Elwood Perry on Easter Sunday afternoon. In the closing service nine united with the church. Rev. Perry has not been with Free Will Baptists but a short time but is doing a very good work with the Independence Church. The cooperation of the other churches in the vicinity—Wagner, Bethel, Eldorado Springs, and Greenfield—was greatly appreciated and made greater blessings for all.

The Rev. George I. Stitt has assumed the duties as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirksville. He and his wife came to Kirksville in January, 1971, from West Side Free Will Baptist Church, Midland, Texas, where he was pastor. He had formerly pastored the Fredericktown Church. The church has added some new members and has shown a gradual increase in Sunday

School attendance. Rev. and Mrs. Stitt have been active in Free Will Baptist work a number of years.

Madalyn Murray O'Hair, the militant atheist who kicked Bible reading out of the public schools (it is now gradually being reinstated in many areas) has lost her case against the spacemen for reading from the first chapter of Genesis. The Appeals Court said that Mrs. O'Hair's suit "approaches absurdity." The court also overruled her objection to Judicial oaths ending with "so help me God."

Dear fellow teens,

Plans are being made for this year's Youth Convention at the National, July 11-15, in Nashville.

Our speaker on Sunday night is David Wilkerson and for our banquet Don Lonie. You probably have heard about these men and now you can meet them in person.

The Sheraton Hotel is the Headquarters for the teen activities and for Junior and younger the activities will be in the Noel Hotel.

You could make it easier for pre-registering. Registration is the same as last year—\$2.00. You must register to participate. You may also order your banquet tickets for \$4.50, or, if you are a junior, your party ticket for \$2.00. Send your name, address, and church with the necessary money to: Jean Picirilli; Youth Chairman Registration; Church Training Service; P. O. Box 1088; Nashville, Tennessee 37202. Your money must be in by June 30, if you wish to register by mail.

Looking forward to seeing you in Nashville. We are anticipating a good crowd and a lot of fun. Promoting the Youth Conference in Missouri,
Eddie Adkisson

Pastor Vergel Maness and the Waynesville Church are looking forward to having you at the State Association and submit this list of Motels for your convenience in planning reservations.

Bavarian Garden Motel	\$ 7.50	\$ 8.50	\$ 9.50	\$10.50	
502 Hilside Road					
Waynesville, Mo. 65583					
Phone: 314-774-5539					
Bell Motor Lodge	4.00	8.00		12.00	12.00
City Route 66					Special
Waynesville, Mo. 65583					family
Phone: 314-774-6481					rate 7.41
Clark's Motel	8.00	8.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
310 City Route 66					
Waynesville, Mo. 65583					
Phone: 314-774-2201					
Colonial Motor Inn	10.30	12.30	14.42	14.42	16.48
Waynesville, Mo. 65583					6 (3 beds)
Phone: 314-336-5212					24.72
DeVille Motor Inn	12.50	16.50	18.50	22.50	3.00 ea.
Waynesville, Mo. 65583					additional
Phone: 314-336-3113					person
Ramada Inn	10.95	15.95	18.95	21.50	
Box 457					
Waynesville, Mo. 65583					
Phone: 314-336-3121					
Star Motel	9.00	10.00	14.00	14.00	16.00
City Route 66, East					
Waynesville, Mo. 65583					
Phone: 314-774-2840					
(Sells Liquor)					

The Bavarian Gardens, Bell, and Clark Motels are all within two miles of the church. They are clean, comfortable, and quite adequate. Colonial, DeVille, and Ramada Inn are somewhat farther from the church, but in easy driving distance of fifteen or twenty minutes. These last three are the luxury line motels. With over 200 rooms available, Waynesville has adequate facilities to accomodate the State Association, however, it must be understood that early reservations are essential. This is true anywhere in the world. Although these rates are given by the motels as those that will be charged, you will need to call or write to verify your room and the price. The Motel will not be bound by a price given out by a desk clerk and printed in the *GEM*. We do hope these prices are honest and accurate. It is always wise, however, to make reservations, deposit if necessary, and request written verification.

Waynesville has many eating places throughout the town. The Colonial, DeVille, and Ramada Inn have restaurants or they are next door. Colonel Sander's Kentucky Fried Chicken, Whitmore Farms, The Steak House, and Champlin Truck Stop all are convenient and offer good food and service. Happy planning. We'll look forward to seeing you at State Association in Waynesville.

Missouri State Home Mission Giving April 5 - May 5, 1971

Farmington Church	184.00
Fredericktown Church	52.85
Monett Church	120.20
Mr. & Mrs. Joe O'Neal	10.00
Hannon Church	45.70
First Church Berkeley	15.00
New Harmony Church	7.50
O'Fallon Church	5.00
Belton Church	12.00
Grace Church	96.93
Mary Hill	2.00
Fae Davis	5.00
Coppermines Church	7.00
Fourth Church	28.00
Mrs. Walker	1.00
Blue Eye Church	10.00
Thayer Church	68.60
Maureen Holmes	1.00
Kenneth Pilcher	3.00
Kenneth Salsman	2.00
Tommy Barr	10.00
Faith E. Lovelace	5.00
JoAnn Thomas	10.00
Mrs. Stella Mowry	2.00
Ladies Aux. Viburnum	14.00
Woman's Aux. Belvoir, N.C.	2.00
South Side Church	8.00
New Rock Springs Church	23.45
Mildred Wallace	5.00
Pleasant Grove Church	10.00
Hazel Creek Church	10.00
Melvin Howard	10.00
Leadington Church	71.00
Overland Church	299.00
Olivet Church	93.00
Billy Joe Loveless	5.00
Rev. Grover Pingleton	12.00
Jack Keesling	10.00
New Home Church	20.00
Lois Shannon	5.00
Myrtle Church	18.40
Hartville Church	120.00
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Fry	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Cleo Chandler	6.00
Mrs. Ruth Hickman	1.00
Parkview Church	33.00
Rock Chapel Church	23.00
Victory Church	294.68
Low Ground Church	5.00
Fourth Church	54.00
First Church Mtn. Grove	154.06
Fellowship Church	68.00
First Church DeSoto	25.00
First Church Joplin	28.20
Mine LaMotte Church	10.00
St. Francois Co. Qtly. Mtg.	25.00
Central Church	10.00
Salem Church	14.00
Cooperative Receipts - April	1025.31
Total	\$3294.88

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES NEW DISTRIBUTION PLAN

Nashville, Tenn.—

Beginning with the first quarter of 1972, Sunday School Curriculum published by the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department will be available in some of the Free Will Baptist bookstores across the nation. Those stores that are equipped to handle both mail orders and walk-in trade will become distributors of the literature.

The Sunday School Department will issue further news releases on this new distribution plan. Announcement of participating bookstores will be made at a later date.

CTS NEWS RELEASE

The National Youth Conference begins on Sunday night July 11, at War Memorial Auditorium. The program will feature the Volunteers Chorus, Soloist Dallas Holm, and Speaker David Wilkerson.

Bible Tic Tac Toe and Bible Bowl will begin Monday afternoon. All competitive activities will be completed on Tuesday.

Tuesday night's youth banquet will feature the Peace Makers, Panamanian Duet, and special guest, Don Lonie.

Wednesday morning Don Lonie will again speak. The Conquerors will present an exciting program Wednesday afternoon. After service Wednesday night there will be a large outdoor singspiration.

Wednesday afternoon Missionary Wesley Calvery and his talking doll, Kari-Chan, will delight the hearts of the children with their special program.

All ages must register to participate in any of the National Youth Conference activities. Registration is \$2.00, Banquet 4.50, and Children's Party 2.00. Pre-registration will be opened no later than June 30.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Belton	48	53		
Berkley		335		
Copper Mines	82	78	91	
DeSoto	71	73	79	91
Farmington	120			
Fredericktown, First		126	136	151
Hannon	65		71	73
Hurryville	92			
Lebanon, First	163	147	150	162
Mill Creek	42			
Mine LaMotte	38	33		52
Monett, First	169	173	188	
Mtn. Grove, First	261			
Myrtle	55	53	62	
Oskaloosa		22		
Parkview, Desloge	109	92	121	127
Salem	41	37	53	48
Trinity	158		211	196
Victory	121	113	137	106
Waynesville, First	101	79	119	133
West Plains, First	142	127		139
Willow Springs	95	89	90	103
Willow				

Missouri Foreign Mission giving for the month of April was \$6,105.83. The list of donors is quite long. It would be nice to print the list if it did not take up so much space which seems can be better used for news and articles. I know that no one gives just to see their name on a list anyway, so trust the total amount as an item of interest will be adequate. Ed.

Missouri National Home Mission Giving

South Side	\$ 30.00
New Home	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lehman Riggs	100.00
Fredericktown, First	20.00
Salem	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Evans	33.00
Willow Springs	17.06
Monett, First	25.00
Rev. & Mrs. Wm. Evans	3.00
Grant Avenue	36.50
Gray Summit	5.00
Mt. Pisgah	14.27
Olivett	14.00
Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Ruble	10.00
Mtn. Grove, First	63.07
Richwoods	9.00
Central, Kansas City	14.32
Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Denton	5.00
Fellowship Class, Farmington	10.00
Mrs. Evert Johnson	2.50
Missouri Cooperative Plan	318.64
Macy Gregory	10.00
Fellowship, Flat River	30.00
Parkview	15.36
Victory	122.23
Myrtle	5.00

Total \$938.05
Total to date \$3,925.23
Balance on Quota .. \$13,074.77

APRIL COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Alton	\$ 10.00
Byrd	10.00
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Viburnum	57.68
Columbia	26.13
Willow Springs	89.96
Cope	22.10
Aulsbury Chapel	103.30
Leadington	144.31
Hurryville	104.30
Fredericktown	462.57
Pleasant Ridge	16.00
Marshfield	15.56
Salem	20.00
Farmington	202.37
Pleasant Home	54.78
Hannon	65.40
Gate Way (Newly adopted)	72.00
Mill Creek	95.86
Thayer	59.57
Monett, First	166.77
Berkley	333.06
Gray Summits	21.75
Twin Oaks	74.26
Carterville	30.68
Grace	213.50
New Home	59.31
Fourth	186.88
Belton	96.00
Houston	79.00
Cuba	64.12
Old Bethel	15.00
Olivett	110.00
Happy Home	20.30
Copper Mines	75.00
Rock Chapel	24.11
Mtn. Grove, First	430.65
Jones Chapel	10.00
Richwoods	134.40
Cedar Ridge	55.53
less 10% from FWBBC to	
Foreign Missions	6.17
Mine LaMotte	12.65
Capitol City (newly adopted)	30.86
Viburnum	60.88
Trinity	130.00
Royal Oaks	35.89
Hurryville	65.30
DeSoto, First	65.25
West Plains, First	80.00
South Side, St. Louis	186.95
Grant Avenue	195.22
Merl's Chapel	23.11
Verdella	57.82
Fellowship	50.00
Victory	205.75
Parkview	50.00
Cope	21.31
Central, Kansas City	120.00
Leadington	121.42
New Rock Springs	29.00
Willow Springs	77.51

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$5,467.31

DISBURSEMENTS

00.25% Superannuation	\$ 13.67
01.00% C.T.S. & S.S.	54.65
04.00% GEM	218.69
04.00% Youth Camp	218.69
07.00% General Fund	382.71
16.00% Promotional	874.77
18.75% Missouri Missions	1,025.13
51.00% 7 Missouri Depts.	\$2,788.33
03.00% O.B.C.	164.02
00.50% Theological Com.	27.34
01.00% Laymans Bd.	54.67
01.50% R.E.A.P.	82.01
03.00% C.T.S.	164.02
07.00% Home Missions	382.71
10.00% Executive Dept.	546.73
10.00% FWBBC	546.73
less designated	6.17
13.00% Foreign Missions	710.75
plus designated	6.17
46.00% 8 National Depts.	\$2,514.96
100.00% Total disbursed	\$5,467.31

Womans World



Report on
"Furniture for Fulchers"
Gifts listed below are those received by the Secretary-Treasurer as of April 29, 1971.

Woman's Mission Dist.	\$275.38
Indian Creek Dist.	5.00
St. Louis Dist.	40.86
Waynesville Aux.	29.00
Beacon Aux., Raytown	39.14
Hannon Aux.	80.00
Total	\$569.38

The goal set was \$1,000.00, therefore, \$530 is yet needed to meet the goal. Gifts should be sent in as soon as possible as the Auxiliary year ends soon.

Mrs. Lee Bunton hosted three visitors and ten members for the Hannon Auxiliary at their May 4, meeting. Mrs. Don Nutting, missionary to New Guinea, was the guest speaker. The lesson, "Go Home . . . And Tell," was given by Mrs. Everett Crockett with mission emphasis given to the Jimmy Aldridge work in Ivory Coast. The Auxiliary will sponsor Vacation Bible School in June.

Officers for the new year were elected to complete a worthwhile and informative meeting.

The Berkley Auxiliary met May 5 with opening prayer. The business of the meeting followed regular order with the names of new officers being submitted and elected. A standing vote of thanks was given the officers of the past year in appreciation of their labor of love. A thank you letter was read thanking the auxiliary for a missionary's Christmas gift.



"Women Ministering Unto Christ" was presented as the program for the Viburnum Auxiliary

pre-Easter program, April 7. The program was opened by a program of readings and choruses by the young people of the church under direction of Vivian Miller. Four Bible Women were used in the program: Mary, sister of Martha and Lazarus, Betty Ogle; Mary Magdalene, Verla Cookson; and Priscilla and Eunice, Pearl Willhite. Scripture reading by the pastor, James Barker, singing, and special prayer completed the program. The offering was divided with \$10.00 designated for the Hanna's and \$12.00 to the Giunta's in Jefferson City.

The Woman's Auxiliary Retreat had 91 women in attendance, a wonderful speaker, Mrs. Hubert Sloan, Secretary, Foreign Missions Office, Nashville, but best of all, the presence of the Lord filled the place. From the moment we set foot on the grounds, we knew the Lord had met with us. And, from the moment Gladys Sloan began to speak, we knew the Lord had sent her to us.

Our theme was "Beside the Still Waters" and it was just that to all of us. It was a quiet time and a time of refreshing ourselves in Him.



With many of the ladies who attended the Woman's Auxiliary Retreat and the dining hall as background pictured here are (left to right): Dora Fry, Chairman of the Program Committee; Brenda Evans, President of Missouri State Auxiliary; Eunice Edwards, Vice-president of Missouri State Auxiliary; and Mrs. Hubert Sloan, principal speaker from Nashville, Tennessee.

PROMOTIONAL
SECRETARY'S CORNER

Saturday, April 3, the Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting convened with the Garfield Church. Each of the twenty-one member churches was represented by delegates at the session. Ministers O. D. Hackworth and Millard Ehrhardt delivered the 11:00 a.m. sermon. I was given time to explain the 1971 allocation of Missouri Cooperative Funds. The ladies of the church served a good dinner in the church basement. The services adjourned at the close of the preaching hour.

First Church of West Plains concluded a week of evangelistic services Sunday, April 4. Evangelist Glen Murray delivered the message each evening. Souls were saved through this revival effort. I was privileged to fill the pulpit there Sunday morning, April 4, for Pastor Dale Skiles. Sunday evening I visited Gray Summits church where Brother Guy Gilliam delivered the sermon to a good attendance.

Madison County Quarterly Meeting assembled with Old Bethel Church Friday evening, April 9 and continued through April 10. I had been previously delegated to preach Friday Night. The youth choir presented

special music. Rev. Clarence Burcham preached the 11:00 a.m. sermon Saturday. All nine churches were represented. Time was given for our Missouri Promotional Program which is supported by most of these churches consistently.

We welcome Cape Girardeau's new pastor, Rev. Don Cox, to the Cape Church and into the Missouri State Association.

Rev. Jim Bundy and I attended Easter Sunrise Service in Union Light Church. Brother Bundy delivered the sermon. The attendance was good so early in the day. I delivered the Easter morning sermon in Copper Mines Church, Sunday, April 11. Pastor Matthews reports souls being saved recently and new members received into the church. This same evening I delivered the sermon for the Communion Service in Fredericktown Church. The participation was good in both the Communion and the Feet Washing Services.

Sunday morning, April 18, I filled the pulpit for Pastor Wagner here in South Side Church. Pastor Wagner preached a week-end revival in Gate Way Church. We have some new converts in South Side also. In response to

an invitation from the Trinity Church I delivered the evening sermon April 18. Pastor Spurgeon reports Sunday school attendance gaining and several being saved this quarter with a score becoming affiliated with the church.

The St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting assembled with the Leadington Church, Friday evening, April 23 and 24. The youth choirs from DeSoto and Leadington provided special singing and a young minister, Ed Kelzer, delivered the evening sermon. We welcome Leadington's new pastor, Howard H. Hensley, into the Missouri State Association. Pastor Hensley preached the sermon Saturday, 11:00 a.m. Adequate time was given for our Missouri Promotional Program. One week previous to this date Pastor Hensley preached Leadington's revival with six souls saved. Some important items of business were transacted in the Saturday afternoon session.

I delivered the 11:00 a.m. sermon April 25 in Parkview Church. Pastor Dale Underwood also reports souls saved in recent services. Sunday evening I filled the Farmington Church pulpit for Pastor Evans. Brother Evans was preaching in the Copper Mines revival. Several souls were saved in this meeting.

Sixty churches contributed to the Cooperative Plan in April. Please observe two new churches adopted the Cooperative Plan: Gate Way Free Will Baptist Church, St. Louis; and Capitol City Free Will Baptist Church, 1212 East High Street, Jefferson City. If you know of people living in Jefferson City send their names to Pastor Frank Giunta in care of the Church address.

Remember that Bibles and books are available from your own Book Store. Missouri Free Will Baptist Book Store; 3100 Mt. Pleasant; St. Louis, Mo. 63111.