

# CTK Communiqué



## July 2024



### **CTK Church -Trenton Rd. Campus 15600 Trenton Rd., Southgate, MI 48195**

Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am—3:00 p.m.  
Church Office Phone: (734)285-9695  
Church FAX: (734)285-4188

### **CTK Day School - Trenton Rd.**

School Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
School Office Phone: (734)285-9697  
School FAX: (734)285-5275

### **CTK Church - Pennsylvania Rd. Campus 16700 Pennsylvania Rd., Southgate, MI 48195**

Main Phone: (734)285-9695

### **Day Care - Pennsylvania Rd. Campus**

Day Care Hours: Mon-Fri 6:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.  
Day Care Phone: (734)285-8525  
CTK Pre-School : (734)285-0903

[www.ctk.me](http://www.ctk.me)



### Trenton Road Campus

**Thursday Worship 7:00 PM**  
(May 23-August 29)

**Saturday Worship 5:00 PM**  
**Bible Study 6:00 PM**

**Sunday Worship: 9:00 AM**  
**11:00 AM**

**Bible Study/Sunday School**  
**10:00-10:45 AM**

# Stewardship



## REPORT

### Financial Snapshot – Through May 2024

INCOME (General Fund):	<u>May 2024</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Church receipts	\$ 111,198.34	\$ 644,603.94
Tuition	\$ 87,630.79	\$ 419,269.10
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 198,829.13</b>	<b>\$ 1,063,873.04</b>
<b>BUDGETED EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 240,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,058,860.00</b>
<b>INCOME OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ (41,820.87)</b>	<b>\$ 5,013.04</b>

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<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 198,829.13</b>	<b>\$ 1,063,873.04</b>
<b>ACTUAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 244,246.15</b>	<b>\$ 1,044,404.90</b>
<b>INCOME OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ (45,417.02)</b>	<b>\$ 19,468.14</b>

Through May of 2024, the Lord has blessed CTK with faithful stewardship. The \$19,468 figure is our offerings over expenses, which is good, considering May included our first 3-pay period month. First-fruit and tithe giving are essential to a congregation that truly wants to do God's work in the world. Obviously, God can do anything! But giving Him leftovers (Cain in Genesis 4) or "robbing God" (Malachi 3:8-9) hinders the harvest in God's kingdom. Pray for continued faithful giving among all Christian churches in our community!



# memorials & gifts

## **In Memory of**

### **Marino John Apruzzese**

To: Memorial Fund Given by:  
*Jeanne Apruzzese &  
Linda Chapman-Wimbush*

## **In Memory of**

### **Wayne (Bud) Shoup**

To: Gifts to School, Given By:  
*Mrs. Joyce Shoup*

## **In Memory of**

### **Rudolph & Florence Willer**

To: Memorial Fund Given by:  
*Sylvia Ziesmer*

To: Memorial Fund Given by:  
*M/M David Willer*

## **In Memory of**

### **Kenna & Bernice Grob**

To: Memorial Fund Given by:  
*M/M David Willer*

## **Birthday Blessings**

<b><u>In Honor of</u></b>	<b><u>Birthday</u></b>
Dorothy Gates	11/29



## **Scrap Metal, Cans/Bottles & Capital Fund Drive Fundraising**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Total (since 2006)</u>
“C” Dollars	\$ 1,089.00	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 631.00	\$ 24,593.00
Scrap Metal	\$ 2,470.83	\$ 2,925.99	\$ 1,186.70	\$ 55,821.90
Bottles	\$ 3,334.40	\$ 2,888.54	\$ 344.60	\$ 44,804.84
Paper Recycle	\$ 40.52	\$ 52.26	\$ 20.33	\$ 790.72

**(As of: 5/13/24)**

# Thursday Night Services

Join us for worship  
on Thursday Nights

7:00 PM - Now through August 29

CTK - 15600 Trenton Rd.

Stay for the Ice Cream Social on:

- *\*Wednesday, July 3\** (instead of the 4th)
- *Thursday, August 29*



Take me out to the ballgame! Okay, how about Sunday, July 21 at 4:05 pm at beautiful Fifth Third Field as the Toledo Mud Hens take on the St. Paul Saints. Join folks from the rest of our Downriver Circuit churches for the ballgame. Tickets are \$12 a piece and will be available on the Trinity Lutheran website or from this link:

<https://www.trinitywyandotte.org/mudhens-game>

Ticket sales end June 30 so get your tickets today!

Questions email Pastor Grenz at [grenz@clcflatrock.com](mailto:grenz@clcflatrock.com).

## WAYS TO GIVE YOUR TITHE & GIFTS

- **In Person**
- **Online:** Scan the QR code to be directly sent to the online giving [link](#).
- **Online:** Members may visit [www.ctk.me](http://www.ctk.me) and click on “MyCTK” at the top of the homepage to log in. Select “Giving” then “Give Now” to set up a one time or recurring payment.
- **Text:** Visitors/Members text ‘CTKGIVE’ to 73256 to receive a secured link.
- **Mail:** Mail to CTK, 15600 Trenton Rd., Southgate, MI 48195



**ONLINE GIVING & TEXT GIVE OF TITHES/ CONTRIBUTIONS** We are grateful for the opportunity to accept contributions online via MyCTK and through text giving. Just as a reminder, if possible, please use your banking account information, rather than a card number, to save on processing fees, which start at 2.6%. This cuts back on monthly expenses and, in turn, more of your gift goes directly to the mission of your church. Thank you for your faithfulness!



## Save the Date!

Registration is now open! The 29th CTK ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE is being held on Saturday, August 24th, at Sandy Creek in Monroe. Shotgun start at 8am; check in at 7:15; price is \$85/golfer; includes golf, cart, lunch & steak/chicken dinner. Register at [www.ctk.me/golf-registration](http://www.ctk.me/golf-registration). Registration forms can also be found at the Welcome Center. Deadline is August 11. This year, 100% of the proceeds go to CTK's Food Pantry & Downriver for Veterans. If you can help with this event, i.e. getting donations prior to or helping the day of the event, or you are able to give a donation for a prize, please contact Deanna Warrington at 313-505-1704, Jennifer Gepes at 734-775-1972, or Cindy Burley at 734-752-2349.





## 7 WORD STATEMENTS FOR EVERYDAY OF JULY

Joy returns as we trust God's ways.	Isa. 55:11-12
When God commands radical changes, readily obey.	Gen. 12:1
Renew your mind daily with God's word.	Rom. 12:2
Christ left you an example to follow.	Eph. 5:1
In bleak circumstances, God fulfills His promises.	I Sam. 17:44-51
Don't give up – keep asking, seeking, knocking.	Matt. 7:7
Appreciate the beauty God's placed around us.	Ps. 8:3
God's given you many skills --- thank Him.	Ex. 31:3
Jesus suffered judgements that should be ours.	Isa. 53:4-5
The bible repeatedly directs ---trust The Lord.	Ps. 40:4
May your deeds glorify your Heavenly Father.	I Peter 2:12
God's available in both abundance or lack.	Luke 22:36
Be patient, God's still writing your story.	Col. 1:11
Don't just exclude wrong thoughts, replace them.	Phil. 4:8
Jesus, enlighten the eyes of my understanding.	Eph. 1 :17-18
I lack nothing for God supplies all.	Phil. 4:19
God rejoices extravagantly over you, His child.	Zeph. 3:17
When sleep evades, seek more of Jesus.	Ps. 119:55 &62
Jesus's right in the boat with you.	Mark 4:38-39
Rest and relax, God is your strength.	Isa. 12:2
We're born with a hunger for God.	Ps. 42:1-2
Only God satisfies your hunger for Him.	Matt. 5:6
God provides for your hopes and dreams.	Ps. 37:4
Become strong--- forgo revenge and forgive iniquity.	Col. 3:13
EL Roi – the God who sees and protects.	Ps. 139:1-3
True rest is a gift from Heaven.	Ex. 20:8-11
Keep your focus on finishing God's work.	John 4:34
Jesus in me gives strength and success.	Phil. 4:13
Our role: Bear witness to other's value.	II Tim. 2:14
Words have power – affecting ourselves & others.	Prov. 18:21
The 10 commandments are not multiple choice!	Ex. 20:1- 17

By Ralph & Donna Moore



# Spiritual Care Ministry



*The Spiritual Care Ministry at CTK focuses on persons in the congregation who are hospitalized, confined to their home, reside in a nursing home, or may be recovering from a surgery in a rehab facility. Please let us know if you have a family member or friend who needs a visitation, where they will hear the Word and receive Holy Communion.*

*Harry Dutka*

*(734) 285 9695 Ext. 150  
hdutka@ctk.me*

*Jessica Bourassa*

*(734) 285 9695 Ext. 100*

*Lisa Demou*

*(734) 285 9695 Ext. 210*

**766 Spiritual Care visits from January 1 – June 15, 2024**

## Church Office Hours

**The summer church office hours are as follows:**

**Mon. – Thurs. - 8:30am to 2:00pm**

**Friday – 8:30-Noon**

**The offices will be closed:**

**\* Thursday, July 4th**



VBS Thank you—Huge thanks to all the volunteers, The parents for bringing their kids and all those that donated and prayed for us. 178 registered kids attended VBS this year. Big shout out to Nancy Kurtz and Sara Kurtz for their awesome decorations and crafts and to Jessica Bourassa for bring Professor T. Ruth to life. Looking forward to next year!



## **SAVE THE DATE**

Blood Drive

Monday, July 29, 2024

1:00 - 6:45 PM

16700 Pennsylvania Rd.

There is a severe blood shortage. Please consider donating blood to save lives! Save the date for our next blood drive on Monday, July 29, held at 16700 Pennsylvania Rd. Appointments will be taken on the sign up posters near the Welcome Center.

Also, you can schedule your appointment online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Call Nancy Chambo at 734-776-5001 with any questions or to volunteer.

# MISSIONS

## **Save the Date for the Mission Fest:**

On August 4, from 5pm to 7pm, we will be hosting a mission festival with our fellow Downriver congregations. We will enjoy a great meal, learn about different mission efforts in our circuit, and discover what faith life is like in Europe with our visiting Pastor Markus Nietzke from Germany.



# Diaper Drive at Christ The King



## Final Report on CTK's 2024 Diaper Drive

Our annual Diaper Drive took place from Mother's Day until Father's Day. The following were gratefully received:

- ◆ 2,120 disposable diapers
- ◆ 3,280 wipes

As most of us realize, disposable diapers are expensive. Items will be delivered to Lincoln Park Pregnancy Center. There are many to thank, including staff members, VBS children, Thrivent Financial (seed money grant), Chris and Suzanne Fuhrer. Thank you to the person who let us put "overflow" gifts in her office.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for your people's generosity and for the fruit of the womb that you provide. Amen.

Sincerely, Pastor Harry

## GATHER AND GROW BOOK CLUB



This monthly-meet-up book club is a place for women of all ages (high school and older) to read Christian fiction and nonfiction, gather and discuss as a group, and grow in our faith together. We will not be meeting for July but will be reading Part One of The Divine Mentor by Wayne Cordeiro, which we will discuss along with Part Two at our August meeting. Please call the church office to register or to get on our Book Club email list.

## *Mark Your Calendars*

### 2024 Euchre Dates

**September 14 & October 12**



We play in the Upper Room at Trenton Rd, starting at 7pm SHARP! (Sorry, but we are unable to accommodate late-comers.) Cost is \$3 per person. Each player is asked to bring a beverage and snack to share. Partners are not necessary and guests are welcome. This is a FUN event and prizes are awarded. Questions? Contact Mike Shoup 734.624.4350 or [blueknight007@hotmail.com](mailto:blueknight007@hotmail.com)



# Pastor Brooks Report

I want to say a huge thank you to the community of CTK. The ordination service last month was incredible on all accounts, the service, the party, absolutely everything was awesome! We are truly a family in Jesus here at CTK, and I am so grateful to be a part of this community. I am so excited to see how the Lord is going to continue to guide us as a people to bless our community!

SMP Program Update: I will be in St. Louis the last week of June into the first days of July. During the week, I will be taking a class called Scripture and Faith, which is a class that is all about what Scripture is, and even including learning about translation and how the Bible that we read today came to be. On Friday, of the week at the Seminary, there will be a service that includes a celebration of the calls received by my classmates, which includes my call to Christ The King! As always, thank you for the your prayers and support along the way! God's Peace, Pastor Brooks



## **GriefShare**



**GriefShare will meet up again this coming August or early September. Watch for more details soon. Thank you to all who support this ministry. Visit [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) to find a current session near you.**



## Meijer "Simply Give" Campaign for CTK Food Pantry Ended June 29, 2024

Soon we will receive gift cards from Southgate Meijer that will allow us to buy milk, bread, cheese, eggs and margarine for the Pantry. This is a huge blessing from God for our Thursday, 3:00-3:45, weekly distribution of food. We will give a financial report from the Meijer cards in the next newsletter.

God loves helping those in need through us: memorial gifts, envelope and electronic monetary donations, classrooms, Scouts, Gleaners, Meijer "Simply Give" donors, food donations, and a fantastic group of volunteers.

Sincerely, Pastor Harry for "The 30"



*Christ caring for people through people*

**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

## Stephen Ministry Notice

Dear Fellow Members of CTK,

In order to properly prepare for Stephen Ministry this fall and 2025, we ask you to pray. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the gift of mercy. If you are seriously considering becoming a Stephen Minister, please let us know by Sunday, June 30.

Thank you in Jesus,

Pastor Harry (734.479.6337 or edenfield2@comcast.net)

Donna Tobeler (734.280.1183 or drbug01@hotmail.com)

**Note:** An Informational Meeting is planned for Monday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m.

# Youth Group News

## Youth Group Calendar

July 2024

7	Youth Group
14	Youth Group
21	NO YOUTH
28	NO YOUTH

## YOUTH FAMILY BBQ

**CALLING ALL  
7TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH  
& PARENTS**

JOIN US FOR THE  
Sept 2024 - Summer 2025  
INFO

SEPTEMBER 8 6 PM-8 PM  
Penn Campus



**HOT DOGS WILL BE PROVIDED.  
EMAIL GINA WITH WHAT YOU CAN BRING**

## Fundraising Information

Scrapbook Crop/Craft Day - October 12, 2024  
 Fall Craft Show - November 9, 2024

# Spring Hill!

January 10-12, 2025  
 7-12th Graders  
 Deposit Due 7.1.24  
 See Gina for form

Downriver Youth Circuit Cookout  
 August 25  
 4 PM - 6 PM  
 Grenz home  
 865 Riverbank  
 Wyandotte

# JULY

**ROOTED**  
 IN CHRIST



# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - JULY 2024

**"TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO,  
AND WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT TURN FROM IT."**

**PROVERBS 22:6 NIV**

## Thank you For Bible Bucks!

A great big "THANK YOU!" to Mrs. Zanley and Mrs. Kane for another "above and beyond" Bible Bucks experience on June 2<sup>nd</sup>! These amazing ladies shop throughout the year for all of the special trinkets and treasures for Bible Bucks! Mrs. Zanley even sends invitations home with all of the Day School students to join us on these especially fun days!



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Did you know???

Mrs. Zanley introduced Bible Bucks to our Sunday School Program to reward students for consistent attendance about 10 years ago in memory of her mother. What a blessing they both are to this ministry!

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## MAKING MOUNTAIN MEMORIES

On Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> our Sunday School students "climbed the mountain" to the Upper Room for the first session of our Summer Sunday School program. While sitting below a beautiful "mountain," they heard the thrilling story of Elijah challenging King Ahab to a fiery contest up on Mount Carmel. The children were reminded that there is nothing our God can't do as we sang "Our God Is So Great". Each Sunday this summer we will build on these wonderful mountain top experiences in the Bible, as well as in our own lives. Please bring your children so they don't miss out! Even if you don't have Sunday School age children, you're invited to "climb the mountain" to the Upper Room to see what we're all about!





Please join us for a high climbing adventure, as together we experience 4 amazing Bible stories, all taking place "Up On A Mountain".

#2 Jesus' Temptation "A Daring Challenge Up On A Mountain"

July 7<sup>th</sup>- Bible Story Telling, Songs, Activity Sheets

July 14<sup>th</sup>- Jesus Video with popcorn

July 21<sup>st</sup>- craft (message stones)

#3 Jesus' Transfiguration "A Bright, Shiny Wonder Up On A Mountain"

July 28<sup>th</sup>- Bible Story Telling, Songs, Activity Sheets

August 4<sup>th</sup>- Bible Bingo and special guest

August 11<sup>th</sup>- Jesus' Transfiguration video and popcorn

#4 Jesus Teaches About Worry "An Important Lesson Up On A Mountain"

August 18<sup>th</sup>- Bible Story Telling, Songs, Activity Sheets

August 25<sup>th</sup>- An exciting "Mountain-Top" outside hunt- including games and treats

September 1<sup>st</sup>- Birds/ flower craft

Parent/Tot class and High School Bible Study are welcome to join the Summer Sunday School festivities. **Everything will be held in the Upper Room.**

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**The Donation Station** is open on Thursday's from 12:00 – 2:00 and Saturday's from 10:00 -12:00. Donation Station Needs: Jewelry, Baby clothes, Kitchen items- please drop off these items under the #9 overhang, whenever it is convenient for you. If you would like to help in this unique ministry, please contact [carol@ctk.me](mailto:carol@ctk.me) or 734-281-3773.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers are available for purchase in memory or in honor of a loved one, i.e. for anniversaries, birthdays, etc. The sign-up chart is in the West Gallery. You can take the flowers home to enjoy, immediately following the 11am service. Cost is \$25 per vase. Payment may be placed in the offering basket or you can make a payment on MyCTK or via text. Please designate "Altar Flowers".

**THANK YOU!**

To my family at CTK,

Thank you so much for your cards, gifts, calls, texts and most importantly your prayers during my breast cancer journey. I'm still healing and recovering and prayerfully will have a very positive outcome in my future appointments. God has had His hand on me throughout this diagnosis. He knew how scared I was going to get Chemo. During surgery He made this possible.

My recovery is going well, treatment is done, and my "nurse" - Caleb D, was by my side the whole time. Thank you again for all you have done.

God's Blessings, Kimberly Beaudrie

# STUDY GROUP

## **Weekend Adult and Kid's Bible Study**

- ◆ **Saturday Bible Study** meets in the West Gallery at 6pm at Trenton Rd. Thank you to Richard & Suzanne Todd for being our host/hostess.
- ◆ **Sunday Adult Bible Study** meets in the West Gallery, at 10am. Thank you Charlotte Lithgow, Cindy Burley & Judy Martin for being our hostesses. (Coffee sub needed ASAP.)

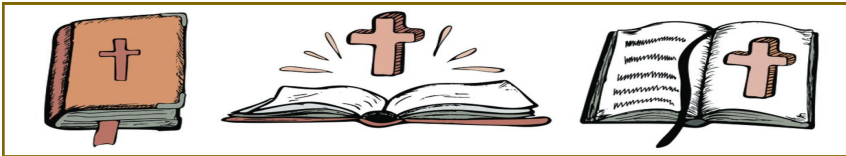
Bible Study Coffee & Snack located in the kitchen window.

- ◆ **Children's Sunday School Rooms:**  
Throughout the summer, all the Sunday School classes will meet in the Upper Room. Youth, confirmation, and parent/tot do not meet separately in the summer, but are welcome to join the group in the Upper Room.

## **MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY GROUPS**

### **Women's Bible Study**

Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 9:00am at PA Rd. in the Fellowship Center, classroom #4. Class is led by Nancy Kurtz.



### **Men's Bible Study**

Men's Bible Study is on Summer break. Watch for the Fall restart date some time in September.

# Family Connection Ministry

FCM Summer Fun - Every Tuesday evening in July at the Pennsylvania Rd Campus. Join us near the play structure by the Early Childhood Center building for weekly family fun events.

- Tuesday, July 2nd - 5:00 P.M. - 4th of July BBQ Bash - Bring a drink, a chair, a side dish to share, and bathing suits for the kids! We will be having hamburgers and hot dogs and water activities!
- Tuesday, July 9th - 6:00 P.M. - Water Fun Night - Come dressed to get wet! Bring a chair and a drink and come cool off with some water fun. We will have an inflatable water slide, sprinklers, water balloons, and lots of fun!
- Tuesday, July 16th - 6:00 P.M. - Campfire and Sing-A-Long - Join us at the fire pit for s'mores, songs, and fellowship. Bring a chair and a drink and we will provide the rest!
- Tuesday, July 23rd - 6:00 P.M. - Family Summer Olympic Games - Does your family have what it takes to win the 1st annual family Olympics?! Join us for an evening of fun, silly, wild games for the whole family!
- Tuesday, July 30th - 6:00 P.M. - Pedals and Popsicles - Pennsylvania Rd Campus - Bring your bike, scooter, stroller, or anything with wheels to walk/ride around and enjoy our beautiful Pennsylvania Rd campus. Popsicles for kids and grown ups will be provided.

Follow our Facebook page - CTK Family Connection Ministry for more information! Families of all ages and sizes are welcome to join us!

CTK Family Connection Ministry

== 4TH OF JULY ==

# BBQ

*Party*



Tuesday, July 2nd - 5:00 P.M. - Pennsylvania Rd Campus  
Early Childhood Center Playground

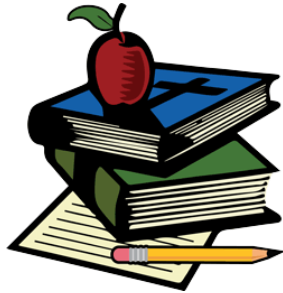
Bring a drink, a chair, a side dish to share, and bathing suits for the kids!  
We will be having hamburgers and hot dogs and water activities!

# Day School News

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

It's officially summer break for our students and staff! We wrapped up the 2023-2024 school year in June. The school staff had a chance to reflect on all this past school year has meant. What an incredible year it was! We are so blessed and grateful to God for the opportunity to partner with parents in raising the next generation. Summer gives our students and staff the chance to pause and recharge. I pray your summer break is filled with faith, fun, and family. I look forward to seeing you at church this summer and in school this fall.

God's Blessings, Dr. Kelli Kapp



## School Events:

Aug. 19	Back to School Open House
Aug. 21	First Day of School K-8 (1/2 day)
Aug. 26	First Day of Preschool
Aug. 30	No School—Labor Day Weekend
Sept. 2	No School—Labor Day Weekend
Sept. 20	Fun Run (1/2 Day)



If you are looking for a school home for your preschooler or K-8 student, enrollment is open at Christ The King Lutheran School. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring CTK's preschool or K-8 classrooms, please contact Chrissy Lambrecht at [admissions@ctk.me](mailto:admissions@ctk.me) or call 734-486-2978, or check out our school website, [ctkpanthers.com](http://ctkpanthers.com). We have a limited tour schedule over the summer months. Contact us today! We'd love to show you the CTK difference.



# Pastor's Message

We're in the midst of Vacation Bible School. The theme is "Destination Creation." We're sharing the truth of God's creation, as recorded in Genesis. We pray the Holy Spirit will lead our young Christians to grow in this area of knowledge. Notice how I say "knowledge" rather than "faith." The truth of God creating the world and everything in it in six 24-hour days and the earth being about 6,000 years old is summed up in the phrase "young earth creationist." Science is on our side, and so we grow in knowledge. Evolutionists lack any scientific evidence to support their theory.



That sounds like hyperbole, like I'm exaggerating to make a point; I'm not! I can't stress this enough: evolution does not have a single piece of observational science to support species changing one to another as they increase in complexity. To believe that takes faith-childlike faith. In fact, to believe in evolution is like believing in Santa Claus! Therein lies the great irony of today's secular humanism. Our young Christians, by the grace of God, will grow up to be men and women of knowledge and faith, while those who deny God are men and women whose belief system is akin to preschoolers! That's what David meant when he said in Psalm 14, "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'" We treasure David's words in Psalm 19, "The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

In Christ, Pastor Jason Cashmer

