

## SECOND ANNUAL FRIENDS OF SABS LECTURESHIP AND SAFARI TOUR

Kirk Eason, Director of Development, Southern Africa Bible College

It was a beautiful spring day high on the Rand in South Africa. The temperature was 75 degrees. The sky was clear and blue. And Christians from all over Southern Africa were gathered to sing praises and listen to God's Word. It was Southern Africa Bible College's (SABC) Annual Lectureship, September 30 – October 4, 2012.

For 46 years SABC has been '...entrusting to reliable men who will be able to teach others also.' as

2 Timothy 2:2 teaches. Started in 1966 by long-time missionary, Eldred Echols, and a South African Christian, Al Horne, the College has transformed the face of Church in over 29 countries. It

has had over 2,000 students attend and complete the one, two, or three year program with over 600 students completing the three-year degree program.

Currently, the College has a 22 acre campus with housing for approximately 100 students. It is accredited by the South African government to offer a Bachelor's degree in Theology. The 28 member student body comes from four countries. And it has excellent faculty who are experienced preachers, teachers, and evangelists.

This year's lectureship had over 500 Christians in attendance. People came from across Southern Af-



rica, the United States, and Australia. Special attention was given to the book of Psalms with the theme of *How Majestic is Your Name*.

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Each day of the Lectureship, there was a daily theme, and each lesson focused on a particular Psalm that emphasized the overall idea. On Monday "Walking in the Law of the Lord," on Tuesday "I Will Bless the Lord," Wednesday "God's Unchanging Faithfulness," and on Thursday "Dwelling in God's Sanctuary."

Lectureship ended with the annual banquet and graduation ceremonies. Ladies from the Benoni congregation prepared and served a beautiful meal with the assistance of the student body. The entertainment was good and Theo Rappard, one of our teachers, had worked with the SABC students for some time preparing them to sing a number of religious songs. It was very uplifting.

The students who finished studies in 2011, returned to receive their Diplomas. The graduates marched in from the back of the hall in cap-and-gown. Members of the faculty, including the President (Al Horne), the Director (Fred Bergh), Dean of Students (Eddie Nkosi), also in cap-and-gown, marched in front.

It was stated that the 2012 SABC Lectureship was "life-changing" for a number of people. It was obvious that those who presented lessons based on the assigned Psalm had been affected spiritually by their preparation and delivery of their lecture. In all, it was a wonderful, encouraging and beneficial Lectureship.

You are invited to experience it for yourself as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Friends of SABC Lectureship and Safari Tour*. The dates for the trip are tentatively set for September 17 – 29, 2013. On this trip you will spend time interacting with Christians from around the world, listening to great lessons, serving in various ways, and traveling to a game preserve to see animals in their natural environment. The estimated cost of the trip is \$4,000. For more information please contact Kirk Eason, Director of Development – USA, at:

[keason@southernafricabiblecollege.org](mailto:keason@southernafricabiblecollege.org) or at 512-965-0382.

### FAILING A TEST WITH DIGNITY

(d) Explain why phosphorus trichloride (PCl<sub>3</sub>) is polar.

God made it that way.

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### Foster's Home for Children

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Stephenville, Texas

## IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION—TASTE

Taste makes many foods we eat pleasurable, but it has an important role in protecting our health. In addition to learning what is poisonous to our systems (but not necessarily to other species), taste will tell us when food goes bad. Decomposition of food and other matter is an important aspect in the regeneration of life, however, food which has started the decomposition process may make us sick. The taste of food is a warning signal that food may not be fit for us to eat.

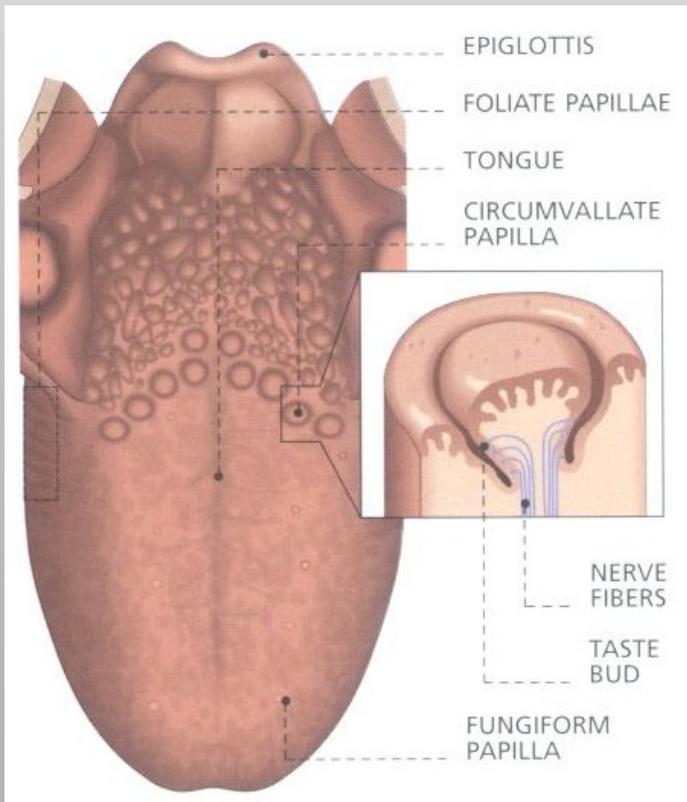
Taste works by food being partially dissolved by saliva and then seeping into our taste buds. Taste buds are specialized cells on the upper surface of the tongue below tiny openings. Deep within each bud are hair like receptors designed to detect a certain taste. Sweet buds lie at the tip of the tongue, salty in the front, bitter at the back, and sour along the edges. All flavors are derived from these four basic tastes.

Sweet, sour, salty, and bitter taste bud cells must generate small electric signals in response to external stimuli without knowing a reason why. Nerve cells must send the signals in an orderly fashion to the brain without knowing a reason why. The brain cells must interpret the combination of signals as taste and notify the person that a taste has been sensed.

This is a form of blind complexation where cells must take on more complex functions which are beneficial to the whole body, but would have no idea as to why they were doing it or what good it did for the body.

**Table 12: Information transmission rates of the senses**

sensory system	bits per second
eyes	10,000,000
skin	1,000,000
ears	100,000
smell	100,000
taste	1,000



No one (except God of course) knows how the brain does this! It would be impossible for this to occur without an external designer!



## FILL-IN PREACHERS AND SPECIAL SUBJECTS

The topics presented below are existing programs intended to be available at a moment's notice. All expenses are assumed to be taken care of by the speaker unless specifically otherwise agreed in advance. The speaker's home congregation is identified for your information, but it does not imply in any way that the home congregation is responsible for the content of the lessons.

If you have one or more (max. 5) lessons you would like to present on this basis, send the information to [bbaugh@thearray.org](mailto:bbaugh@thearray.org) and we will post it.

If you are interested in using the services of one of these brothers (or sisters in the appropriate context), contact them directly. If you use one of them, we would appreciate hearing of the results.

KIRK EASON, Memorial Church of Christ,  
Sermons: "Report on the work of Southern Africa Bible College", First Five Chapters of Mark Wisdom Literature, Ephesians, Old Testament Narratives. Kirk is Director of Development for Southern Africa Bible College, cell 512-965-0382.  
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(1) CHRISTIAN EVIDENCES (IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION) Presentation of Biblical, scientific, and logic reasons to believe in Jehovah and Jesus. Presentation for worship service, Bible Class or youth group.  
(2) WHAT YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE TO BE AN ATHEIST A discussion of what our children are being taught as truth.

## THINK OF THE BEST

Thinking the best of others is a courageous approach to life and relationships. We should be generous and encouraging in our expectations because we often get exactly what we expect. Keep in mind that every single person is doing the very best they can. With this attitude it is easier to believe that others are good and honest.

People often rise to meet our expectations so why not be generous in thinking the best. Paul mastered this approach by showing confidence in the goodness of those he instructed. He always began his letters with prayer, praise and acceptance. And so we all want to hear his message!

Thinking the best of others will enhance the quality of your life. This attitude is more appealing to friend and strangers alike than being judgmental. Temper this positive attitude with some thoughtful realism. There are people who are unworthy of our trust but why not give them a chance to show their better side.

Be a searcher for the truth. Look for excellence of character and moral nobility. Instead of rehearsing everything that's wrong in this world, dwell on what's right. Open up your heart to all that is pure, lovely and admirable. Celebrate the wonder of those who excel in so many ways. Acknowledge all that is good and praiseworthy in others. Think the best. (Phil. 4)

Elizabeth Brown, Texarkana



## MISSIONARY WORK IN INDIA

Kurt Picker, minister at the Grace Chapel Church of Christ in Cumming, GA, gave a inspirational presentation on 12/3 on the amazing amount of missionary work which can be done in India for relatively limited funds. This can be a wonderful way for you to participate personally or congregation-ally in "taking the gospel to all the world"!

### God opens doors of opportunity...



### God's people respond with generosity!

#### INDIA WISH LIST

LOCAL CHURCH NEEDS	COST	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Telegu Song Books	\$2	2,000	\$4,000
Telegu Bibles	\$3	1,000	\$3,000
Telegu Sunday School materials for children	\$5	200	\$1,000
Books for WINGS Bible School Library	\$25	200	\$5,000
Telegu Bible Concordance	\$100	25	\$2,500
Communion plates (bread and juice - set of 4; 2 of each)	\$100	20	\$2,000
Widow's support in villages (Food & Cloths - \$20 per month - \$240 annually)	\$240	100	\$24,000
Lepers: Food, cloths, and medical supplies (\$25 per month - \$300 annually)	\$300	200	\$60,000
Student Preacher Support (2 year study - \$30 per month - \$360 annually)	\$360	50	\$18,000
Construction of Baptistery at existing church building	\$400	10	\$4,000
Surgery for poor church members (e.g. eye surgery, broken bones etc.)	\$500	10	\$5,000
Preachers financial support (\$100 per month - \$1,200 annually)	\$1,200	25	\$30,000
Motorcycles for preachers	\$1,500	10	\$15,000
Library for WINGS Bible School Construction	\$2,000	1	\$2,000
Establish 2 <sup>nd</sup> preachers school in W.G. District, Initial set-up costs.	\$3,000	1	\$3,000
Establish 2 <sup>nd</sup> preachers school in W.G. District - Annual Operational costs.	\$9,000	1	\$9,000
Construction of local church building with baptistery	\$20,000	8	\$160,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$347,500</b>

Make checks payable to:  
Grace Chapel Church of Christ  
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Cumming, GA 30040

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Cell: 678-852-3201

## The 69th Annual National Lectureship of Churches of Christ

March 24-28, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Houston, Texas.

This lectureship was founded by late brother(s) Marshall Keeble, G. P. Bowser, R. N. Hogan and others back in 1944 and is still going strong. We would be delighted if your congregation or organization would be represented by advertising in the Lectureship's Program Book. Each year nearly 1,000 individuals from across the U.S. and outside of the country attends this great lectureship . For additional information: [www.69thnal.com](http://www.69thnal.com).

Placing an ad in the program book offers a great exposure to your congregation/organization and it also serves as a means of encouraging the lectureship. Contact Wendell Hart as indicted below to place an add in the book.

Wendell Hart, 281.804.9689, [hartw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hartw@sbcglobal.net)

Sugar Land Church of Christ, 69th Annual National Lectureship, Program Book Coordinator

DO  
YOU  
BELIEVE  
THE  
BIBLE?

The Bible says you can fall from  
grace—Galatians 5:4

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If your religious group teaches something  
else, you might like to visit your local  
Church of Christ.

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The Churches of Christ attempt to speak  
where the Bible Speaks and remain silent  
where the Bible is silent. (Rev. 22:18-19)

### Quotable Quotes

I started with nothing, and  
still have most of it.

Will Rogers

### MISSION WEBSITE

This mission website of the Upper  
Valley church of Christ, Quechee,  
VT is [https://sites.google.com/site/  
themountainlight/Home/what-s-new](https://sites.google.com/site/themountainlight/Home/what-s-new)

## WHAT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS NOT

A local group of Christians who believe that the Bible can be updated by contemporary council decisions.

A church which receives the permission from an earthly headquarters to plant a new congregation.

A church which attempts to duplicate a 19th or 20th century pattern for a church.

A church which believes you can pick and choose what part of the Bible you want to believe and follow only those parts.

A church which believes that we should judge that we are all in a community of believers as long as we say we believe in Jesus, irrespective of what we do and preach. A church which should assure all others that they are saved.

A group who makes decisions based on popularity rather than scriptural basis.

A group which simply skips over Acts 2:38.

A group which finds more convenient ways to simulate baptism.

A group which votes on what it suits them to believe and preach or a group which believes that they are still getting direct revelations from God.

A group who believes we are here to entertain ourselves.

For those bound & determined to change the church of Christ to be the Christian Church, wouldn't it be easier to simply join the Christian Church.? Is the problem that your conscience won't allow you to join the Christian Church, but if you can reduce the church of Christ to being the Christian Church you will not offend your conscience?

## WHAT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS

The church of Christ is a local group of Christians which try to speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent.

The church of Christ tries to reestablish the first century pattern and teaching of the New Testament era at each location.

The church of Christ tries to reestablish the scriptural organization of the church at each location.

The church of Christ has members who believe they are following the scriptural teachings as best they can.

Church of Christ members believe that we should not judge others' eternal reward, but that it is not reasonable to give comfort to others who follow their own preferences rather than teachings of the Bible.

A non-instrumental body as instruments were available in the first century and not used, and not used for several centuries.

A group who teaches Acts 2:38.

A group which teaches baptism by immersion for the remission of sins as that is what is taught in the Bible.

A group which believes all revelation was given in the first century.

A group which believes we are responsible to take the Gospel to the world.

## MONEY PAGE

### GUARANTEED CHURCH GROWTH

If your congregation does the following, BCE Publications guarantees that it will grow.

Poll your congregation three times at 6 months intervals with the following results:

- 50% of the members know who their elder is
- 50% of the members will say that a minister is their friend
- 50% of the members will say that they are uplifted by the song services
- 50% of the men will say that their input is considered before physical decisions are made
- 50% of the members will say they are an important part of the work
- 50% of the members will say they are aware of the goals of the congregation
- 50% of the members will say that they know what their part is in achieving your goals

**GUARANTEE:** For the first congregation which does this and does not grow by at least 10%, we will send \$1000 to the church related children's home of your choice in your name.

I have never met a person who said that if they did this their church would not grow. If your congregation is not growing, what have you got to lose? (Offer made since 2001)

### **IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION?**

**We will offer \$100 to the first person who can explain how we could have violated the first law of thermodynamics and have come into existence without God.**

**We will offer \$100 to the first person who can explain how we could have violated the second law of thermodynamics and have existed forever without God. (Offer first posted 8/08)**

### **IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION!**

This publication continues (since 1991) to make a standing offer of \$100 to the first person who can give any reason (1 or more) as to why atheistic evolution is a better explanation for the universe and/or life than creation by God, The Father of Adam, Abraham, and Jesus; as revealed in the Bible.

We will also give you \$100 if we cannot give you 12 reasons why atheistic evolution is impossible as an explanation for our existence.

We will discuss this any place, any time, and in any forum. (Offer posed since June, 1991)

### **RUN AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT:**

**We will offer \$100 to the first person who can refute the logic that a person can in fact run at the speed of light as presented in a "technical paper" on our website. This strikes at the erroneous belief that of the relativity theory based on the "constant" speed of light.**

### **THE MONEY PAGE:**

**This page may seem odd, even irreverent to offer money for something like this. It is 3 simple statements on church growth, that we cannot be here without God, and evolution is not possible. The steadfastness of putting money on the line for this is to try to be of assistance against those who would discourage church growth, believe in atheism, or promote atheistic evolution. The page is intended to be a continuing reinforcement.**

# THE CHRISTIAN ARRAY

AN E-MAGAZINE DEDICATED TO SUSTAINED SCRIPTURAL CHURCH GROWTH IN OUR GENERATION

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## AREA WIDE ACTIVITIES

**3-24/28** 69th Annual National Lectureship of Churches of Christ  
Hyatt Regency, downtown, Houston, Texas (See P. 5)  
**May 21** Foster's Home For Children Golf Tournament @ Blackhorse

**Aug 2014** Area Wide Campaign for Christ

**2nd Tues.** Preacher's Luncheon at Golden Island Buffet, 901 N. Shepherd,  
confirm with Dale Foster at [dalefost@gmail.com](mailto:dalefost@gmail.com)

**December Annual Sacred Harp Singing**

## YAHOO GROUP

*HoustonCofC is a Yahoo group hosted by Steve Sandifer [[steve.sandifer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steve.sandifer@sbcglobal.net)] for the purpose of communicating Houston area news among the brethren. It is open to any member of the church at no cost.*

## The Christian Array Newsletter

This newsletter will be sent to members of the church on a monthly basis as an attempt to promote area wide activities and church growth. If you do not want to receive this newsletter, send an e-mail to [info@thearray.org](mailto:info@thearray.org) and it will be stopped.

If you know of anyone who would like to receive this newsletter, send their e-mail addresses to [info@thearray.org](mailto:info@thearray.org). All past copies of the newsletter can be found on the website "thearray.org".

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

A goal of this newsletter is to develop a mailing list of as many members of the church as possible and to communicate church related information to as many members as possible. In that light, we would appreciate:

1. Your forwarding the church member e-mail addresses which you have.
2. Sending the directory of the congregation you attend or any other directories which you might have.
3. Give us an idea of how to collect church member e-mail addresses.

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