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Book Updates

by Don Landis

Our Ancient Man team is busy working on a new idea for book 3 which I think will be the best yet: a travel guide of Ancient Man sites in the United States. So far, we have identified over 200 sites! Imagine traveling across the country with our book illustrating the site with pertinent information and its significance from a Biblical perspective.

During Bev's and my recent trip to Answers in Genesis, we stopped at Effigy Mounds National Monument in Northeast Iowa. This site along the Mississippi River features 200 mounds with 30 of them in the shape of animals or birds. We hiked two miles and stood amazed on the cliff over the river, standing at the great bear mound. Why such labor? For what purpose? What connection is there to other ancient groups? What happened to them?

A very recent estimate is that there are 300,000 mounds in the U.S. alone. The question that immediately leaps to our minds is, "What is the connection to the Tower of Babel?"

While on the trip we met with our editor at New Leaf Press to finalize our new book, *Leaving a Legacy*. This should be available by late January. We will send you a flyer about this book; we expect some hard copies in a week and you might want to get on our order list so we can reserve a copy for you.

We also visited the Creation Experience Museum just north of Branson, MO. We had a personal tour from the founder, Rod Butterworth. The museum was excellent and we enjoyed our time there.



OLD BILL'S FUNDS

On behalf of Rocky Mountain Ministries, we would like to thank you for giving to the Old Bill's Fun Run. We raised \$35,297 with the matching funds being \$14,370 for a GRAND TOTAL of \$49,667 given toward the ministry here! We beat out last year's donations by \$9,257 making it our biggest fundraiser to date and we can't say "thank you" enough! The funds will go to ongoing program support here at camp, which indirectly benefits Jackson Hole Bible College as well.

And what a warm welcome we received at the Friendly Baptist Church in Branson. Pastor Monty Dunn even gave us time to share about Answers in Genesis!



LEAVING ♦ LEGACY

PAINTINGS TO INSPIRE A GODLY HERITAGE
DON LANDIS - AUTHOR & TED BLAYLOCK - ARTIST

Of course, the central focus of the trip was the AiG board meeting in Kentucky. Our board meeting started on Sunday afternoon, but we met first at Ken and Mally's home for a time of worship. Ken played the piano to lead us in singing and I gave the message. Time spent again at the Ark, the Museum and the Creekside Cabin continues to excite us about the privilege and opportunity to be a small part of this marvelous ministry. More and more of our friends have now visited the Museum and Ark, with many more planning on doing so. While we were there Philip, one of our elders at CBC, his wife Freddie, and their son Brandon's family toured as Beverly, Joyce and I had the joy of showing them around.

On the way home, we toured the new Wildlife Museum in Springfield, Missouri owned by Johnny Morris, owner of Bass Pro Shops and Cabelas. The introduction video at the museum opens with Mr. Morris talking about nature being a gift from the Creator! It is worth the stop if you are ever in Springfield.

God's timing was for us to meet Diana Saylak, her daughter and granddaughter at a breakfast at the hotel we stayed at in Amarillo, Texas. A great time of reunion – talk about providence!

Our next planned trip is to Georgia in February to speak at the Blackshear Baptist Church to present the Bible College. Then we will attend the NRB Convention in Nashville, and to do some work at the Creekside Cabin by the Ark.

The time in-between these trips is our main focus of ministry: preparing messages and preaching each Sunday, lectures at Jackson Hole Bible College, and other church duties.

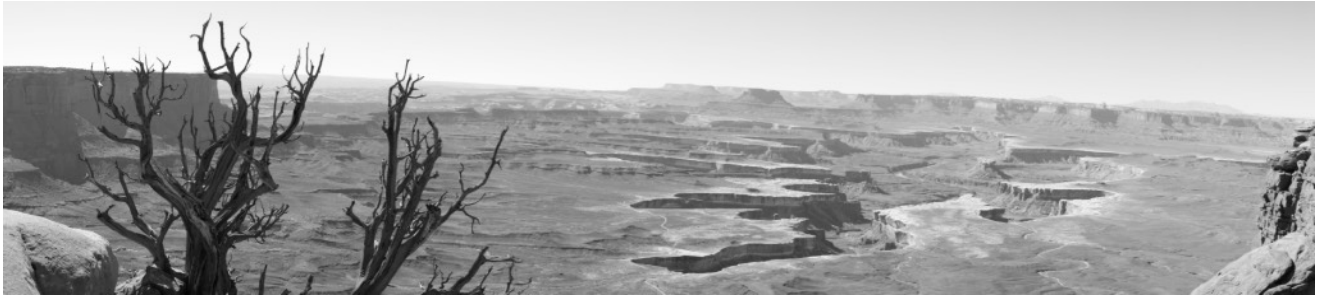
Thanks for your prayers, support and interest.

Pastor Don



JHBC @ CREATION EXPO

John Burnside and his sister Cally Cooney represented the Bible College for us at the Creation College Expo held at the Creation Museum this month. Please pray for the students & families who expressed interest in attending next year.



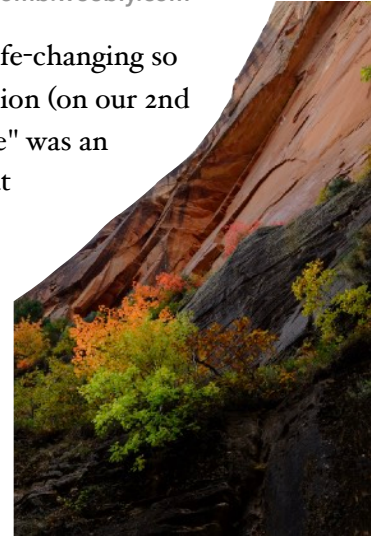
JHBC: SOUTHWEST GEOLOGY

by Annalise Clements (current JHBC student) - for more, visit her blog at tigerskythebomb.weebly.com

Well folks, my time at Jackson Hole Bible College has been refreshing and life-changing so far! Taking a hiatus from the campus, to go explore Geology and God's creation (on our 2nd such trip), was also phenomenal. Driving down through the "Grand Staircase" was an excellent way to get the "big picture" perspective of geological processes that happened during and after the Global Flood. From Bryce Canyon to Grand Canyon, from Fossil Butte to Dinosaur National Monument, the joy of learning and beauty of fellowship touched my heart.



We had some interesting adventures too... such as a campsite full of tents experiencing 40 mph winds, meeting strange and distinct individuals (some with vast secular knowledge about the region), and bee "attacks" and tarantula sightings. On that note, all the wildlife we saw the entire trip was super cool, and unique to the areas. I especially enjoyed spying out Pronghorn antelope on the hills, springing around in the rabbit-brush.



The hikes we went on were incredible... a hike in Zion, called the "Narrows", was SO beautiful and was especially unique. Walking through the Virgin river, through sheer, winding red canyons was glorious. Hiking halfway down into Grand Canyon was also fun... the staff helped us discover (through real experience IN the canyon) where all the layers are, and why they are significant in the Biblical picture of Geology.

I learned so much on this trip, and had many opportunities to praise the LORD for His earth and all it contains, His world and everything in it. I have so much more to say about the trip, and the wonderful people who gave us this opportunity to study the Truth. Evenings sharing our testimonies, praising Jesus with hymn-singing, making fond memories, dwelling on constellations imprinted upon the ebony depths of space... I thank the LORD for His goodness to me, and have been so blessed by Him through JHBC.

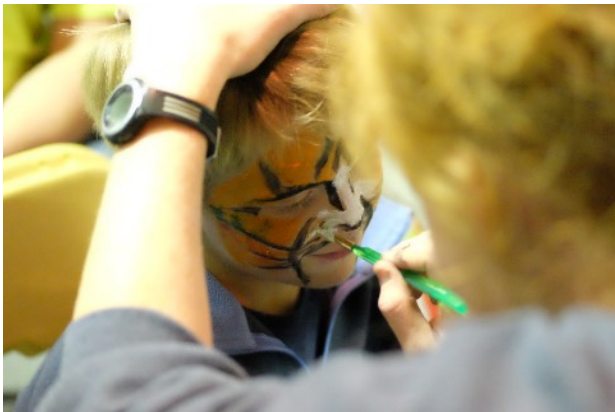


FAMILY FUN FAIR NIGHT

October 31st. As the bustling community of Jackson goes door-to-door indulging in sweets and testing one another's spook mettle, Community Bible Church provides families with a fun evening of fellowship and games.



Halloween has become an incredibly distorted holiday to satisfy the world's infatuation with spiritual darkness, in complete rejection of God. On this holiday, seemingly claimed by the world, our goal is to offer a family-oriented alternative.



After a hot dog dinner, the kids played in our "bouncy house" inflatable obstacle course. Group games like Thanksgiving-themed Bingo and our infamous "cake walk" followed, along with other activities for the kids such as face painting.

This night is usually a big hit with the kids, and even the college students would probably still be



playing in the inflatable obstacle course if we let them. The evening ended with some worship songs and a message from Pastor Don.

Huge thanks to Leah Klase for organizing this event each year, and for all of her many helpers!

PASTORS RETREAT #30



This month we hosted the 30th annual Pastors' Retreat. The pastors and their wives enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship, some commenting that it is the "highlight" of their year! It is an honor to serve this selfless group of people who give so much to their congregations and communities. Please keep them and your own pastor in prayer as these are dark days and our world is in desperate need of the Gospel of Christ.