



FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDS

Broken Arrow Church of Christ

SCIENCE IS STILL LEARNING

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In filmmaking and storytelling, there is a well-known element called a 'reveal.' It's when a piece of information is withheld from a viewer, allowing them to follow a natural set of assumptions that actually isn't accurate.

This has been accomplished in Earth Science by putting forth two lines of thinking that everyone has been taught since a young age. These two areas relate geologic processes and radioisotope dating. The scientific community (and maybe most of the population of the USA) puts enormous trust in these two lines of thought and we have been taught to believe them as truth. The geologic process is established through the "conventional" explanation of the Grand Canyon which almost everyone is familiar with; radioisotope dating is established through school science textbooks, teachers, videos, and science shows.

And yet the one thing this "conventional view" rejects is the eyewitness account. According to this view of the world, no one was there to observe most of the events of natural history. This applies even to Christians who have accepted the "conventional view" of history, and therefore must see Genesis 1 as being allegorical (not factual) and Genesis 6-8 as a local flood (not a global flood).

However, there are different ways of looking at what we see around us. Consider the amazing things that have been learned from the Mount Saint Helens eruption on May 18, 1980 and we may figure out that what we have been taught as "conventional" truth concerning earth's geology may not be accurate at all.

Dr. Steve Austin (geologist) calls Mount St. Helens "the Rosetta stone" of catastrophic geology. Mount St. Helens links up eyewitness accounts of a major volcanic eruption and the decades long aftermath with the observation of forensic data. What this demonstrates is it doesn't take nearly as long to create certain geological structures as had been previously assumed. Steve mentions four things learned from Mount St. Helens:

1. Rapid Sedimentation – It is strange to realize that you are walking on a part of the earth that simply didn't exist when you were born. We all have this assumption of stability and age when we look at landscapes in the world (even if we think the earth is only thousands of years old). And yet as you hike into the canyon area, you are reminded that the canyon is new. At the bottom of the canyon, you can see the many different layers, including the thin laminations and the flat boundaries. It is obvious that a lot has happened in a very short period of time.

2. Rapid Erosion – Again, we often don't think of the various events necessary to arrive at a current landscape. In this case, when you stand at the bottom of the canyon, next to the stream, you come to realize that the very place you are standing had once been covered with a forest. That exact place went from forest, to mud, to creek bed before our very eyes. The fact that this last step happened quickly through erosion which had been observed was remarkable.

3. Rapid Recovery – The next thing Steve points out was how many plants were growing in the area. He explained that in the years immediately after the eruption, animals also quickly returned to the area. This was because God created the natural world to be able to automatically fix itself and recover from catastrophes. It gave a new appreciation of how the world could have recovered relatively quickly from something even as massive as a global flood with all the volcanism that would have gone along with it.

4. Incredible Complexity – The last thing Steve points out is how complex and interrelated all the different events were that occurred, many of which were wiped out or changed by events that came after them. This demonstrates that geological processes are far from simple and straightforward, but that there is an incredibly interlocking complexity that is best unraveled by knowing the actual history of the events.

So here is what the findings at Mount St. Helens does for each of us. It lets us experience a small paradigm shift. Mount St. Helens shows us, an eyewitness account can transform how one views the actual evidence.

MORNING WORSHIP

Worship Leader – Jason Davis

The Joy of the Lord

Welcome

Shepherd's Prayer – Gerry Lynn

Just a Little Talk with Jesus

Control (Somehow You Want Me)

Rejoice

Children's Bible Hour

This Is My Father's World

The Greatest Commands

Scripture – Acts 17:22-34

Brent Worden

Message –

"Let Us Reason Together"

Tim Pyles

Thy Word

Communion Thoughts – Jeremy Hayes

Highly Exalted

The Bread – Mark Ester

The Cup – Chuckie Brown

The Lord Is My Salvation

Closing Prayer – Bryan Davis

EVENING WORSHIP

Life Groups

Bible Class in the Parlor at 5:00 p.m.

ADULT AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Welcome to the Family - We joyfully welcome Will Greer to the BA church family.

Young Adult Girls Group 2 Bible Study - Thursday, May 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Talberts.

Young Adult Guys Bible Study - Thursday, May 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the OC.

Young Adult Girls Fill Your Freezer Meal Party - Friday, May 17, 6:30-9:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

Life Groups - Meet this Sunday, May 19.

Young Adult Combined Devotional - Friday, May 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Talberts.

Clothing Room Open - Saturday, May 25

Ladies' Quilting for Cancer Patients - Summer Schedule starts, Tuesday, May 28, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Brown bag lunch at noon.

Men's Prayer Breakfast - Saturday, June 1, 8:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

Golden Agers Game Night - Tuesday, June 4, 6:00-9:00 p.m., in the Parlor.

Ladies Craft Night - Thursday, June 14, 7:00-10:00 p.m., in the Parlor. Bring a craft project to work on and a finger food to share.

Demand Project Workday - Mark your calendar! Saturday, June 15, at Mt. Aruka.

AREAWIDE EVENTS

Divorce Care Support Group - Practical tools to help you manage the many stresses of separation and divorce and find healing. Starting Wednesday, June 5, at 6:00 p.m., at Crosstown Church of Christ. Register online at: <https://www.divorcecare.org/groups/236721>



Young Adult
Combined Devotional
Friday | May 24 | 6:30-8:30 pm

YOUTH AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Stay Plugged In: Find events on the [Bridge Calendar](#), [BAY Calendar](#), [BAY Instagram](#), and [BAY Facebook Page](#).

High School Girls Bible Study - Tuesday, May 21, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Wendy Lee's house.

BAY Fundraiser Meal - Wednesday, May 22, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: Baked pasta, salad, bread, dessert (Gluten-free available).

High School Boys Bible Study - Monday, May 27, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Nathan Lee's house.

BAY Fundraiser Meal - Wednesday, May 29, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

BAY Summer Kickoff - Wednesday, May 29, in the OC. Join us for a night of fun! We'll meet our interns, get a preview of summer events, join in singing and devotional, and play games.

Burnt Cabin Christian Camp - Sunday, June 2, thru Saturday, June 8. Register [HERE](#). Contact Andrew Lemus or Janet Davis for more info.

Mark Your Calendar!

Salt & Light - Church Up Day, Monday, June 10.

Timothy & Tabitha - Tuesday, June 11, 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

High School Hang - Tuesday, June 11.

Middle School Mingle - Tuesday, June 11.

RAD (Recreation and Dinner) - Thursday, June 13.



BAY YOUTH GROUP

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FUNDRAISER MEAL

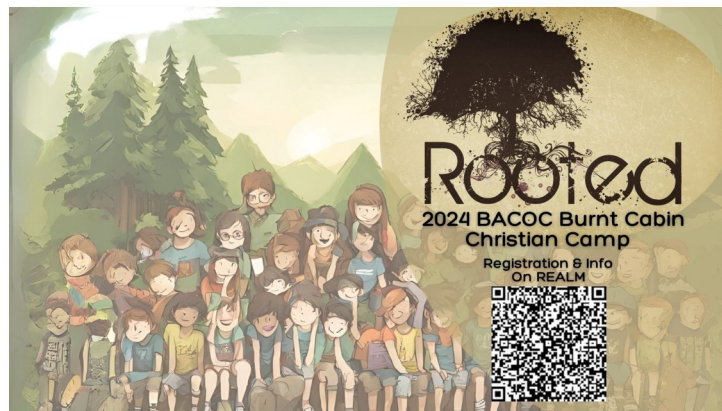
MAY 22

5:30 - 6:30 PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
HOSTED BY THE BAY

HELP SUPPORT BURNT CABIN &
BAY SUMMER PROGRAMS

THIS WEEK'S MENU


BAKED PASTA
GLUTEN FREE AVAILABLE SALAD
BREAD
DESSERT



Rooted

2024 BACOC Burnt Cabin
Christian Camp

Registration & Info
On REALM



PRAYERS OF PETITION AND THANKSGIVING

Wayne Brown, husband of Nancy Brown, and father of Amy McLain, was transitioned into hospice care last week. Nancy requests our prayers for Wayne, herself, and their family.

Darla Lynn was hospitalized this week with deep vein thrombosis.

Terri Willson's nephew and former member **Gary McCoy** has been diagnosed with cancer and will undergo a thyroidectomy.

Pam Bonwell's biopsy test results were positive. An MRI is scheduled for tomorrow, May 17, and she will see the surgeon next week.

Steve Copeland will undergo an ablation on a blood vessel in his leg on Monday, May 20.



Carla Bare, Pam Bonwell, Bill Duwe, Darlene Mathis, and Mary Sampson are currently undergoing cancer treatment. Please keep them in your prayers for effectiveness of the treatments and for minimal side effects.



¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbling trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean." ²¹(All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

²²Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

Acts 17:16-23



ONGOING FAMILY PRAYER NEEDS

Carla Bare	Christina Hardeman	Jim Schroeder
Carolyn Billingsley	Jim & Carolyn Lee	Jan Spink
Sherman & Alice Boley	Glen & Edwina Lyle	Sonny Steele
John & Pam Bonwell	Darlene Mathis	Marie Stow
Bob & Mary Jane Carriger	Mac & Marie McCarthy	Fred Suffridge
Chris Carter	Richard Mosby	Carson Swaim
Ann Childress	Dick Myers	Gloria Taft
Janis Cooper	Cindy Nequette	Kristin Talbert
Joel Couch	Jessica Nequette	David Temme
Bryan Davis	Janice Pratt	Darrell Vest
Bill & Lawana Duwe	Kim Pyles	Sue Walton
Karen Foster	Charles Qualls	Jerry Warren
Nathan Forrest	Sue Rae	Erma Watson
Edna Griffin	Arlene Reed	John & Linda Wells
Sheryl Griffin	Linda Reeder	Walt Willson
Kaydn Guess	Sandra Robinson	Jim & Jackie Wroblewski
Helen Holleyman	Russ Rowland	Jeanie York

SHUT-IN PRAYER NEEDS

Sandra Baker	Mary Harper	Blinda Selim
Wanda Blair	Marilyn Hillenburg	June Smith
Betty Cole	Betty Kirkland	Marie Stow
Beverly Cummins	Lois Powers	Jerial Williams
Edna Griffin	Mary Sampson	Diane Zonko

FAMILY AND FRIENDS PRAYER NEEDS

Cindy Acord	Johnny Hardesty	Glenda Plemons
Justin Adams	Micah Hoeshel	Charlie Powell
Bob Aden	Renee Humphrey	John Rampsy
Jack & Joyce Ball	LeRoy Jones	Virgil & Patsy Romine
Mike Baskett	Cloye Kaiser	Mickiya Roseborough
Austin & Karla Battles	Brian Karguth	Claudia Scott
Tom Blakemore	Heidi Keesey	David, Trena, & Jay Slate
Juanita Brackett	Alan & Loretta Keller	Mark Smith
Chris Brown	Dottie Kidney	Rita Spence
DC Brown	RC Lee	Wes Speights
Wayne Brown	Susan Lewis	Jack Steele
Carly Campbell	Gary Long	Rhonda Stewart
Joni Carmack	Marie Mahaffey	Sue Street
Terry Casey	Marjorie Maletich	Nancy Strickland
Craig Chronister	Michelle McArthur	Jenelle Stromberg
Glenda Cole	Joseph McCarthy	Barbara Swanson
James Cole	Heather McCarthy	Laura Townsley
Tucker Coleman	Gary McCoy	Nick Tucker
Jacob Detherage	Joan Miller	Ethan Vess
July Dotson	Kenneth Mosher	Cindy Walker
Marty Ester	David Jay Motley	Jim & Joyce Ward
Wilson Forrest	Caden Neal	Velda Watson
Chris Duncan	Tom Norwood	Anya Wells
John Garner	Laura Nuzum	Nathan West
Phyllis Godsoe	Sam Orr	Cleo Wyatt
Brailee Green	Ermalee Ort	David Young
Carole Ann Griffin	Jo Gwen Philips	

Demand Project Girls
Ukraine

Women's Prison Ministry

MILITARY PRAYER NEEDS

Blaise Chronister	Ben Lapp	Justin Talbert
Stevens Copeland	Matt McDonald	Sedric Thomas
Michael Eisenlohr	Cody Oliver	Jakob West
Austin Gott	Zachary Robinson	
TJ Harrington	Macaiah Russell	



COMMUNITY NEEDS

FOOD

64 oz fruit juices
Mayonnaise

Capri Sun
Canned frosting

Painting

BROKEN ARROW CHURCH OF CHRIST
505 E KENOSHA STREET
BROKEN ARROW, OK 74012
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Broken Arrow Church of Christ is a place for Faith, Family, and Friends. We invite you to join us on our journey of faith as we seek to glorify God, follow the teaching and example of Jesus, and live in step with the Spirit through worship and praise, the study of Scripture, fellowship, daily discipleship, and service to our community. If you would like to learn more about the Broken Arrow church or just have questions about the Bible and what it means to truly follow Jesus, the shepherds and ministers would welcome the opportunity to talk with you.

BY THE NUMBERS

Week of May 12, 2024

Bible Class	298
AM Worship	518
PM Worship	Day of Rest
Wednesday	268
MTD	42,486
MTD Budget	40,230
Over/Under	+2,256
YTD	378,674
YTD Budget	402,300
Over/Under	-23,626
Missions	
Goal	120,000
Collected	140,691

MEETING TIMES

Sunday Class	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Class	3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

HOOR OF PRAYER

Sunday Morning - 9:00
Gerry Lynn - 918-344-4657
Ron Lee - 918-859-6145

PRAYER CHAIN

8:00-5:00
Andrea Suffridge (918) 640-4094
After 5:00
Cynthia Walvoord (918) 855-6876

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

16	YA Girls Group 2 Bible Study
16	YA Guys Bible Study
17	YA Girls Fill Your Freezer Party
19	Life Groups
21	HS Girls Bible Study
22	BAY Fundraiser Meal
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June

1	Men's Prayer Breakfast
2-8	Burnt Cabin Camp
4	Golden Agers Game Night
10	Salt & Light
11	Timothy & Tabitha
13	RAD
14	Ladies Craft Night
13-15	HS Amusement Park Trip
15	Demand Project Workday
17	Salt & Light
18	Timothy & Tabitha

MINISTERS AND OFFICE STAFF

Tim Pyles - Preaching Minister
Scott Keele - Associate Minister
Andrew Lemus - Youth & Family Minister
Jose Lozano - Hispanic Minister
Chad Noblett - Office Administrator
Colleen Detherage - Admin. Assistant
Marcia Burnett - Admin. Assistant

SHEPHERDS

Steve Copeland	Gerry Lynn
Richard Davis	Brian Street
Dave Larson	Lee Turner
Ron Lee	Keith Walvoord
Jerry Lundy	Jeff Watson