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- » **To serve as a source of information regarding the Chapel, its staff, services, programs and planned activities**
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## AMERICA'S CHRISTIAN ROCKET MAN (PART TWO)

– by Jerry Bergman, Ph.D.\*

BEFORE READING THE ARTICLE BELOW, REPRINTED BY PERMISSION FROM THE INSTITUTE FOR CREATION RESEARCH (ICR), YOU MAY HAVE ASKED THE SAME QUESTION POSED BY V2ROCKET.COM ON OUR SUBJECT, “WAS HE A NAZI OR WAS HE A SCIENTIST? MOST WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE THE LATTER, ALTHOUGH MANY FEEL VON BRAUN WAS INDIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF THOUSANDS. GERMAN-BORN AMERICAN ROCKET SCIENTIST AND “SPACE ARCHITECT” WHO SERVED BOTH ADOLF HITLER AND AMERICAN PRESIDENTS WITH HIS UNIQUE ABILITY TO PROMOTE AND DEVELOP ROCKET TECHNOLOGY.”

### The Scientist as Creationist

After his conversion, Dr. von Braun became a strong proponent of the Christian faith and creationism. He wrote “a good deal about his Christian faith” and even spoke extensively on the subject. He said creationism was “a variable scientific theory for the origin of the universe, life and man.” Von Braun concluded that acknowledging the universe is designed

*ultimately raises the question of a designer ... The scientific method does not allow us to exclude data which led to the conclusion that the universe, life and man are based on design. To be forced to believe ... that everything in the universe happened by chance -- would violate the very objectivity of science itself. Certainly there are those who argue that the universe evolved out of a random process, but what random process could produce the brain of a man or the system of the human eye?*

His beliefs regarding the importance of studying God's creation are vividly expressed in his observation that the “more we learn about God's creation, the more I am impressed with the orderliness and unerring perfection of the natural laws that govern it. In this perfection, man -- the scientist -- catches a glimpse of the Creator and His design for nature.”

Dr. von Braun's own words reveal how important the design argument was to him:

*The primary resistance to acknowledging the “Case for Design” as a variable scientific alternative to the current “Case for Chance” lies in the inconceivability, in some*

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*scientists' minds, of a Designer. The inconceivability of some ultimate issue ... should not be allowed to rule out any theory that explains the interrelationship of observed data ... [He added that] many intelligent men say they cannot visualize a Designer. Well, can a physicist visualize an electron? The electron is materially inconceivable and yet, it is so perfectly known through its effects that we use it to illustrate our cities [and] guide our airliners... What strange rationale makes some physicists accept the inconceivable electron as real while refusing to accept the reality of a Designer on the ground that they cannot conceive Him?... Although they really do not understand the electron either, they are ready to accept it because they managed to produce a rather clumsy mechanical model of it.*

Von Braun also believed that origins should be taught objectively in government schools, arguing that the claim that science and religion should be separate is invalid. Instead, science "in its

drive to understand the creation, and religion in its drive to understand the Creator, have many common objectives."

*Science and religion are like two windows in the house through which we look at the reality of the Creator and the laws manifested in His creation. As long as we see two different images through these two windows ... we must keep trying to obtain a more complete and better-integrated total picture of the ultimate reality by properly tying together our scientific and religious concepts.*

Von Braun stressed that more than ever our survival depends on the adherence to basic ethical principles provided by Christianity. When asked about his views on religion and science, specifically if "technological methods and religious beliefs are really compatible," von Braun answered:

*While technology controls the forces of nature around us, ethics try to control the forces of nature within us ... The Ten*

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*Commandments are entirely adequate -- without amendments -- to cope with all the problems the technological revolution not only has brought up, but will bring up in the future.*

Von Braun concluded that the Bible was the “most effective bulwark ever built against the erosive effects of time ... The Bible is ... The revelation of God’s nature and love.” Prayer, too, was critically important to von Braun. I asked when his need to pray was particularly strong, he stated that he prayed a lot before and during the crucial Apollo flights. As Henry Morris notes, von Braun believed that manned space flight was an amazing achievement that

*has opened for mankind thus far only a tiny door for viewing the awesome reaches of space. An outlook through his peephole at the vast mysteries of the universe should only confirm our belief in the certainty of its Creator. I find it as difficult to understand a scientist who does not acknowledge the presence of a superior rationality behind the existence of the universe as it is to comprehend a theologian who would deny the advances of science.*

Von Braun died in Alexandria, Virginia, on June 16, 1977, leaving the world a radically different place.

### Summary

A study of the history of Western science reveals that Christianity was a major motivation for many of the world’s greatest scientists. They concluded that God reveals Himself both in the Scriptures and in His creation, and to get closer to God it is incumbent on the believer to study His creation. Wernher von Braun stated that the “universe revealed through scientific inquiry is the living witness that God has indeed been at work. Understanding the nature of this creation provides a substantive basis for the faith by which we attempt to know the nature of the Creator.”

PROPERLY UNDERSTOOD, SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE REVEAL THE SAME TRUTH.



## BELIEVERS CHAPEL TOUR OF THE INSTITUTE OF CREATION RESEARCH (ICR)



# YOUTH GROUP SUMMMER TRIP 2016: CAMP REGEN, GLORIETA, NEW MEXICO

— by Sarah Terrell

## *Follow Me*

The Believers Chapel Youth Group joined 20 other youth groups from around the country in Glorieta, New Mexico to embark on a week of spiritual growth and evaluation at Camp Regen. Camp Regen is a yearly event organized by Grace Community Church for the purpose of preaching God’s Word to high school students in a camp setting. We were blessed to learn how to follow Christ, deny ourselves, submit to Him and to love and worship Him from many gifted teachers, including Dr. John MacArthur. We competed in some incredible games, met new friends, and suffered a few injuries along the way. Above all, we learned that Christ is worthy of following! Please pray that everyone in our our youth group would have a passion to run after Him all of their lives!



“IF ANYONE WISHES TO COME AFTER ME, HE MUST DENY HIMSELF, AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS DAILY AND FOLLOW ME.”

LUKE 9:23



# LOUISIANA FLOOD RELIEF

— by Mike Amis

WE HAVE LEARNED OF THE DEVASTATION OF THE RECENT FLOODING IN LOUISIANA. THIS HAS INCLUDED MANY SMALL, SOUND CHURCHES AND HOMES OF THEIR MEMBERS. MOUNT ZION BIBLE CHURCH OF PENSACOLA PROVIDES SOUND TEACHING SUPPORT FOR THEM. AS THE CHAPEL DID FOLLOWING THE DAMAGE DONE BY HURRICANE KATRINA, WE HAVE RECENTLY SENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MOUNT ZION WHICH IS DISTRIBUTING ASSISTANCE WHERE NEEDED.

On September 6, Mount Zion Bible Church (MZBC) Pastors Jeff Pollard and Clarence Simmons visited areas of Louisiana affected by the flooding. Their purpose was to meet with pastors and get a feel for the needs of the churches and the people who have suffered in this event that has suddenly changed the lives of so many people. While the flood caused tremendous, widespread damage to people's personal belongings and homes, the Lord's people who suffered these losses were rejoicing they did not lose life and loved ones. An encouraging and common response was a recognition that all the things that were lost give a sense of freedom – a release from taking care of all the "stuff" that had accumulated in their lives. Christian help from other areas and from other states has poured in to help many, while some still need significant assistance. The rebuilding effort will take a long time to be completed.

Here are pictures from their trip. To learn more, visit <http://www.chapellibrary.org/louisiana-flood-relief/>



*A gracious sister brought a trailer loaded with washing machines to New Covenant Church and gave her time day after day to wash clothes for the many people affected by flooding.*



*Pastor Keith Zachary of New Covenant Church. New Covenant Church facilities were spared from flooding and the church has become a relief distribution center for the flooded community.*



*Pastor Jimmy Downing of Grace Fellowship Baptist Church, with Pastor Clarence Simmons of MZBC. Grace Fellowship's building was completely flooded. Here it has been stripped and is being restored.*



# Footsteps of Faith

— by Suzi Faaitiiti

## 2016-2017 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Theme: “God Provides for Us”

- Oct 19 Lesson 5
- Oct 26 Special Lesson:  
Reformation Day
- Nov 2 Quiztron:  
Review Lessons 1-5
- Nov 9 Lesson 6
- Nov 16 Lesson 7
- Nov 23 NO FOOTSTEPS:  
Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov 30 Lesson 8
- Dec 7 Lesson 9
- Dec 14 Lesson 10
- Dec 21 Christmas Story & Craft
- Dec 28 NO FOOTSTEPS:  
Christmas Holiday
- Jan 4 NO FOOTSTEPS:  
New Year’s Holiday

## OCT / NOV / DEC BIRTHDAYS

- Dustin Rhodes (8) on 10/4
- Fritz Griffin (11) on 11/4
- Evan Eakins (8) on 11/11
- Atticus Irani (8) on 11/30
- Will Anderson (7) on 11/1
- Rosemary Portilla (11) on 12/18
- Bella McNulty (10) on 12/5
- Philip Nettleton (11) on 9/12

## KEEP INFORMED

For updated information and future events regarding this ministry, see the bulletin board located next to the Nursery.

There is a need for volunteers to help in the Footsteps of Faith Ministry.

For more information, please contact Suzi Faaitiiti at 214/269-1818.

# Nursery Ministry

October Theme: Abraham

November Theme: Joseph

December Theme: Jesus Is Born

## OCT / NOV / DEC BIRTHDAYS

- Asher Carter (2) on 10/27
- Sadie Harriell (3) on 11/10
- Noah Carter (5) on 12/13
- Henry Harrell (5) on 12/13
- Olivia Grace Splawn (2) on 12/15



PLEASE HELP!

There is always a need for volunteers to help in the Nursery. For more information, please contact Suzi Faaitiiti at (972) 442-0271 or email [suzi@stainback.com](mailto:suzi@stainback.com)

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## 2016

**Wednesday, October 26:** Ladies Brunch at 10:30 am. The cost is \$12 (cash) per person. Crossroads Diner is located in the northeast corner of Preston and Campbell.

**Thursday, October 27:** Chapelmen's Quarterly Lunch at 11:45 am. The cost is \$12 per person, including tip. Dunston's Steakhouse is located at Lovers Lane and Inwood.

**Sunday, October 30:** Chapel Luncheon, 12pm. We will enjoy lunch and fellowship after the 11 o'clock service in the gym.

**Tuesday, November 1:** Ladies Thanksgiving Dinner, 6:30 pm at the Chapel. Alison Smith Balch will be our guest speaker.

**Sunday, December 4:** Evening Reception, 7:30 pm. Join us for food and fellowship after the evening meeting in the gym.

## ONGOING

### **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

Men's Fellowship Dinner meets the second Monday of every month at the Chapel from 6:30 to 8:30 pm  
For details contact Jim Frazier at (972) 233-7566.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday morning at 10:00 am at the Chapel, except during the summer.

### **YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Young Men's Bible Study meets every 6th Sunday at the Chapel at 5:00 pm, before the evening meeting.



*Newsletter Deadline for the January/February Issue: December 4*

Contact Mike Amis (972) 238-7421/amismediat@aol.com

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# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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*Use your gifts to serve the body at Believers Chapel. Contact the individuals listed below for more information.*

### **MERCY MINISTRY**

The Mercy Ministry expresses practical care through providing meals for those in the body experiencing bereavement or surgery, or when a new baby arrives. If you would like to help cook and/or deliver meals contact Shari Blodgett at (972) 239-5371.

### **HELPS MINISTRY**

The Helps Ministry assists others within our body who have need of small repairs such as electrical, plumbing, lighting, carpentry, etc. Contact Ray Smuland at (214) 340-5521 or Shari Blodgett at (972) 239-5371.

### **MEDIA MINISTRY**

The Media Ministry prepares recordings for worldwide distribution. Contact Ruth Berggren at (972) 239-1836 or [ruth.berggren@believers-chapel.org](mailto:ruth.berggren@believers-chapel.org). Available messages are listed at Believers Chapel web site: [www.believers-chapel.org](http://www.believers-chapel.org). S. Lewis Johnson Institute web site: [www.sljinstitute.net](http://www.sljinstitute.net), and in the Media Ministry catalog.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY**

The Sunday School Ministry teaches or helps with special needs. Contact the church office at (972) 239-5371.

### **NURSERY MINISTRY**

The Nursery Ministry teaches and cares for children from birth-kindergarten. Contact Suzi Faaitiiti at (214) 228-3301.

### **HOSPITALITY MINISTRY**

The Hospitality Ministry serves food and refreshments for church-wide functions. The time commitment is minimal due to rotational grouping. Contact Pat Austin at (214) 368-5918.