



# Midwest Creation Fellowship Newsletter

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Spring 2010

## Critical Thinking Mini-Conference

**Eagle Rock Community Church  
Homer Glen, Illinois  
April 10, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Critical thinking is a popular topic in education circles, but applying it to evolution is usually forbidden. We don't work within those constraints, so we are bringing critical thinking skills to bear on the reporting of the Scopes Trial, evolution itself, and evangelism.

**Lael Weinberger** will examine the **Scopes Trial** of 1925, "the trial of the [20<sup>th</sup>] century." Most Americans know this trial led to major change in the treatment of creation and evolution in public schools, and most *think* they know its story from the play or movie *Inherit the Wind*. Unfortunately, the show is laden with many major misrepresentations. Come hear the facts, taken from the actual historical records!

**Jim Orme**, MCF's College Liaison member of the Board, will cover **Clear Thinking about Evolution**, focusing on claims of evolutionists. He will expose illogical thinking such as equivocation and ambiguous definitions of "evolution," and will show how a six-day creation fits into biological thinking.

Finally, **Bill Jack** of World-view Academy (by way of the video **Simple Tools for Brain Surgery**) will sharpen our critical thinking skills and encourage us in witnessing to non-Christians. In videotaped real interviews,



Lael Weinberger



Jim Orme

he will demonstrate four questions aimed at getting people to think rationally about the truthfulness of their beliefs.

This mini-conference will be especially helpful for students in secular environments, as well as for Sunday School teachers, parents, Christian educators and youth pastors! (Map and directions at [www.ercc.org](http://www.ercc.org).) Contact MCF rather than Eagle Rock Church for further information. (Contact info is on page 4.)

**Age Level:** recommended for junior high school and up.

**Location:** 14367 W. 159<sup>th</sup> Street, Homer Glen, Illinois.

## CREATION SUPERCAMP JUNE 9-13, 2010 ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

It's 5 fantastic days of learning, leisure, fellowship and fun, with a top line-up of 14 creation speakers from the US and around the

world! This "stellar" family conference/camp presents some of the world's leading creationist thinkers in the area of creation apologetics, biology, geology, cosmology and much, much more! Go to <http://creation.com/creation-supercamp-2010> for info.

## Creation: The Most Asked Questions Answered

**Skip Tilton, March 18  
Chicago, Illinois**

Does God exist? What about evolution? What about the age of the Earth?... We all have questions. Skip Tilton tackles these and many more for Blessings Fellowship (a ministry to Chinese students and scholars) in his talk **Creation: The Most Asked Questions Answered**.

Skip is a dynamic speaker, whose evidence and logic will encourage solid faith in the Bible!

There will be an authentic **Chinese dinner at 7:00 p.m.** followed by **Skip's talk at 8:00 p.m.** If you plan to attend the dinner, RSVP to the Sivertsens at 847-223-4730 by March 15. No reservations are needed for the 8:00 p.m. presentation.

**Age Level:** Junior high school and up.

**Location:** New Life Church, 3039 S. Normal, Chicago, Illinois. Parking on the street is tight! Try to take public transportation.



Skip Tilton

## Dinosaurs, Fossils, Noah's Flood and a New Movie

**Skip Tilton, March 20-21  
Lake-in-the-Hills, Illinois**

Dinosaurs provide an interesting topic any time. With Skip Tilton, of **Creation Ministries International**, there's an additional element of evangelism. Skip often shows how creation issues can be used to spark evangelistic opportunities. His powerful presentations add another dimension to the bare facts.

- Saturday, March 20, 6:30 p.m.: **Dinosaurs and the Bible**
- Sunday, March 21, 9:30 a.m.: **Fossils and the Flood**
- Sunday, March 21, 11:00 a.m.: **Creation/Evolution ... What's It All About?**
- Sunday, March 21, 5:30 p.m.: **The Voyage That Shook the World**, a new documentary film about Darwin's life and work.

MCF is seeking additional venues for Skip from March 18-24. To receive emailed notices of these or other coming events, email us at [info@MidwestCreationFellowship.org](mailto:info@MidwestCreationFellowship.org).

**Location:** Cornerstone Baptist Church, **meeting in Marlowe Middle School**, 9625 Haligus Road, Lake in the Hills, Illinois.

After becoming a Christian as an adult, Skip changed careers, from sonar technician to pastor, evangelistic speaker, mission team leader, the overseer of the planning, design and construction of the Answers in Genesis Creation Museum, and creation speaker. After completing a B.A. in Bible from Bob Jones University, he went on to earn a Master of Ministry degree.

## Answers In Genesis Video Conferences

### Wide range of great speakers and topics, at little or NO cost!

Have you ever thought of having a creation conference for your church, school or club, but the cost and complexity discouraged you? **Answers in Genesis (AiG) now trains local volunteers to organize video conferences for you!**

They're here! Certified AiG Volunteer Video Conference Coordinators are now available for both the Chicago and Rockford areas. MCF itself could usually also provide knowledgeable people to help answer attendees' questions. We might also be able to provide Nathan Volle's 5 ½-foot long model of Noah's Ark (quite different from the storybook images that influence people to believe that the Bible is a book of fairy tales. )

The coordinators serve at no charge and supply the DVD presentations. They work with you to determine the details of the program. AiG provides advertising support, mostly at no cost; some at minimal cost to you. (**How can you beat a deal like that?!**) AiG sells resources at these events to provide answers



Mike and Tabra Gomski,  
Chicago area coordinators

from science and the Bible to counter teachings of evolution and compromised belief systems. (Finally getting answers to one's questions establishes the literal history of Genesis, giving credibility to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and all Christian doctrine.)

Conferences are usually scheduled on a Saturday and/or Sunday, often with multiple sessions

for both adults and children. A mini-conference could be held on a weekday evening. Event formats can be tailored to the needs of your organization.

The Chicago area coordinators are **Mike and Tabra Gomski**. If your event would be within 100 miles of **Rockford, Illinois**, **Richard and Cathy Devries** can facilitate a video conference for you. For more information, or to make arrangements, email the Gomskis at [mtgomski@answersingenesi.org](mailto:mtgomski@answersingenesi.org), or the Devries at [RCDeVries@answersingenesi.org](mailto:RCDeVries@answersingenesi.org). Or you may request an event by filling out an online form at [www.answersingenesi.org](http://www.answersingenesi.org). If you are outside these areas, email Bob and Jan Thompson at [bobandjan@answersingenesi.org](mailto:bobandjan@answersingenesi.org), or call 859-250-7407.

## Worldview Academy Leadership Camp, Deerfield, IL, June 20-25

### "Where Students Become Bold Leaders in Truth and Grace"

This week-long camp is designed to help teens understand and confront the culture's worldviews. Sessions: Critical Thinking, Intro to Worldviews, Intro to Christian Worldview, Pre-eminence of Scripture, Christianity Compared with Other Worldviews, Islam, Pop Culture and Worldviews, Generals in the War of Ideas, Creation vs. Evolution, Government, Evangelism Practicum, Servant Leadership, and more! **College credit available!**

The Deerfield event is one of many places around the U.S. where you can be trained this summer! More at [www.worldview.org](http://www.worldview.org), or 800-241-1123.

## Report on the Illinois Holocaust Museum Trip



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[http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Illinois\\_Holocaust\\_Museum\\_and\\_Education\\_Center\\_A\\_June\\_27\\_2009\\_003.jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Illinois_Holocaust_Museum_and_Education_Center_A_June_27_2009_003.jpg)

On November 21, 2009, over 50 participants gathered at the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie for an MCF presentation and a viewing of the Museum. Our speakers, Dave and Lael Weinberger, provided a perspective on the "whys" of the Holocaust by considering three questions. They were: "Why the Jews?," "Why Hitler?" and "Why Germany?" Their insight provided not only additional understanding for the Museum exhibits, but also a rationale for the importance of the ministry of MCF.

## Enter the Student Essay Contest 2010!

The 2010 Essay Contest is NOW OPEN to students ages 11 to 18! Prizes include **cash, certificates, the chance to present your paper to a live audience, and the chance to be published by *Creation Matters***, the newsletter of the Creation Research Society (at their discretion). You learn as you research your topic, apply solid logic and English writing skills, and perhaps assemble or create illustrations.

**Essays must be sent, by email or in paper form, by April 30.** More information is on our web site!



Gary Bates  
image courtesy  
[AlienIntrusion.com](http://AlienIntrusion.com)

## Aliens are Coming!

OK, really, **Gary Bates**, author of ***Alien Intrusion: UFOs and the Evolution Connection***, is coming to Chicago during the Pastors' Conference at Moody Bible Institute, May 2010!

Gary has been speaking on creation since 1990. His research into the reports of UFOs, abductions, and related phenomena led him to write ***Alien Intrusion: UFOs and the Evolution Connection***. This is the only creationist book ever to make Amazon.com's top 50 list! (*MCF Library has the book, the DVD, and the VHS.*)

He just became available, and is already committed to speak May 14 at a Christian school and May 16 at Calvary Chapel of Blue Island. **MCF is seeking venues for him for Saturday the 15th, Sunday the 16th (p.m.), and Wednesday the 19th (p.m.)**. Contact us if interested.

To keep up-to-date on Chicago and Midwest speaking engagements for Gary Bates and other creationists, sign up for e-mail alerts on our website, [MidwestCreationFellowship.org](http://MidwestCreationFellowship.org), or just email your request to [info@MidwestCreationFellowship.org](mailto:info@MidwestCreationFellowship.org).

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- Please send me emailed updates of coming events. (Issued sporadically. We need your address!)
- I wish to **become** a (circle): Contributing (\$120/yr.) | Voting (\$35/yr.) | Associate Member (\$20/yr.)  
Contributing and Voting members must be in agreement with MCF's Statement of Faith (see web).

## Want to Make a Difference?

MCF is looking for a volunteer to manage the resource sales operation. This job involves a significant commitment of garage space and space in your vehicle, and willingness to sell the items at events around the Chicago area.

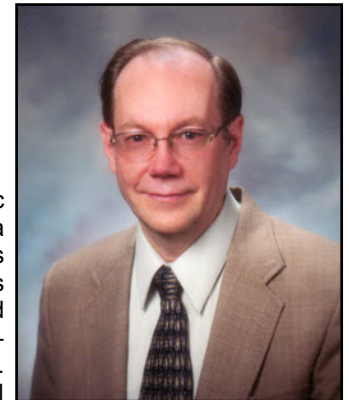


The rewards: you get to put into people's hands materials that will build faith "like crazy" in a time when Secular Humanism is the de facto religion of our public schools, **most** of our young people will leave the church because its teachings don't agree with what they've been taught *is* real, and even many churches are losing their belief in the Bible as the Word of God! Yes, you get to use the resources, too! If interested, see page 4 to contact us.

## Dr. Jerry Bergman in Chicago

Coming September 2010!

Dr. Bergman's academic accomplishments make him a legend! But his personal beliefs made him an outcast, despite his credentials. Hear his story, and learn why he left Jehovah's Witnesses and later, agnosticism. Other likely topics are the fossil record and vestigial organs - the evidence that *had to* be there for the evolution model to make sense. It wasn't there.



Jerry Bergman, Ph.D.

## The Days of Genesis Chapter One, Revisited

By Walter I. Sivertsen

When seeking to understand any literature, especially the Bible, it's important to note any definitions that the author provides. When those definitions are presented overtly and used repeatedly in a passage, we may disagree with the author, but we should not claim that the author's intent is to be understood by our definitions, not his. That would be irrational!

Thus, when we come to **Genesis 1:5**, we find that the authors (Moses and the Holy Spirit) provide **two definitions of the word "day" and one for the word "night."** The text reads, "**And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.**" Furthermore, it is God who provides the definitions, NOT men. **First**, "...God called the light 'day' ..." Two things come to mind in regards to this defining activity. It is **God** who established the definition, and we still use His definition today to mean the light portion of a 24 hour day. Also, the authors use this first definition of the word "day" several times in chapter one (Gen 1:14,16,18).

**Second**, "...the darkness He called 'night'." Again, God established the definition for the dark portion of the 24 hour day, and we still use His definition today. **Third**, the authors simply define the second use of the word "day" by combining the dark and light

portions into one day. That 24 hour day begins with evening (sundown) and is still used today by Jewish people for marking the beginning of their feast days (e. g. Passover, Rosh Hashanah, etc.). The authors also used this second definition for the word "day" throughout the chapter (Gen. 1:8,13, 19, 23, 31). From the context it is easy to determine which of these two definitions the authors were using.

Now, some people, including Christians who claim that they believe the Bible, **reject the definitions that God gave in verse five. Then they create their own definitions.** I have no problem with that as long as they say that is simply what they believe, and they declare that it is different from the authors' meaning in the text. The problem comes when they falsely claim that the authors meant to use the definitions contrived by the reader. The term which is used for this way of interpreting Scripture is "**eisegesis**." It is an incorrect way of interpreting the Bible because **the text is interpreted by reading into it one's own ideas.** The meanings that are deduced are those of the reader, not the authors.

One can use the "scientific hermeneutic" of compromise to re-define the word "day," but to claim that it was the authors' meaning does violence to the text. It also raises questions as to the trustworthiness of this hermeneutic—which uses natural processes to explain away miracles—in the rest of Scripture. It cannot explain the resurrections of various people, the virgin birth, and the turning of water into wine. It fails as a way to understand the Bible.

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## Timber-lee Work Day

**April 30-May 1, East Troy, Wisconsin**

**Let's get dirty for the Science Education Center of Timber-lee Christian Ministries!** In past work days, we have performed pre-season maintenance tasks such as dusting and cleaning exhibits, staining benches, painting and wiring.

On Friday evening, volunteers enjoy fellowship and some sort of presentation. Most volunteers stay in private cabin rooms on campus overnight – no charge for food or lodging. Breakfast in the dining hall begins about 8:00 a.m. Work begins after breakfast.

If you plan to stay over Friday night, April 30, plan to arrive between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. Bring bedding/sleeping bag, pillow, towels, toiletries, flashlight and work clothes.

Timber-lee is best known as a Christian summer camp, but also conducts science and nature programs year-round, that your family might love! Participating in the Work Day gives you a chance to explore the grounds before you decide to sign up for camp or programs.

**To participate, contact Walt or Sharon at 847-223-4730,** or e-mail [info@MidwestCreationFellowship.org](mailto:info@MidwestCreationFellowship.org). Please let us know of any special skills or interests you have that might be useful. (Please do not bring children who cannot participate.)

## Northern Illinois Home Educators Regional Science Fair, March 27 and "How to Teach Highschool Science" with Dr. Jay Wile, March 26

Home-educated students have limited opportunities to demonstrate their understanding of the scientific method and its implementation. One such opportunity is the science fair, which encourages them to explore and learn through conducting and presenting a science project. A home school group in the Rockford area has expanded eligibility for their 2010 events to homeschoolers in all of northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin! (Fees are minimal for all events.)

Encourage students in K-12 to be excited as to what they can learn about God's creation through scientific investigation! There is still time to participate; however, registrations must be **postmarked by Monday, March 1, 2010.**

The first workshop for participants was in January, but a **second workshop is scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup>** at the Rockford Library, 215 N. Wyman Street, Rockford, Illinois. There you can get advice on finishing your project.

On **Friday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.**, Dr. Jay Wile will speak on teaching homeschool science for highschoolers. Since 1994, he has authored and co-authored several creation-based science textbooks for home schoolers. (See his website, [www.highschoolscience.com](http://www.highschoolscience.com).)

All details can be found in the registration packet available on [www.ILRegionalScienceFair.com](http://www.ILRegionalScienceFair.com).

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