



Christian Faith Fellowship

We are not a perfect church

We are not a perfect people

**We are here because we know we need
God's help and He has provided this help
through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

**“CFF Exists to Know Christ and to Make Him
Known!”**

Faith Challenge

- **We were blessed with a donation for an outside BBQ grill with the granite counters etc.**
- **We got a bid for the pavers to go down in that area for \$6500-\$7000 (with out pavers, curbs, sand etc.)**
- **The block layer said he would do the pavers for ½ of the bid!**
- **We had \$1100 left from the donation for the BBQ which puts us \$2300 short for the pavers to be done.**
- **If we raise the \$2300 today – we can have that completed by the Blessing next Sunday!**

Living the Faith

- **Are you spending at least 5 minutes per day reading the Bible? (listening on CD/Online?)**
Reading Schedule at the Welcome table.
- **Have you shared your Conversion story/or a God Story?**
- **Are you hearing what the Spirit is saying?**
- **Are you sitting in the same seat? (We moved the seating around and changed the stage!)**

Widely accepted Scientific Truth

1. Geocentric universe: The concept that the Earth was at the center of the universe dates back to at least 600 B.C. with Greek philosophers who proposed cosmologies of the Sun, Moon and other heavenly bodies orbiting the Earth. The most famous contortion of the system was Ptolemy's epicycles to explain the retrograde motion of Mars. This is a prime example of fitting scientific evidence into preconceived notions. The theory was disproven with a publication of Nicholas Copernicus in 1543.

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2. Miasmatic theory of disease: This theory holds that diseases such as cholera, chlamydia or the Black Death were caused by a miasma (ancient Greek: “pollution”), a noxious form of “bad air”. This concept was not disposed of until the late 1800s, with the rise of the germ theory of disease. Miasma was considered to be a poisonous vapor or mist filled with particles from decomposed matter that caused illnesses. It was identifiable by its foul smell.

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3. Static universe: Prior to the observations made by astronomer Edwin Hubble during 1920s, scientists believed the universe was static, neither expanding nor contracting. Hubble found that distant objects in the universe were moving more quickly away than nearby ones. Very recently, in 1999, scientists unexpectedly found that not only was the universe expanding, but its expansion was accelerating.

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4. A young Earth: In the mid-1800s many scientists, including Lord Kelvin, believed the Earth to be just 20 million to 40 million years old. It was around that time that geologists such as Charles Lyell began to believe that the Earth was much older, and this conformed to the views of biologists such as Charles Darwin, who needed a much older Earth for evolution to unfold. It wasn't until the middle of the 20th century that scientists came to the accepted conclusion today that the Earth is about 4.55 billion years old.

1 Corinthians 1:20-25

20 Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. 22 Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to

Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

- Throughout time humanity has held to many 'truths' only to find that truth to be false.

Generations have lived and died believing these truths... only to have these 'truths' disproved by later scientists!

Through it all there remains 1 Truth – that is consistently rejected by the wisdom of this world... Jesus Christ crucified, risen, and coming again!

The Truth of the Gospel message has continued... always being ridiculed by ‘the wisdom of the world’ and yet NEVER being disproved!!!

This TRUTH remains and will continue to remain long after this generation – with all it’s new found wisdom – has been buried!

- **We are not here to have an intellectual debate or a lecture to convince you of God or that He exists... There are EVIDENCES EVERYWHERE that PROVE the word of God is truth – that God does exist – that Jesus really did come to earth, die on a cross, raise from the dead etc.! (The Book ‘The Case for Christ’ etc.)**
- **However, if you are simply intellectually convinced that this is truth you are also vulnerable to being intellectually convinced that it is not!**

1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5

26 Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are,

29 so that no one may boast before him. 30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 31 Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.” (Chapter 2) 1 And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with

you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

- I Echo the words of the Apostle Paul to you this morning! The Gospel message I preach to you is not one of intellectual discovery... but simple Faith! That Faith is affirmed in God's power!

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- As we read the verses last Sunday about God saving us and giving us a witness within (1 John 5 & Romans 10) the very purpose of the message was for each of us to understand we are saved by God – not the church- not by any human – not by works – ‘I’ am saved because of God’s work!!!

- **I am ABSOLUTELY convinced that I am saved!**
- I BELIEVE & KNOW:**
- **God the Father, Jesus Christ, & The Holy Spirit,**
- **Salvation comes by faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ!**
- **That there will be a literal raising of the dead**
- **That all of humanity will stand judgment: those who have received Christ will be rewarded with heaven and those who have rejected Him will receive what they have chosen = hell**

Action Steps

- **What ‘truth’ do you believe?**
- **What do you know?**
- **On what will you place your eternal soul?**