

April 3, 2025

GOD ABOVE ALL

This past week, Answers in Genesis posted a YouTube video featuring an interview with Joel Leineweber, one of their dinosaur reconstruction illustrators for the Ark Encounter. In the video, Leineweber exposes the flaws in mainstream dinosaur reconstructions, showing how many depictions contradict fossil evidence.

One of the most fascinating points he makes is how an artist’s perspective shapes their reconstruction. Throughout the video, he walks viewers through his process of recreating *Sinornithosaurus*, comparing his biblically grounded approach to secular, evolutionary interpretations. The differences are striking.

At the start, mainstream illustrations depict *Sinornithosaurus* as a raptor-like creature with long arms and feathery head tufts, picture a mullet-wearing dinosaur! But by the end, Leineweber demonstrates that, when viewed through a biblical lens rather than an evolutionary one, the fossil record suggests it wasn’t a feathered dinosaur at all, but an ancient bird resembling a heron. This video is a powerful reminder of how worldviews shape interpretations of evidence, and I highly recommend watching it.

This video also highlights a bigger issue: when we divide the secular and spiritual in our minds, the secular inevitably takes over, and we see this playing out in our society today. For example, In science, God is often excluded from discussions, as faith is seen as incompatible with reason and evidence. While science seeks to explain the natural world, Christians must not fall into the trap of thinking the “natural” exists apart from God. Without God, there is no nature. “For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.” (Colossians 1:16)

In education, religion seems to also have very little footing and influence. While there are exceptions, teachers are generally not allowed to express their faith openly. Those who do face an uphill battle, as the divide between secular and spiritual makes it harder to stand firm. But I encourage all those who are to continue to stand firm in the faith.(1 Corinthians 16:13) This same divide is seen in government as well, where laws are increasingly made without consideration for biblical values. The First Amendment’s “no establishment of religion” clause has been twisted to mean that religion must stay out of government, rather than preventing

government from interfering with religion. Meanwhile, the idea of “separation of church and state”—a phrase found nowhere in the Constitution—is used to justify prioritizing the state over faith.

In culture, believers are often seen as less intelligent or influential than those with a secular mindset. A secular culture naturally swallows up the spiritual, but this one shouldn’t surprise us as Christians. After all, Paul explained to the church in Corinth, that “God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.” (1 Corinthians 1:27-29)

As Christians, we must reject the false divide between secular and spiritual. When culture leads and faith follows, the consequences are serious. If we allow the spiritual to be sidelined, we also push aside God’s influence in our lives. Modernism, postmodernism, and scientism all work to diminish God’s role. Too often, we focus on avoiding legalism and Pharisaism while overlooking the equally dangerous issue of a powerless faith, modern-day Sadduceeism.

As Christians, Christ must be the center our lives! Paul says, in Colossians 3:1-4, “ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.” Every decision, every lesson, every role as a citizen, and every moment of rest should be centered on Him. We never separate our lives from the Lord. Everything we do is for His glory and in His name.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 says, “For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ” Let us make sure that we have not let the world, and the view of secularism overshadow God’s absolute grace, power, and glory in our lives.

Andrew Spivey

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me
Psalms 51:10

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – Exodus 15
Wednesday Read – Exodus 16

- Questions for last week’s reading of; Exodus 13 & 14.
- Questions:
1. Why did God want the Israelites to celebrate the Passover each year?
 2. How did God lead the Israelites by day?
 3. How did God lead the Israelites by night?
 4. How did the Israelites cross the Red Sea?
 5. What happened to the Egyptians who were chasing the Israelites?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * 4:15 Singing class every Sunday*
Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm
- April 1 – TNT – 6 pm
Ladies Bible Class 6:30 pm
- April 10 – Elders/Ministers meeting @6:30pm
- April 13 – Widows/Widowers Luncheon
Fellowship Room
- April 13 – Egg Hunt @ 2pm
- April 15 – TNT – 6pm
Ladies Bible Class – 6:30 pm
- April 17 – Senior Group 5 pm
- April 18 -19 – Lads/Leaders
- April 26 – Ladies Day @ Nashville Road
9 am – 1 pm

MEMORIAL

There will be a Memorial in honor of **Charlie Cliburn**, husband of Penny Cliburn, on Saturday April 12th @ 11:00am at the Veterans Memorial Park on 355 Belvedere Rd., behind the Sumner County Administration Building.

EGG HUNT

There will be an Egg Hunt on **Sunday April 13th @2:00 pm**. If you would like to donate candy for the hunt please bring candy to church anytime between now and April 9th. ****Please note the change of date****

ORDER OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
April 6, 2025
9:00 AM
BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Allyn Hosman
Scripture Reading.....Jason Sever
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett
Lord's Supper.....David Johnson
Servers.....N. Kemper; J. Crawford; R. Buck
J. Johnson; Z. Tooley; A. Williamson
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Ken Veale

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Allyn Hosman
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....David Thompson
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Brent Smith
Closing Prayer.....Kevin Siler

WEDNESDAY
April 9, 2025
7:00 PM

Welcome.....Allyn Hosman
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Carl Newby
Ushers for April.....T. Cummins/E. Stephenson
Communion Care for April.....B/T Brown
Door Greeters – West Door.....B/M Smith
East Door.....E/D Stephenson
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Jessica Rowlett

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

SICK LIST

Bobbie Stephens is in the hospital for tests. **Charlie Seals** is home recovering from shoulder surgery. **Tony Perry** had surgery to have a dialysis fistula put in. **Larry Hammock**, uncle of Andrew Spivey, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. **Wayne Hunt**, cousin of Tim Cummins, will have a bone marrow transplant soon. **Donna Murphy**, sister of Wanda Seals, is recovering from a stroke. **Chuck Tooley**, father of Zach Tooley, had stents placed. **Ethan Huffard** son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby has completed his chemo treatments. He returns to the doctor in six months. **Ariel Clift**, niece of Tarina Brown has been diagnosed with POTS. **Roscoe Smith** father of Brent Smith has been diagnosed with 2 cancerous tumors. Treatments will start soon. **Larry Bailey**, son of Tina Bailey a former member, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. He has begun chemo.



PRAYER LIST

Wanda Seals; Lena Baggett; Stella Messer; Hugh Fulford; Maddie Andrews; Mary Spivey; Ottis & Maxine Cothron; Shauna Lockett; Tony Perry; Jean Knowles; Zach Tooley; Mary Ann Reinhart; Sandi Jones; Pat Watson; Frances Catron; Jackie Williams; Pat Crump; Ethan Huffard son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby; **Heather Lemley** daughter of Michael & Cathy Lemley; **Jean McCurdy** mother of Olivia Nelsen; **Elaine Reynolds**, friend of Christie Coleman; **Alan Greene**, nephew of Carl & Pam Newby; **Bethany Shoulders**, granddaughter of Evelyn Harris; **Vycki Puckett**, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato; **Ty Tyler** son of Ann Tyler; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Taylor Lackford**, niece of Brenda Veale; **Dustin Lackford**, nephew of Brenda Veale; **Larry Conley**, friend of Wanda Proctor; **Harold Cole**, friend of Lena Baggett; **Bobbie Carter**, sister of Janice Johnson; **Walter Wooten**, brother of Wanda Sherrill; **Aza Topik**, grandson of Charlie & Wanda Seals.

SHUT-INS

Jean Deaton, Mary Spivey
(new addresses for both Jean & Mary,
please call the office or see the
2025 pocket directory)

*We depend on families and friends to help us update
this list. Please notify us of any changes.*

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	96
Morning Worship.....	149
Sunday Evening.....	75
Wednesday Evening.....	66
Contribution.....	\$6,763.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$11,630.00

Elders

Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560
Jim Cherry.....	615-479-2149
David Johnson.....	615-300-9084
Alex Sherrill.....	615-289-9935
David Thompson.....	615-598-6621

Deacons

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Eric Stephenson	Adam Williamson	



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