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2006: A CSF Year in Review

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This year of 2006 will be remembered as a watershed for CSF. A core principle of the CSF mission is to disseminate creation science materials. After 25 years of holding monthly meetings our numbers had dwindled down to a faithful few and we concluded that this core principle was not well served. The board elected to instead focus her energies on a new plan outlined in my article in the January 2006 *"Origins Insights"*. In short, we proposed to host four "Pastor Dinners" and four large meetings for the general public. This new approach was very successful for us. Our average attendance went from 20 at our monthly meetings to nearly 150 at our quarterly events. A summary of these events follows.

Our largest gathering for the year was at Northgate Church on January 17th. That night 225 people gathered to hear Dr. Terry Mortenson (AiG) speak on the topic, "The Origin of the Species: Was Darwin Right?". In April, Dr. Jerry Bergman spoke on the evidences that led him to leave his atheist/evolutionist position to become a Christian believing in the "young earth" creation model. In September, Dr. David Menton (AiG) presented his new talk entitled "God's Girders: The Human Skeleton System". This meeting holds the distinction of yielding the highest amount of sales in the CSF Bookstore. In November, Dr. Danny Faulkner spoke at Geneva College in Beaver Falls to an audience of students, faculty and community members numbering about 100. He stayed afterwards to autograph copies of his book "Universe by Design" for admiring fans. Each of these events was well attended due to the keen attention placed on publicity by Mr. Steve Sobek.

We were able to hold one of the four of the Pastor's Dinners. On January 16th, Dr. Mortenson spoke at the LeMont Restaurant (Mount Washington in Pittsburgh) to an intimate gathering of nine local clergy and their wives about the evolution of the millions and millions of years theory. There was intense interest expressed though the spontaneous one-hour Q&A session that followed. Two of the churches that were represented at this meeting ordered creation materials for use in their Sunday school programs.

For the most part the plan worked. It worked in terms of the number of people who were exposed to the creation science message. In all we had over 600 people come out to hear these great presentations. The majority of those in attendance were "first timers". It worked in terms of the number of creation science books that were sold at the four events. These are now being read and being circulated. We trust that God was honored and that people were helped as the doctrine of creation and the reliability of God's word were proclaimed. It worked by helping to bring new excitement to the board of CSF for the mission to promote creation science in Pittsburgh. Finally, we believe that this plan could work very well for other creation science groups around the country. Please contact me through our CSF web site if you are interested. One note of concern is that the average cost for each event exceeded the income that it produced. The board is in the midst of addressing this issue and we hope to find ways to better fund this new plan in the coming year. If you would like to make a financial contribution specifically ear marked to help fund future events, please write "2007 Events" in the memo section of your check made payable to CSF and send it to our P.O. Box address.

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Looking ahead to 2007, we hope to host three events similar to the 2006 events at other churches in the Pittsburgh area. We have also discussed the possibility of holding an event for the students at the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie-Mellon University campuses in the fall. In addition to these plans, CSF is honored to partner with the Institute for Creation Research to do much of the work for the 2008 International Conference on Creation (ICC) to be held in San Diego in August. Please look for specific details about the 2008 ICC including the venue, costs for registration and room and board and paper topics on the official ICC web site at www.icc08.org

ICC 2008

The ICC Executive Committee has been working on preparations for the ICC 2008 conference to be held in San Diego August 4-6, 2008. The committee is still working on finalizing the venue arrangements.

Dr. Andrew Snelling, Editor/TRC Chairman, has reported that the Call for Papers has resulted in 150 abstracts being submitted, 68 of these abstracts have been accepted. These papers are distributed among the 5 ICC theme categories as follows:

Foundations of Science (8)
Life Sciences (14)
Stellar and Planetary Sciences (21)
Earth Sciences (20)
Social Sciences and the Humanities (5)

More details on the accepted paper abstracts can be seen on the ICC web site, www.icc08.org.

CSF On-Line Audio

Featured Audio Presentation

Dr. Danny Faulkner's talk, *Universe by Design*, which was presented on November 14th 2006 at Geneva College is available on our web site. If you were unable to attend you might want to take a listen. The recording is courtesy of Steve Sobek

On a technical note, all files will be in MP3 format and best results will be obtained if you are using a high speed internet connection like cable or DSL. This feature is not streaming audio and you can download the file to your PC.

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AOI Offers Creation Vacations

AOI is again offering excellent vacations combined with creation teaching in the Colorado Mountains. The teaching is centered on the Biblical and scientific case for creation, and the implications of the creation and evolution issue on the Christian faith. At Redcloud Ranch, extreme fun activities provided are white water rafting, rappelling, high ropes, horseback riding, power pole, mountain biking, hiking, fishing, etc. Twin Peaks offers hiking, fishing, a fossil dig, archery, miniature golf, and more. Families, singles, or groups are invited. The dates are:

Twin Peaks: July 1-5, 2007

Redcloud: July 29-August 3, or August 5-10, 2007

For more information visit their website, www.discovercreation.org/camtour.htm, or call (970) 523-9943.

AIG Research Paper Challenge 2007

Student aged 14–21 have the opportunity to win a \$50,000 scholarship to Virginia’s prestigious Bible-based Liberty University where all undergraduate students are required to complete a semester course in creation apologetics taught from a young earth creationist perspective.

- Write a 1,500-3,000 word paper carefully researching the evidence for creation, referencing the new AIG book *Evolution Exposed* and at least one article from the Answers in Genesis website.
- Share your research paper with a student outside your family who does not hold a 6-day creation view and your pastor.
- Write a personal essay (up to 300 words) on how this project affected you and those you shared it with.

The deadline is April 16, 2007.

Four runners-up will receive laptops and other prizes.

More information is available on the AIG website including the official entry form at <http://www.answersingenesis.org/cec/research-paper-challenge> or www.ResearchPaperChallenge2007.com

Read a Good Book Lately?



If you have read a book on Creation Science or any book that discusses issues of origins and would like to provide a book review, CSF would be happy to hear from you.

Please submit your book review, 250 words or less, to bookreview@csfpittsburgh.org. Be sure to include your name along with your city and state.

Selected book reviews will appear in *Origins Insights* and/or our web site www.csfpittsburgh.org.

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