



OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray For: Logan’s grandpa, Helen Spicer, Joe Clapp, Chloe Larson, Adalynn Kelly, Ralph Campbell, Jean Watson
Traveling/Working: Slope workers, Hans Nicholson and Tim Crawford
Radio Program: Listen to “Searching the Scriptures”, our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.
“Is Genesis History?”: Video will be shown on 9/29 and 9/30, and there will be a meeting for breakfast in the morning on 9/30.
Men’s Meeting: Meeting on 10/1, and all agenda items are due on 9/23.
Today’s Scripture: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God.” **Col. 3:16 (1901 ASV)**
Today’s Proverb: “In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare; But the righteous doth sing and rejoice.” **29:6 (1901 ASV)**
Attendance Last Sunday: 57

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God’s Plan of Salvation

Hear Romans 10:17
 Believe Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
 Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
 Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
 Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
 Arise & Walk in Newness of Life Romans 6:4

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth...”

–Romans 1:16 KJV

MEETING TIMES
Sunday:
 Bible Classes 10AM
 AM Worship 11AM
 PM Worship 6PM
Wednesday:
 Bible Classes 7PM

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CAN PAPERCLIPS TALK?

Most folk believe that only human beings and parrots can talk, but that's just not true. Although paperclips are not very high on the intelligence scale (and while they don't actually form and speak words), they nonetheless can "talk." What then do they say? "Our form didn't 'just happen.' Men needed a means of temporarily holding pieces of paper together. Bill Middlebrook invented, designed, and patented us in 1899. He sought (and found) a specific gauge and temper of wire. He cut long pieces of wire into lengths of exactly 3-3/4 inches. He then bent this piece of wire in just the right places to form us lowly and simple (but practical, if we may say so) paper clips. Multiplied billions of us have been formed since that first one." "Our wire didn't 'just happen.' Some ingenious person discovered long ago that by melting a solid material dug from the earth he could make a strong, hard metal. Someone then discovered he could process this metal into steel. A manufacturer then produced the steel wire that forms us and sold it to our designer and maker. As the expression goes, 'The rest is history'." "The ore from which our wire was made was also made. Some men with very large brains say that the ore 'just happened,' but even we of very little brain know that's just silly. If even we humble paper clips didn't 'just happen,' how could the ore out of which our wire was made 'just happen'? Others say the iron ore 'created itself,' but that's even sillier. If we didn't make ourselves (but one far more intelligent and powerful than we ever hope to be designed and made us), how could iron ore make itself (its IQ and power are no hardly better than ours)? Yet others claim that iron ore never had a beginning. Surely, they don't expect us to believe that one. If we paperclips had a beginning (as we did back in 1899), then it doesn't seem at all rational to claim that the raw material out of which we were made did not have a beginning (some of those human-types really have strange ideas, for all of their acclaimed brilliance). While we don't have the brains to figure out exactly when our 'ancestor,' iron ore, was made, but we know it didn't create itself. Someone caused it to exist and to be where it was." Yes, paperclips not only "talk," but they make sense — far more sense than many reputed "experts." Some very smart men acknowledge the truth "spoken" by simple paperclips, but they remain in foolish denial of the same facts regarding our complex universe and ourselves. If paperclips can figure these matters out, why can't these "geniuses" do so?

"I WILL RETURN"

When General Douglas MacArthur waded ashore in the Philippine Islands in October 1944, he fulfilled a promise he made to the Filipinos in the darkest days of WWII soon after Pearl Harbor. Three years earlier he was summoned to Australia to take command of the Allied forces in Asia. However, before leaving, MacArthur announced, "I will return!" This promise of a deliverer's return sustained and inspired these people for the next three years of cruel persecution by the Japanese invaders. Almost 1900 years before MacArthur, Jesus made a similar promise. In John 14:1ff, He said to His disciples, "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." Jesus is coming again! This is a fact we know. Other scheduled events, which we make, are tentative. When we hope to get married, have a family and retire, regardless of our most careful planning, may or may not happen. Therefore, we unconsciously impute the same uncertainty to events God plans. However, God will not be mocked. What He promises. He will bring about. It is going to happen, but what is the purpose of His coming? hi Hebrews 9:28, it's written, "so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him." Jesus came once to bear the sins of mankind upon the cross. His second coming will be about the deliverance of the saved. What should be the attitude of the saved toward the Second Coming? The Bible says that we should be looking forward to it. The Hebrew writer said that the saved are those who "eagerly await Him." Therefore, the promise of His Second Coming was given to comfort the disciples in John 14. Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled." What is your attitude toward the Second Coming of Jesus? If you have claimed the hope of salvation by obeying the gospel, then you ought to be looking forward to it. You should be praying as John did at the close of the book of Revelation, "Come, Lord Jesus."