



SAVE the DATE

July 26 - 30, 2014

M.O. CAMPBELL CENTER

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Important Dates:

Campaign Rally - Sun., March 16, 2014 - Garden Oaks Church of Christ 5:00 p.m.

Preparation Work Day - Sat., July 12, 2014 - Memorial Church of Christ 9:00 a.m.

Mission Aldine (500 Missionaries) - Sat., July 19, 2014 - M.O. Campbell Center 9:00 a.m.

Contact: Gary Smith / David Duncan - gsmith@fifthwardcoc.org or dduncan@mcoc.org





2014 DAY OF GOOD WORKS

DAY OF GOOD WORKS ORGANIZATION:

After a very successful 2012 Day of Good Works, we are preparing to be of service again before the 2014 Campaign for Christ. Our day of service will be Saturday, July 26, 2014 at the Campbell Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Road (Just south of the Intercontinental airport).

We are presently looking for workers and leaders to be take control of areas of service, assist in budgeting, collecting supplies, recruiting volunteers, organizing volunteers for activities such as:

**MAKING REGISTRATION PACKETS
BACKPACKS WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES
FAMILY OR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS
MARRIAGE COUNSELLING
IMMUNIZATIONS
VISION SCREENING
HEARING SCREENING
BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK**

**CHILDREN'S DENTAL EXAM
DIABETES TESTING
CHOLSTEROL TESTING
BLOOD DONATIONS
DOCTOR CONSULTATION
IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE
ATTORNEY LEGAL ADVICE
SIMPLE WILL PREPARATION**

If you would like to take charge of any of these activities, would like to support one of these activities, or know of another service which we might provide, please fill out the attached form and e-mail to bbaugh@thearray.org, e-mail the information, or text the information.

We will be passing out the registration packets to local congregations so that our recipients will be pre-registered and we will have a general idea as to the number to be provided a service. Additionally, we will be participating in Participation Work Day (7/12) & Mission Aldine day (7/19) when we will be informing those in the greater Aldine area of both these activities.

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NAME OF AREA YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER IN: _____
YOUR NAME: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____
HOME PHONE: _____ **CELL PHONE:** _____
YOUR DESIRED ROLE: AREA LEADER: ___ ASST. LEADER: ___ VOLUNTEER: ___
ASSIST WITH FUNDING: ___ HELP RECRUIT WORKERS: ___

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We look forward to working with you on this event. In His Name,
Benton F. Baugh, Chair, Day of Good Works, bbaugh@thearray.org, 713-419-8683

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ACTIVITIES AT THE 2012 DAY OF GOOD WORKS



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SCHOOL BACKPACKS



BLOOD PRESSURE



LEGAL ASSISTANCE



IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE



DOCTOR CONSULTATION



BLOOD DRIVE



VISION CHECKING



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Southwestern Sunday

February 23, 2014 @ 2 PM.
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Special "Meet & Greet Session" with area High School Students on Saturday, February, 22 @ 5 PM

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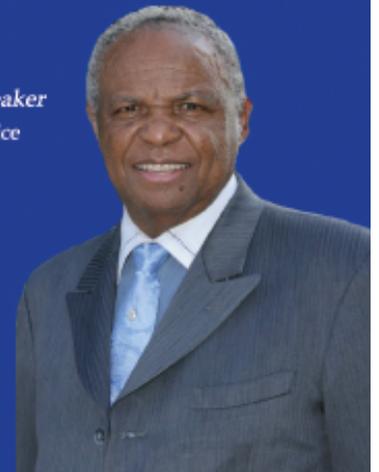
Jack Evans, Jr., Speaker
5 pm • Worship Service

Dr. Jack Evans, Sr., Speaker
10 am • Worship Service

- Host Congregation -

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THE FLOOD MYTHS!

According to Webster Online, “a myth is an idea or story that is believed by many people but that is not true”.

A book by one of our brothers says: “PRE-BIBLICAL LITERATURE: All cultures in the ancient world had origin myths. “Myth” can be defined in different ways. Here, it means a story about the gods in which there are personifications of natural processes. These myths covered a form of creation in great detail. The Middle Eastern stories popular during the time of Abraham—often called the Babylonian genesis—were important background for the biblical book of Genesis.” (Reconciling the Bible and Science, page 19).

The best known is the Epic of Gilgamesh and it is a very interesting story to read. Among such errors as the hole the Sun goes into at night, it relates a history of a massive flood which covered the earth and taking examples of every creature into an ark. It was apparently written about 500 years after the flood and 500 years before Moses wrote about it. This is a good story which everyone should have on their reading list.

We are now learning of another source, as was published in the January 26 issue of the Houston Chronicle on page A16. It is the small clay cylinder from Mesopotamia shown in the attached photo which has an ark story written in Cuneiform. It is thought to be about 4000 years old or again about 500 years after the flood and 500 years before Moses wrote Genesis.

The Epic of Gilgamesh contains contemporary myths (the Sun going into a hole in the ground at night) and therefore demonstrates it is not the word of God.

At this time we don't actually know what the Mesopotamian clay cylinder says to know if it includes errors or myths. It appears to be too short to have many errors.

Although most ancient dating is questionable, if we presume that the Epic of Gilgamesh and the Mesopotamian clay cylinder were written before the writing of Genesis, should that diminish our faith in what Genesis says.

Genesis after the creation period was not revelation, Genesis was documenting events which actually happened in the times of man. If the flood had happened, when Moses wrote about it a thousand years later, it was not news that it happened. Likely most people already knew about it. Potentially some people were dispersed enough to have culturally forgotten it, but most would not have. A flood story would likely be in the cultural heritage of most societies.



If the flood was talked about before the writing of Genesis, It would not have disproven Jehovah was God, it would tend to support it.

Consider the opposite. If a massive flood of epic proportions occurred and there was no memory of it a thousand years later, you would need to question the flood. Granted writing and saving was not what it is today, but there would likely be some messages left.

Turns out there are now at least two supporting documents for the Biblical flood account in non-Biblical literature.

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A READY ANSWER: HOMOSEXUAL CONDUCT

Sandwich it.

1 Cor. chapter 6 clearly tells us that adultery, homosexual conduct, and drunkenness are sins, and then identifies that some of their members had been in that situation. This would mean that although they did not leave the temptations or inclinations behind, they had stopped participating in the activity. We all have temptations we must deal with so it should help us to understand that we must love the sinner, not the sin. (73 words)

The concept of “sandwiching them” is to always identify them with other activities others would always agree was a sin (as 1 Cor. did) to soften the harshness of the required statement. Rather than giving critics the easy shot at calling you a bigot, you have identified that you are simply teaching what the Bible says and it forces them to consider how to separate the sins God has identified together.



TELL IT TODAY

The message is urgent! Sometimes it becomes so familiar that we forget. Jesus is coming soon. Or we will go to meet him soon. The end is near. Tell the gospel message in every place and in every way you can.

“The Lord knows those who are his,” (2 Tim. 2:19) If we are embarrassed to confess the name of Jesus now, he will not acknowledge our name before the Father in heaven. “Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” (1 Tim. 6:12)

What’s wrong with the world today? Darkness prevails, evil is on every hand, wickedness increases daily. We can wring our hands in despair or we can do something about it. The light of Jesus Christ is needed; his light, goodness and truth are the only remedy. We share it in many ways-through the good lives we live, by sharing the gospel and through the service we provide. “Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.” (2 Cor. 9:13)

We are not worthy of the message and we shrink back from the magnitude of the task at hand. But we press on; we persevere, remain faithful and do all that we can while we can.

Elizabeth Brown

IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION: ANGLER FISH!

God has got to have a sense of humor. The Angler Fish shown in the picture is a real fish which lives in deep ocean waters. Wikipedia blithely reports that they evolved between 100 and 130 million years ago as if it were a fact.

The Angler Fish suspends a bioluminescent lure in front of its mouth to attract prey and then grab them. Oddly enough the mouth is so large and elastic that it can swallow a fish which is larger than the Angler Fish itself.

A favorite question of evolutionists is "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" A similar question could be asked of the Angler Fish. What came first, the bioluminescent lure or the dorsal ray which suspends it?

A dorsal ray with nothing on it would not be a lure, it would actually be in the way of catching prey. A bioluminescent lure on top of the Angler Fish's head would be attracting small prey to a location where they were difficult to catch.

If you were to take the position that a bioluminescent lure on top of the fish's head would be useful, you still need to figure out how a fish with zero I.Q. decided to invent a bioluminescent lure (or even to spell it). It is not reasonable to say that something even more primitive than the fish had it as something, and with even less intelligence had to invent it.

The idea that it just happened without an intelligent designer is simply not credible. It may be the blind faith of 90% of people who consider themselves to be "scientists", but it is still not credible.



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FAILING A TEST WITH DIGNITY

What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for?

He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for Bicycles.

DO
YOU
BELIEVE
THE
BIBLE?

The Bible forbids women speaking to the assembly (I Cor. 14:34-35)

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

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

Man's way leads to a hopeless end—God's way leads to endless hope.

AREA WIDE ACTIVITIES

2nd Tues. Preacher's Luncheon, confirm with Dale Foster at dalefost@gmail.com for address.

5/22/14 Foster's Home For Children Golf Tournament, Blackhorse

July 12 Mission Aldine

July 19 Day of Good Works

July 20-24 Houston Area Wide Campaign for Christ

YAHOO GROUP

HoustonCofC is a Yahoo group hosted by Steve Sandifer [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 scriptural teachings, area wide activities and church growth. If you do not want to receive this newsletter, send an e-mail to 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. 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 it if you would:

1. forward the church member e-mail addresses which you have,
2. send the directory of the congregation you attend or any other directories which you might have, and
3. give us an idea of how to collect church member e-mail addresses.

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