

SAVAGE STREET Church of Christ

Man Exists, Therefore God Exists

Man's Existence Can Only Be Explained by the Existence of God

How do we explain our existence? If Genesis 1 recorded the truth, we should be able to find evidence of it in us. The Bible says that we have been made in the image of God (Gen 1.26–28).

Consider the uniqueness of man in comparison to the rest of Earth's creatures, which were not made in God's image. They do not have dominion over all the other creatures of the earth. They cannot understand and obey the commands of Genesis 1.28 to be fruitful, to multiply, to fill the earth, to subdue it, and to have dominion over the rest of creation.

They do some of those things, such as being fruitful, multiplying, and filling the earth, but they do those things instinctively, not with knowledge and understanding, not with reason and calculation.

Where do we get our uniqueness? According to Genesis 1, we get it from God. Therefore, we can say: Man exists, because God exists.

We Are Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

I have heard many people quote or reference Psalm 139 when they learn of amazing things of the human body, from conception to birth to

maturity. The capabilities of our bodies often make us stop the learning process and just make us say, Wow, and then we quote part of this passage, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psa 139.13–16).

We can explain the conception, birth, and development of a human in naturalistic and scientific terms, but how did the whole thing begin?

The existence of man goes beyond anything else in creation. Someone got us started, and so made us that we can be: self-reproducing, self-maintaining, self-feeding, self-aware, self-healing, self-teaching, self-investigating, self-destroying, self-saving, moral-judging, logical-thinking, scientific-investigating, good-loving, evil-hating, emotion-expressing, question-asking, book-reading, machine-building, music-producing, city-planning, environment-exploring, environment-controlling, environment-replenishing, environment-protecting, spiritual-hungering, God-contemplating beings, showing that we are not the offspring of ape-like creatures, but the offspring of God (Acts 17.28), and that we did not descend from the goo to the zoo to you, but we were created in the image of our Creator.

Look at us and say we have not been fearfully and wonderfully made. DR

Today's

10:30 am service

The Blood Donation Made for You

6:00 pm service

Has Science Buried God? (Part 4)

Sermons



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1 Corinthians 15:13-14

“But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.”

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Story of Hope

Jennifer | Convalescent plasma donor



**American
Red Cross**

Jennifer Middendorf is an insurance professional, wife and mother of two daughters. She is also a longtime type A positive blood donor, giving regularly through her employer-sponsored blood drives.



Jennifer Middendorf donated convalescent plasma after recovering from COVID-19.

In July, after returning home from a socially distanced vacation, Jennifer became ill and tested positive for COVID-19, as did her husband and one daughter. Her second daughter remained negative for the virus. The Middendorf family was thankful to those who supported them through the illness. “We are grateful to friends, neighbors, and family that dropped off meals that allowed us to keep the kitchen and house sanitized to help make sure our daughter didn’t contract the virus,” Jennifer said.

Jennifer was hospitalized during part of her illness. That’s when she became aware of an initiative through the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to help treat critically ill COVID-19 patients with plasma transfusions from donors who are fully recovered from the virus. “When I was hospitalized and on the COVID floor, you couldn’t help but hear just how sick many were on the floor. Nurses described plasma as the primary treatment for those most ill,” she said.

After recovering, Jennifer signed up to be a COVID-19 convalescent plasma donor. “If two hours of my time can help someone else, why wouldn’t I donate plasma?” she said.

On Sept. 25, she gave her first plasma donation. Jennifer encourages others who may be eligible to become donors, too. “It’s relatively painless, and the nurses are wonderful!” she said. “We look for ways to make this come to an end and get back to some degree of normal life. Help out your fellow neighbor, wear a mask and donate to make sure we don’t lose more people unnecessarily. This is a time for selflessness to take the front row.”

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IN THE NEWS

by Jared Jackson

JUST MEASUREMENTS

"You shall do no wrong in judgment, in measurement of weight or capacity. You shall have just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin: I am the LORD your God...." (Lev. 19:35–36).

"You shall not have in your bag differing weights, a large and a small. You shall not have in your house differing measures, a large and a small. You shall have a full and just weight, you shall have a full and just measure, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you. For everyone who does these things, everyone who acts unjustly is an abomination to the LORD your God" (Dt. 25:13–16).

"Can I justify wicked scales and a bag of deceptive weights? For the rich men of the city are full of violence, her residents speak lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth So also I will make you sick, striking you down, desolating you because of your sins. You will eat, but you will not be satisfied, and your vileness will be in your midst. You will try to remove for safekeeping, but you will not preserve anything" (Mic. 6:10–14).

The Lord observes our activity and takes notice of deceptive practices. From politics to currency manipulation to social media fraud to routine business, lies are quickly becoming normal and customary behavior in America. Truth is frequently considered weak. God is not mocked. We will reap as we sow (Gal. 6:7).

Justice and the Cities of Refuge

by JASON JACKSON

Six cities of refuge were included in the allotment of 48 cities for the Levites after Joshua led Israel into the promised land (Num. 35; Dt. 19:1–13). The selected cities for refuge were strategically located—three west of the Jordan River and three to the east. The cities were also spread from north to south. The six cities were Kadesh, Shechem, and Hebron, which were west of the Jordan, and Bezer, Ramoth-Gilead, and Golan “beyond the Jordan” (Josh. 20:7–8).

A city of refuge could provide a safe haven for a person who was accused of killing another person. From virtually any location in Israel, an able-bodied person could walk to a city of refuge in a day—or two days at most (Dt. 19:6). Moses said to Israel, “*Thou shalt prepare thee the way*” (v.

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3). Selah Merrill concluded:

For greater convenience there seems to have been a provision (Dt 19:3) that the principal roads to these cities should be kept open, and the inference is, although this is not stated, that they were likewise properly marked (213).

THE FLIGHT TO A CITY

What made these six cities unique was the obligation to take in those who fled for protection (Num. 35:10–11; Josh. 20:4). A person could seek refuge after being involved in the death of another person, but the matter was to be investigated. >>

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Prayers:

Calendar:

Continue to pray for Dan Calvert.
 Bob Andersen is still at the Providence Hospital in Medford.
 Please continue to pray for Trisha Studer and Kerri Ruhl. Kerri will be donating her kidney to Trisha on September 20th at OHSU.

July Activities:	August Activities:
12th: Red Cross Blood Drive	15-18: VBS
22nd-26th: Ark Trip	28th: Potluck
27th: Singing	31st: Singing
31st: Deacons Meeting	-Men's breakfast every Monday at 8:00am at Black Forest
31st: Potluck	

Our shut-ins	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



EXODUS 15:2

Ark Meeting Today

There is a mandatory meeting for all kids, their parents, and chaperones that are going on the ark trip today, following morning services in the Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers Needed

We need the tables and chairs moved tonight for the blood drive on Tuesday.

LTC Scribe meeting next Sunday, July 17

Anyone that is interested in doing the Scribe event for LTC next year is welcome to a short meeting next Sunday to go over the guidelines involved. The guidelines are short and simple. We are having this meeting at this time so that we can take advantage of having more time at home during summer to work on this. Since it is a Pre-Convention event, the whole project has to be finished before the convention, and the deadline for turning it in is near the end of February. Let's meet a few minutes after the closing prayer this morning, at the sound booth with Kerri.

Deacons Meeting on July 31st

Red Cross Blood Drive July 12

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 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.

2022 Contribution	Open & Close Building	July Greeter	Card Collectors	Meet with elders & preacher
Weekly Average3,181				<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 July 3,1,672	Hannan	Lynn Buell	Adam Peugh	
Total After 27 Weeks85,901			Orie Peugh	

Ruhl's Rules

Old Age

"I suppose real old age begins when one looks backward rather than forward."

– May Sarton

"To me, old age is always fifteen years older than I am."

– Bernard Baruch

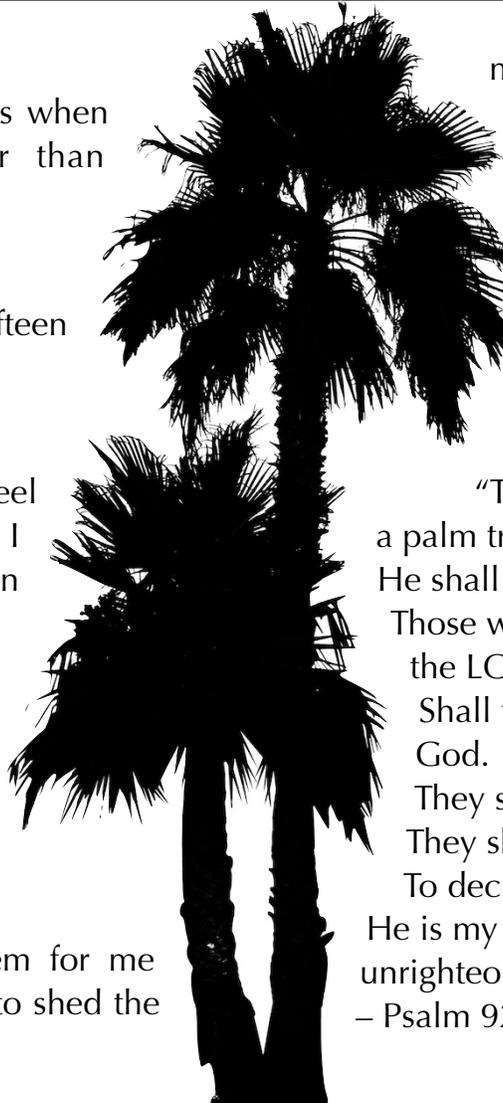
"I don't know how you feel about old age, but in my case I didn't see it coming. It hit me in the rear."

– Phyllis Diller

"Old age is the most unexpected of all things that happen to a man."

– Leon Trotsky

"Old age is a special problem for me because I've never been able to shed the



mental image I have of myself—a lad of about 19."

– E. B. White

"The excitement of learning separates youth from old age. As long as you're learning you're not old."

– Rosalyn Yalow

"The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,

He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those who are planted in the house of the LORD

Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall still bear fruit in old age;

They shall be fresh and flourishing,

To declare that the LORD is upright;

He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him."

– Psalm 92.12–15

OUR SHEPHERDS:
Wayne Duncan
Dan Calvert

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Sunday
Classes9:30
Worship10:30
Worship6:00

Wednesday
Classes7:00

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