

In the beginning...
God created the heavens and the earth.
Genesis 1:1

Answers in Genesis Conference

The Broken Bow Evangelical Free Church is excited to be co-hosting an "Answers in Genesis" Conference on Sunday, November 14th and Monday, November 15th. In addition to our church, this conference is also being sponsored and hosted by Wescott Baptist Church in Comstock and Callaway Community Church. It's a great opportunity to be able to bring in an international ministry like "Answers in Genesis" to Custer County.

Most people know "Answers in Genesis" because they have seen or heard Ken Ham, the founder, on the radio with his Australian accent. While the accent may be a bit foreign, there is nothing foreign about what Ken Ham or AiG teaches.

What is "Answers in Genesis?" The following description is taken from their

website. "Answers in Genesis" is an apologetics (i.e., Christianity-defending) ministry, dedicated to enabling Christians to defend their faith and to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ effectively.

We focus particularly on providing answers to questions surrounding the book of Genesis, as it is the most-attacked book of the Bible. We also desire to train others to develop a biblical worldview, and seek to expose the bankruptcy of evolutionary ideas, and its bedfellow, a "millions of years old" earth (and even older universe).

The speaker for this conference will be Carl Kerby, who is one of AiG's most dynamic lecturers on the book of Genesis. He is also considered the "father" of AiG's highly popular and acclaimed website, which is now recognized as one of the

most-visited religious websites in the world (www.answersingenesis.org).

Carl's passion is to proclaim the authority and accuracy of the Bible, and he does so in a highly effective way for all audiences. He is much in demand as a speaker to both young people and adults. A former air traffic controller at Chicago's busy O'Hare International Airport, Carl's thrilling testimony has been shared in churches throughout America and many overseas.

Admission is free for all sessions of the conference. A love offering will be taken at the churches on Sunday but not at the Monday event. This is a great event in which to invite a friend or neighbor. Many Answers in Genesis books and resources will be available to purchase.

Conference Schedule

Sunday November 14

- 9:00 AM Is Genesis Relevant for Today's Culture?
Callaway Community Church
- 10:45 AM Is Genesis Relevant for Today's Culture?
Broken Bow Evangelical Free Church
- 7:00 PM Fossils: Friend or Foe?
Wescott Baptist Church – Comstock

Monday November 15

- 7:30 PM From Ida to Us, What're the Facts?
Broken Bow Middle School Auditorium



Speaker - Carl Kerby

Getting the Most Out of AWANA

Did you know that there are more than 20,000 churches worldwide that have an Awana program that reach nearly 1.5 million children and youth. We are proud to be a part of this great program that teaches kids about Jesus Christ and the Bible. We are very thankful for all the parents that entrust us with their children for a few hours every Wednesday night. Parents play a very important role in the Awana program. As parents there are some things that you can do at home to help your child get the most out of AWANA. (taken from the AWANA website, awana.com)

1. Work on Awana lessons together with your child. One of the chief goals of Awana curriculum is to give a biblical foundation for faith in Christ. We offer tools to equip your kids to learn as much as possible from God's Word, though the best resource is a consistent routine where your child and you work on Awana lessons together. To help your child memorize Bible verses, you can get a handbook music CD. We also offer parent that allow you to study the same lessons your kids are learning in

Awana. These books give you insights and ideas for teaching these Bible truths to your children. Talk to an AWANA Director if you would like to order one.

2. Get to know your child's Awana leaders. The Awana volunteers who work with your kids each week play a critical role in your children's spiritual development. They serve in Awana to support your own efforts as your kids primary spiritual leader. Take time to get to know them. Encourage them, support their efforts and share with them key details about your children that will help them work more effectively with your kids. This relationship will prove to be mutually beneficial.

3. Pray for your child. Your children won't get anything out of Awana unless God is part of the process. Your consistent prayer is vital to inviting God's work in their Awana involvement. Here are some ways you can pray:

- For open hearts and minds to the teaching of God's Word
- For motivation to learn Bible verses, study Scripture, complete

curriculum and participate enthusiastically in weekly gatherings

- For Awana leaders to positively impact your kids' spiritual development For the Bible truths your kids are learning to take root in their hearts and impact their faith, character and attitudes

4. Invite other kids to Awana Awana is designed to be an easy outreach opportunity for your kids. Awana is built to be fun so that children can confidently invite non-churched friends from school and their neighborhood to come with them. Make this the year your kids bring a carload of peers to Awana with them – or at least one friend.

5. Start family nights Awana is only one tool in a child's spiritual development. It isn't meant to meet all of your child's spiritual needs. Do you need a good place to start this process? Try an AWANA at Home Parent Kit. These kits make it easy for families to spend 30 to 60 minutes together learning Scripture and growing spiritually. Parent kit family nights could quickly become the best night of your week.



Nehemiah is getting ready to build the wall during "Everyday Heroes" presented by the P.I.G.S.



Steve Parker and "Allie" the alligator perform at the Family Fun Festival.

Youth News - Beginning With the End In Mind

Have you ever witnessed a track star meandering from the starting blocks out in the grandstand and back? How about a football team breaking huddle and lining up out of bounds to run a play? Ever see a blind person trap shoot with accuracy? The ability to succeed and to measure success is tied to a clear and focused understanding of our mission – **why do we exist?** A slight shift in purpose can greatly alter what we do and why we do it.

The student ministry has been discussing this very topic. We are discovering what Jesus said about our purpose in Matthew 28:18-20. *And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

You will notice there is one command which is to "make disciples". You also see three verb forms that

help clarify Jesus' command to make disciples.

1. Going – This could be translated: "as you are going." This brings the emphasis of aggressively reaching out to our peers as we go through life. Jesus modeled this winning of people in His own life and multiplied this priority to His disciples as He sent them out to do the work of evangelism. "...as the Father has sent Me, I also send you" (John 20:21).

2. Baptizing – To be baptized was to identify with the cause and person of Jesus Christ. This word brings the priority of building believers as they establish deep roots of spiritual understanding and application, resulting in becoming "Christ-like" in attitude and action.

3. Teaching – Here the emphasis is on obedience to all God has commanded. Jesus sums this up in Matthew 22:36-38 which commands us to love the Lord with our whole being and love our neighbor as ourselves. This is where we discover

our spiritual giftedness and learn to serve one another.

Therefore, Jesus' ultimate challenge to all who follow Him is to make disciples! The institution charged with the responsibility to assist believers in fulfilling this command is the local church. So why do we exist? We exist to **MAKE DISCIPLES** by balancing the ministry principles of winning the lost, building up believers in their faith and equipping believers to serve others!

So are you keeping focused on the goal or are you running off course? Are you making an effort to grow in your relationship with Jesus? Who is it that you intentionally spend time with to encourage and mentor in their spiritual journey? *Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win (1 Corinthians 9:24).*

- Pastor Brant



Pastor Brant Taylor teaching the Jr. High Youth Group on Wednesday night



Pastor Brant and Tyler Staab taking a few punches at the CHAOS event at Cairo, NE



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Snow and Peace

I was sitting at my computer this morning looking at the weather forecast. It doesn't look good for this week. It starts with a nice balmy 79 degrees and by the end of the week it's forecasting snow.

We all seem to have negative reactions when we hear reports that the first snow is coming. It's like the end of the world is upon us. Maybe the negative reaction is because we all have some things on our to do list that has to get finished before it snows. I've already made a list for when I get home from the office today of things I need to do: clean out the gutters, rake the leaves, and put the hose away. In some ways we look at the weather forecast

and think that it is a bad thing. But it's actually a good thing, because if we know it is going to snow, then we can prepare for it. I would rather have time to prepare for the snow, then get a big surprise and not be ready.

It's kind of like that in our spiritual lives as well. Jesus says in John 16:33, "*I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*" The forecast for our lives is that there is going to be trouble ahead. While this doesn't seem too comforting to know, it is actually good news because it gives us time to prepare. If we're not prepared to deal

with troubles in our life, then we are left with fear and despair. But if we are spiritually ready for whatever comes our way, the Jesus promises that we can have peace.

It's kind of like the peace you have when you know everything is put away and ready for the first snow, and you can just sit and relax in your warm comfy house while the snow is flying. The peace the Jesus gives us is even better than that. Jesus also says, "*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*" (John 14:27) So as the snow begins to fly, let it be a reminder to us of His peace. - Pastor Scott