

# SAVAGE STREET Church of Christ

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## *The God Who Knows*

What we know, God knows, and much more

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**T**he God of the Bible is the God who knows. What we know, he knows, and so much more. He knows us and all things fully, but what we know of him and of all other things does not begin to compare to his knowledge. Yet, we can know him.

David knew that God knew him: "O LORD, you have searched me and known me" (Psalm 139.1–6).

The Lord searches and knows us as we cannot even do to ourselves. He knows us from the trivial to the deep. He knows something as seemingly trivial as our sitting down and our rising up as though He were right here with us.

He knows things as deep as our thoughts, even if he is not seemingly close at hand.

He can be far away and know what we are thinking. He can comprehend our path and our lying down, truly, he is acquainted with all our ways, including our words. He does not merely know every word we speak, but he knows every word we shall speak, before any word is even on our tongues, he already knows what we will say.

He has hedged us behind and before, and has laid his hand upon us. He has determined the beginning and ending of all parts of our lives and of life itself.

When David contemplated such knowledge, he concluded, that it was too wonderful for him, meaning that attaining such ability to know was out of his reach. As humans we can certainly think many wonderful things, but to compare our ability to know with God's ability to know is like comparing a worm's ability to know with our ability to know.

Knowing one person so intimately astounds us, but God has such knowledge of not merely one person, but of every person and of everything in creation. He even knows when a bird dies (Matthew 10.29–31). He knows all the stars by name (Psalm 147.4–5; Isaiah 40.26).

Like Paul we burst out with this wonderful praise of God, "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

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**Today's**

10:30 am service

**The Blessedness of the God-Fearing Father**

6:00 pm service

**Has Science Buried God? (Part 1)**

**Sermons**



# SCRAMBLED SCRIPTURES

FAMILY FUN FROM CREATION MOMENTS

## Genesis 5:4

*“And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:”*

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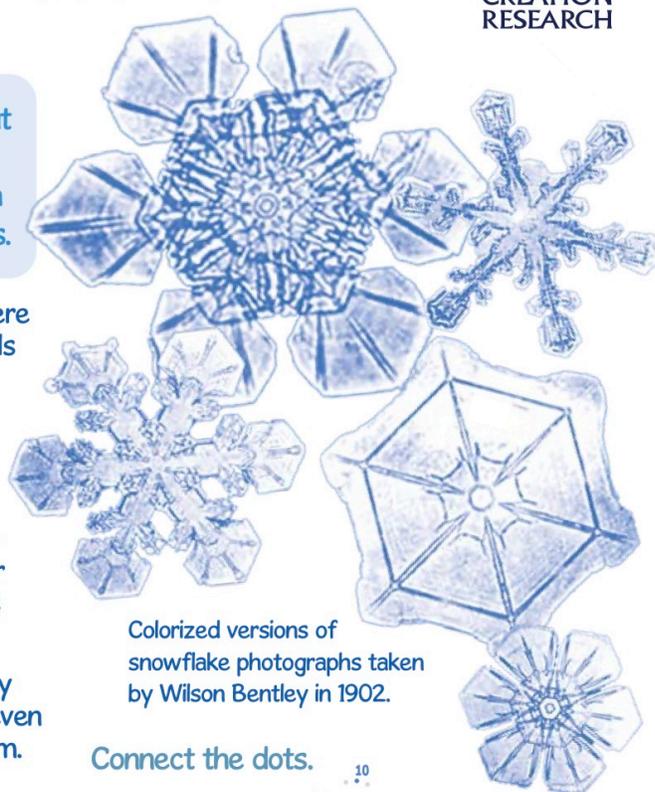
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# Snowflakes

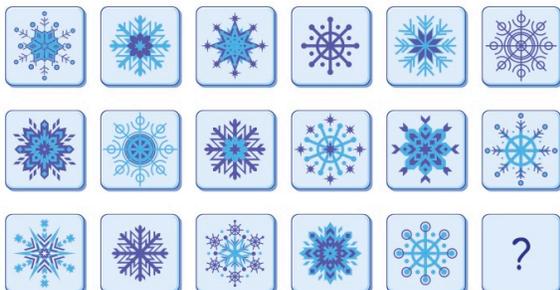
Snow falls to Earth in a blur of winter white. But if you look closely, you'll find that each flake is a work of art. How do snowflakes form? Through an amazing process designed by the Lord Jesus.

- ✓ In cold weather, drops of water in the atmosphere freeze into ice crystals. As many as 200 crystals stick together to form a snowflake.
- ✓ Conditions like air temperature and humidity determine the snowflake's shape.
- ✓ Colder air makes snowflakes with sharper tips. Warmer air forms crystals more slowly, so they develop rounder shapes. Less moisture in the air makes simpler shapes, and high humidity makes fancier shapes.
- ✓ Snowflakes grow and change even more as they fall from the sky. So each snowflake is unique, even though billions of them can fall in one snowstorm.

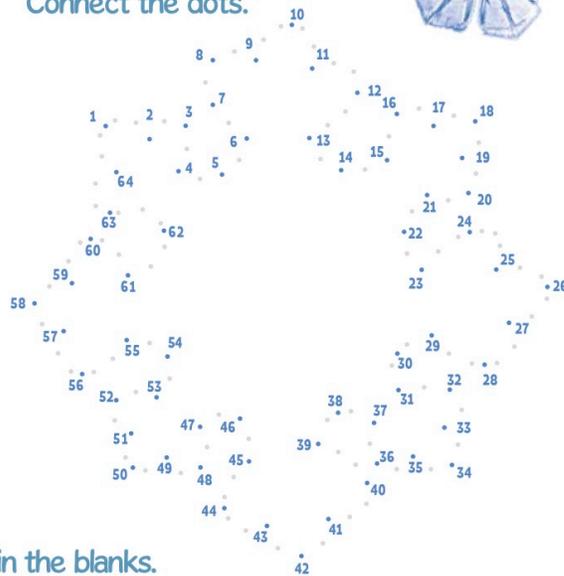


Colorized versions of snowflake photographs taken by Wilson Bentley in 1902.

Which snowflake is missing?



Connect the dots.



Fill in the blanks.

“For [God] says to the \_\_\_\_\_,  
 ‘Fall on the \_\_\_\_\_.’” (Job 37:6)

Answers to puzzle: snow, earth

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# The CHALLENGE of Africa

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## God' Solution to Save the World

"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 of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (Matt. 28:18-20)

## WANT TO SCHEDULE A CHIMALA MISSION PRESENTATION?

When I am not overseas or on the road, I schedule appointments for presentation reports to supporting churches or churches interested in learning more about the *Chimala Mission*.

If you would like a report, please contact me by email, phone or text!

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## Howell Ferguson *Redeeming The Time*

In the work of evangelizing, we are always trying to find ways to increase the opportunity of the gospel of Christ to be spread however and wherever it can be achieved. Everyday there are many non-Christians present on the campus of the Chimala Mission for various reasons. People come to receive medical treatment, prescription medicines, have their babies, and other health reasons. Children from non-Christian homes attend our Christian schools where they have the opportunity to hear Bible teaching and see Christianity in action.

These and many other avenues are opportunities that God has put in our hands for good use. Just recently we began utilizing a TV monitor located in the hospital waiting room which previously aired nature documentaries or some other local secular programming. That seemed like such a wasted opportunity to otherwise teach the gospel.

People are watching these quality presentation videos produced by World Video Bible School out of Maxwell, Texas. Local preachers I have known for over 20 years such as Christopher Mwakabanji, Charles Heberth, and Francis Wechesa (now back in Uganda) are the gifted men



*A video Bible lesson by Christopher Mwakabanji.*

teaching these lessons. Among the film topics are, "Why Are There So Many Churches?", "What Must I Do To Be Saved?", "Where Do We Go When We Die?", "Church History" and others—all taught in the Swahili language.

Nearly five hours of quality and relevant Bible teaching is now available in the hospital's waiting room for people who otherwise are just passing the time. The good use of such time is certainly within the meaning of Paul's words, "*See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil*" (Ephesians 5:15-16; cf. Colossians 4:5). May we seize every opportunity and use it to God's glory!

**Howell Ferguson**  
**Brief Update on Chimala**  
**Mission Needs**

There are ever-changing needs at the Chimala Mission. And often, even the existing needs require amended and increased. Since Mary and I arrived at the mission in mid-April, I have received numerous requests or learned of changes in circumstances or prices. Below is a list of needs or adjustments :

- **Preachers/orphan school kids program** is always in need of more funding.
- **Farm truck** prices have increased. Currently we have \$12,000 on-hand. We need an additional **\$5,000** to purchase a Mitsubishi Canter tipper.
- Estate foreman's existing **motorcycle** "piki piki" is worn out. He is asking for help to replace it. The estimated cost for new is **\$1,300**.
- **Concrete floor of the women's ward** at the hospital has large holes and broken places. It needs resurfaced and tiled at the cost of **\$1,500**.
- We have funds to buy a new **3-bay refrigerated morgue**. However it has been determined that a larger building needs to be constructed. The additional cost is approx. **\$3,600**.
- The Tanzanian government is raising the **minimum wage of workers** 23% (has been the same since 2015). That interprets into about **\$1,000 per month** more the Chimala Mission needs to operate.
- Miscellaneous needs include :
  - A CSOP instructor who needs **\$1,000** to buy **tin roof sheets** for a house for his wife and children.
  - A Chimala Mission Primary School teacher who requests **\$87** to buy **fertilizer**.

Note: Due to poor rains this season, many local farmers' fields have completely failed. Already some people are without food; and estimates are that people will be hit the hardest in the month of October.

Learn more online @ [www.chimalamission.com](http://www.chimalamission.com)

**Howell Ferguson**  
**Book Bags Given to Primary School Children**

It only takes one visit to the Chimala Mission Primary School to convince you without question that they win the award for being the noisiest place on the mission! That's because there are approximately 450 children present on the campus ages 6-12 being educated , from a Christian worldview. The sound of so many voices is actually music to our ears because we know they are in a primary school that cares not only about their educational needs, but more importantly, about their souls.

On a Tuesday morning, Mary, Nathan and I visited CMPS to deliver 450 hand-made book bags. Mary has worked on-and-off for weeks gathering all the school supplies and filling them with age-appropriate items as much as possible. As these bags are all hand-made from the States, we make sure these children know that they are from churches of Christ in the US because God's people care about them.



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## New Reign

We are looking for people to bring potluck dishes for the  
New Reign concert night!

Also looking for a few host families to house the college-  
aged students (3 males/4 females) for one night.

Please see Andrea Crisp if you can help with either need!



**Prayers:**

**Calendar:**

Continue to keep Dan Calvert in your prayers. Pray that he will make a full recovery and feel better from having COVID-19.

Please keep Bob Andersen in your prayers. He had a recent fall and has been in the hospital.

**June Activities:**  
 27th: Singing  
 26th: Potluck  
 28th: New Reign Concert  
 29th: Singing  
**July Activities:**  
 22nd-26th: Ark Trip

27th: Singing  
 31st: Potluck  
 -Men's breakfast every Monday at 8:00am at Black Forest



<b>Our shut-ins</b>	Karen Fitzwater	Pat Tomlinson
Phil and Diana Friesen	Mary Stout	Renee Jones
Jack Collier & Marie	Phil Frisby	Richard Lewis
Cliff & Eve Hanson	Bernice Helmer	Hope Michael
	Jim & Pat Stockdale	Janet Crisp

**New Reign Concert**

There will be a free acappella concert on Tuesday, June 28th at the building. We will be having a potluck style dinner at 6:00 pm and the concert will begin at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you all there!! See page 6 of the bulletin for further details.

learn more about the creation of the world, the science behind creation, and how to dispel the myth that Noah could not have built and managed the ark as indicated in the Bible. Please mark your donations with "Ark" and put them in the regular contribution tray. We firmly believe that our youth are the future of the Church and any support is greatly appreciated.

**Potluck Host Needed**

We need a host for the June potluck which is next week. If you can be a host please sign up on the bulletin board next to the Teacher's Supply Room. Thank You!!

**The Ark**

In 2018, a large portion of money was donated for the Savage Street youth to visit the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum trip. However, since then, we have a larger group of kids participating and the costs have gone up significantly. There is now an opportunity and need for more donations to fund the trip. Please consider donating to this cause if you feel that it's important for our youth to

2022 Contribution	Open & Close Building	June Greeter	Card Collectors	Meet with elders & preacher
Weekly Average .....3,247				<i>The elders and preacher have regular meetings. You may come Mondays at 1:30 PM to Don's office. Call first. Or they can meet with you at another time.</i>
Last Week June 12, .....3,291	Hannan	Duncans	Billy Henshall	
Total After 24 Weeks .....77,944			Nash Crisp	

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# Ruhl's Rules

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## Bob Lewis

You may not remember the name, but I have mentioned him from the pulpit before. He was a member of the Yreka, California congregation. He and his wife were relatively new converts and he had a desire to attend preaching school. I met him after brother Dan Morris died of COVID and Kerri and I attended his memorial service. I had talked to you about the possibility of us helping Bob attend preaching school. A couple of weeks ago, his dog got caught under a waterfall and

Bob went in to save his dog, but the waterfall pulled him under too and he drowned. His service will be at the end of July. Please pray for his wife Casey.

## Bible Books Preached or Taught

The following is a list of Bible Books that I have yet to preach through or teach here at Savage Street: Ezra, Proverbs, Ezekiel, Hosea, Joel, Micah, Habakkuk, Malachi, and Luke. Lord willing, I will seek to cover these in the next two years.

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How unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out!" (Romans 11.33–36).

Just how deep are those riches? Can we search out completely his judgments and ways? No, they are both unsearchable. They are past the ability of humanity to discover and calculate.

What more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of his knowledge of each person on Earth, including everyone's heart, soul, spirit, and body, of all world affairs, of all animals, of the connections between all living things and the list never ends.

He knows us not to condemn us, although that can happen, but he wants to help us, and he wants us to know him.

Do you know him? You cannot know him as he knows you, but you can know him well, because he shows himself in the word of God, known as the Bible, and in the Word, known as Jesus Christ.

Know both forms of the Word and you shall know God. Do you want to know God? Why not know him who knows you so intimately? Submit to his Son as your Teacher, but that requires dying to self and living for your New Teacher. DR

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### WORSHIP AND CLASSES:

Sunday  
Classes .....9:30  
Worship .....10:30  
Worship .....6:00

Wednesday  
Classes .....7:00

## Our Mission Works Outside of Oregon

Mountain States Children's  
Home, Longmont, Colorado

Brad Harrub & Focus Press,  
Franklin, Tennessee

India Missions

[ChristianCourier.com](http://ChristianCourier.com),  
Stockton, California

Chimala Mission Hospital  
and Schools, Tanzania, Africa

Don Patton's archaeological  
work, especially Noah's Ark

## Our Mission Works Inside of Oregon

World Bible School–Connect  
(Online Bible Studies with  
people in the community)

Vacation Bible School

Red Cross Blood Drives

Food for the poor

Funds for the poor

Occasional Seminars

Home Bible Studies