

Oilfield Christian Fellowship

established May 1991

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1 John 1:3 ". . . Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ."

12th Annual Prayer Breakfast

Oilfield Christian Fellowship



"Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples"

- 1 Chronicles 16:24

Tuesday, May 4th, 2010

Crowne Plaza Hotel (Kirby & 610) Houston



Special Guest Speaker
Michael S. Bahorich
Executive VP & Technology Officer
Apache Corporation

Doors open at 6:30 AM

Breakfast at 7:00 AM

~ TICKETS ~

Individual Tickets	\$40
Table Sponsor	\$400 (table of 8)
Underwriter Table	\$1,000 (table of 8)
Platinum Underwriter	\$3,000 (table of 16)
Title Underwriter	\$10,000 (table of 16)

Music by
Special Guest
Buddy Greene
co-writer of "Mary Did You Know?"



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Pay online: www.OilfieldChristianFellowship.com

For more information, call 713-899-1675

All proceeds from this event benefit the OCF Bible and other ministries. Non-profit 501(c)(3)

The Smile Corner
From the Mouths
of Babes

LOT'S WIFE:

The Sunday school teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My mommy looked back once while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'

GOOD SAMARITAN:

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, 'If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?' A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, 'I think I'd throw up.'

HIGHER POWER:

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, 'We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is?' One child blurted out, 'Aces!'

The 5th (Finally) Annual OCF Sporting Clays a Big Success!



I say finally because it was supposed to occur in October of 2009 and then again in December but was rained out the first time and unbelievably snowed out the second time! It turned out to be a good thing in that the teams entered nearly doubled those who were going to shoot in October. In fact, we have decided to hold the event in March again next year.

First we want to thank Weatherford for allowing us to have our event at their place for the past five years! Todd Rowley, Tio and many others with Weatherford always make it a unique and special event.

We want to thank all of those who participated as station sponsors, door prize sponsors, shooters and volunteers! (We had twenty teams shooting, some actually hitting clays.)

Nevis Energy Services again provided all the shells, no small contribution. Mega Fluids did all the superb cooking for breakfast and lunch and Stellar Oilfield Rentals provided the drinks.

Halliburton, Key Energy, Baker Hughes, Dialog, and Knight provided all the clays for each of the five stations along with the personnel to keep scores, launch the clays, etc., etc.

And always a special thanks to Doug McDonald who came up with the idea in the first place to hold a sporting clays to benefit the Bible ministry over seven years ago. (After two years of procrastination on our part, the event finally began some five years ago.) Doug's enthusiasm and command of the occasion is always a key to its success.

And thank you Lord for the great weather!

Left to right in the photo are Patsye Roesler, Tracci Messina and Doug McDonald with Key Energy. Patsy and Tracy did more work than all the rest of us making sure everyone was checked in, on the right team, filling voids in teams, tabulating scores, giving directions and on and on.



Top Team with a 377 and also the top shooter, Lonnie Reynolds 2nd from left with a 93. L. to R. Frank Senz, Lonnie, Toddy Rowley, Mike Krenek, and John Serbeck. (Frank also guessed the closest for the number of shell casings in the jar; actual 383, his guess 375)

- AA Team - ThruBit Logging Solutions - 377: John Serbeck, Mike Krenek, Lonnie Reynolds, Frank Senz, Todd Rowley
- A Team - Warrior Energy Services - 359: Dan Moore, Jay Hammonds, Claude Reynolds, Scott Steinke, Andy Ellis
- B Team - Nevis Energy Services - 335: Mike Krajnik, Randall Hicks, Andy Espinosa, Twain Kennedy, Matt Dinges
- C Team - Halliburton - 321: Andy Scardino, Chip Abrant, B. Middleton, Robin Ridley, Mike Lassman
- D Team - Alpine Specialty Chemicals - 296: James Barry, Travis Quebodeaux, J.R. Smith, Eric Bragg, Ken Lyons



Bird's Eye View

by John Bird

Truth Stranger than Fiction??!

— Did someone in Washington actually read my November article?



In November of 2009 I wrote an article called Wishing upon a 'Czar'. In it I joked that one day with all the so-called czar's being named by the current administration, they might even name a Bass fishing czar. I also wrote at the end, "And finally Lord, don't let anyone read the above article who would take it seriously and have the power and stupidity to initiate any of these ideas!!"

I don't think anyone inside the beltway actually read my article and there was no need because someone in Washington had already started messing with curtailing our fishing!! Preposterous as it seems, it's true according to an article published in ESPN. You must read this entire article written by Robert Montgomery for ESPN Outdoors, a Senior Writer for BASS Publications, but here is just an excerpt: <http://sports.espn.go.com/outdoors/saltwater/news/story?id=4975762>

"The Obama administration has ended public input for a federal strategy that could prohibit U.S. citizens from fishing some of the nation's oceans, coastal areas, Great Lakes, and even inland waters.

This announcement comes at the time when the situation supposedly still is "fluid" and the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force still hasn't issued its final report on zoning uses of these waters.

Fishing industry insiders, who have negotiated for months with officials at the Council on Environmental Quality and bureaucrats on the task force, had grown concerned that the public input would not be taken into account." (Do bureaucrats ever take the public input into account?!!)

Truth Stranger than Fiction?

Part of what I penned in November: "Of course the humor is that Czar's are now being named for every cockamamie reason to the point where it's comical. It wouldn't surprise me if this goes on for the next four years with hundreds of czars named. It wouldn't even surprise me that they name a Bass Fishing Czar!

Bass Fishing Czar and some of the rules he might demand:

First, no one will be allowed to own a bass boat without a 3-D depth finder, GPS, underwater camera and fish forewarning sonar. The fish warning, much like the wind driven deer warning on our pickups, must be in place because of the possibility of running over an endangered species of fish or aquatic vegetation setting off a domino effect in the world ecological system that might wind up destroying the two acre mating area of the silver crested chicken hawk in Slovenia. With all these honing devices the government will always know who the culprits are; when, who, when and how much to fine per violation.

All lures must be registered with the government and accounted for by the boat owner at the end of each day of fishing. Any lures that break off while fishing must be located and placed back into their child proof locked containers and secured in the boat along with others. Any lures not accounted for, said boat owner will be fined \$50 for the first lure, \$100 for the second and so on; this done to protect creatures from being scraped or impaled on the exposed hooks.

All drink cans must be registered with the government before entering the water. A product code scanner will be required in all boats. All tabs and cans will be accounted for and reported after a day of fishing. Heavy fines wait if these are not found. Also, because every detail about a person's medical and physical health will by then be registered with the government, insurance deductibles will increase respectively for drinking anything that endangers that persons well being.

Any garbage must also be scanned and weighed electronically, and details transmitted at the end of each day to Washington.

Because there is a possibility of the fish being injured or dying from being hooked, legislation is already going through both houses and if passed, will prevent fishermen from using barbed hooks or hooks at all. Rather than hooks, one will affix a small camera to the end of his line and the fisherman will only get to 'experience' almost catching a 12 pound bass on video.

Of course it goes without saying that there will be weeks, possibly months of checking into whether a person is even allowed to fish, let alone have the opportunity to pay the hefty one thousand dollar fishing license fee. There will be background checks by the FBI, analyzing of government medical records, a thousand questions testing ones knowledge of the effects of fishing on global warming, blood tests, questions involving if one has ever listened to right wing talk shows, lie detector tests and a myriad of other pre-qualifications.



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Birds Eye View

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"All this done, of course to make the world a better place for PETA... I mean fish... no I mean people."

-Have a happy fishing tournament and may you often experience almost catching some nice fish. See you at the 'film'-in and be sure and stay for the tofu lettuce- wraps dinner and awards afterwards.

"Lord, thank you for giving most of us the love of the earth and its creatures and the common sense to take care of both. And thank you for giving us the opportunity to live, travel, and enjoy what you have created for mankind to experience the short time that we are here before we see you in Heaven. And thank you Lord for allowing us to see all of this and others through your eyes.

Thank you Father for sending your Son Jesus to die on the Cross to atone for our sins, making it possible for us to live in the Heaven that you have prepared for us.

And finally Lord, don't let anyone read the above article who would take it seriously and have the power and stupidity to initiate any of these ideas!!"

Amen

Save Us Some Money!

E mail John Bird at jbirdocf@suddenlink.net and tell him you want to go *paperless* with the newsletter each month!

First Class of Volunteer Oil Patch Chaplains Certified

Instructed by World Known Crisis Interventionist Dr. Naomi K. Paget



Back row, L to R, Jim Cook, Sonny Sitton, Dan Ward, Lane Peeler, Dr. Paget, David Ramsey and Brad Durham, (Artesia, NM), Harold and Barbara Lunsford, (Mission Service Corps volunteers, the oil fields, Wamsutter, Wy). Front row, John Bird, Sean McCoy, Charles Fretwell, Ed Case, Ken Lyons and Pastor Scottie Behm from Tulsa.

NOTE: These men and Barbara are now qualified to volunteer as crisis interventionist in the oil industry. This may entail accidents, deaths, or other crisis's where a Chaplain trained in Crisis Incident Stress Management; CISM is needed.

OP Chaplains are only mobilized when asked and the who, where and when is determined by Chaplains Paul Bettis or Tom Beddow with the Baptist General Convention in Oklahoma City . They can be contacted: Paul, Office, 405 942 3800 or Tom, 24/7 at 580 421 6582 Toll Free 24/7 is: 866 437 5978.



The Oilfield Christian Fellowship Favorite Canadian Radio Station!

Over the last several months, the Oilfield Christian Fellowship has been joining hands with 96.3 Shine FM in bringing the message of Jesus Christ to the oilfields of northern Alberta. Shine FM, located in Grande Prairie, Alberta, is in the heart of Canada's oil country and strives to encourage listeners through our music, spoken word programming, and a Christ-centered staff. Since the summer of 2009, we have had the honor of giving away over 100 copies of the Oilfield Christian Fellowship Bible. What a privilege it has been to see the Holy Spirit active and at work in the lives of men and women hungry for God's truth!

Our plan for distributing the Bibles was simple, yet effective. After praying over the Bibles and for the project, our station began announcing to listeners that the Bibles were available at the studio for pick-up. Our radio announcers were ener-

gized and excited about the project, and strove to promote the Bibles 10-15 times a week on the air. Over the course of the late summer and early fall of 2009, over 100 copies of the Oilfield Christian Fellowship Bible were distributed at the station.

Terry Van Veen, program director at Shine FM, recounts how listener reaction to the free Bibles was immediate. He recalls doing a break for the Bibles on the Morning Show before our office had even opened for the day. Moments later, a gentleman came to our office door looking for a Bible, despite the fact that it was 7:00 in the morning! Terry also recalls giving a Bible to a young oil patch worker who was appreciative of a version that was specific to his industry. Many who came in for just one Bible actually left with 2-3 copies for friends who were also hungry for God's word. The positive response from both men and women in

Grande Prairie has absolutely floored our station as we have seen God at work. Many individuals who work in local forestry, agriculture, and commercial transportation were also eager for their own copies of the Bible.

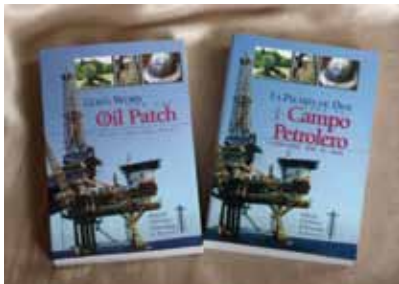
96.3 Shine FM has been greatly encouraged by the positive response from our listeners in Grande Prairie, and considers the endeavor to be a great success for the Kingdom of God. We are looking forward to continuing to give away these Bibles at an amazingly fast rate. We would encourage other Christian radio stations to consider the impact that such a project could have in sharing the name of Christ with a lost world.

- OCF Editor: Program director Terry Van Veen and his staff at 96.3 Shine Fm more than exemplifies the Great Commission

Bibles Around the World

by Mike Chaffin

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship Bible Ministry continues to expand as it enters its ninth year. To date, Bibles have been distributed in 45 different countries in 21 different languages. With nearly 100,000 Oil Patch Bibles sent out since 2005, the Oil Patch Bibles have been flying off the shelves. To the men and women in the Oil Industry who have been faithful to Jesus' command to spread the Word around the world, we say thank you for your help. We couldn't have done it without you.

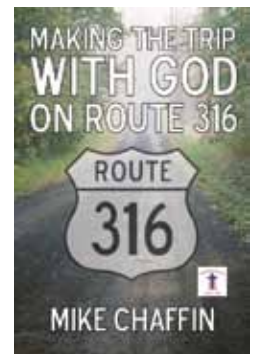


The Bible says that God's Word will not return void and this is so true. Just one of the wonderful side effects of the Bible Ministry has been the growth in chapters around the country. In 2004 there were five chapters, now there are eighteen in the US and one in Canada with more in the

planning stage. As more and more men and women want to impact their workplace, they are boldly taking the initiative to put together a core group and start a chapter.

Many companies have ordered the Oil Patch Bible for their employees, co-workers or customers. If your company hasn't done so yet go to our website, www.oilfieldchristian-fellowship.com and fill out the Bible Request form. This NIV Testimony Bible is currently available in English and Spanish, but other languages are being considered. Give us your feedback on the languages you see a need for.

In addition to the Oil Patch Bible, the Ministry added a companion book called "Making the Trip with God on Route 316". This 40 day devotional takes the reader on a ride from Matthew 3:16 to Revelation 3:16 and explains in an entertaining but direct way, what the new life in Christ is all about. This book is designed for any age group and for someone just curious about Christianity to the old time believer. You will be blessed by reading it. Order yours today from our website or from Amazon.com.



Leaders are not Perfect, but Whole

Many of you have a certain part of the day when you and your spouse or if you are single, set aside time each day, a quiet time, if you will, to spend time with the Lord.

For Judy and me it is the first thing in the morning, just sitting with a cup of coffee and reading the Bible and perhaps some of the assorted inspirational books stacked on the fireplace; all this culminating in a time of prayer. This morning was no different and I read a particular scripture from the book of Psalms in a booklet, God's Promises for your Every Need. Psalm 32:8, "I will instruct you and teach

you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye."

When we read a scripture singled out as such, we then open the Bible to read the other scriptures around it to understand it even more and while doing so we discovered a short commentary on this very scripture by John Maxwell on 'leadership', (The John Maxwell Leadership Bible, NKJV), and I thought it something that would benefit both men and women leaders. And by way, if you are a Christian you are a spiritual leader, no matter your vocation.



Leaders Guide to a Planned Destination

God does not expect leaders to be perfect, but to be whole. Have you appreciated the enormous difference? To have integrity means to be whole, as in a whole number (an "integer"). Despite his or her human frailties, a leader can effectively guide those who follow.

Psalm 32:8 reminds us that leaders must closely observe the flock, (Family, friends, etc.) for its needs and problems. God expects spiritual leaders to serve as guides. A guide gets a person or group safely to a planned destination. The Hebrew word for "guide" gives us several clues as to what God expects from those He uses as leaders:

1. A guide is a spiritual head who unites and directs people in their walk with God.
2. A guide takes people on the straight path that leads to fellowship with God.
3. A guide gives accurate and godly counsel to those who need it.
4. A guide leads with gentleness and trustworthiness, making others feel safe.
5. A guide bases his or her direction on the Spirit and the Word of God.

Mission Statement: To share the good news about Jesus Christ. Giving men and women in the oil industry the occasion to accept Christ as their personal Savior, and encouraging everyone in their walk with our Lord.



The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Houston

When: 11:45 am until 12:45 pm
Wednesday April 7, 2010
Guest Speaker: Special Video Presentation: Louis Giglio, How Great is our God
Place: Houston First Baptist Church, SW corner of I-10 and 610
Web Site: www.OilfieldChristianFellowship.com
E-Mail: jbirdocf@suddenlink.net – Hm. 281 359 1258, 1st Wed. each month

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Perryton, Texas

When: Tuesday, April 8, 2010
Always 2nd Tuesday of each month
Time: 6 AM Breakfast - \$15
Where: Smoke House Restaurant – 210 SE 24th Street
Special Guest Speaker: TBA
For more information: Call, Mike Riley
806-228-8393 or Bill Skaggs (806)-435-0686

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Pittsburgh, PA

Time: 11:30 AM until 12:45 PM
Date: Wednesday April 14, 2010, always 2nd Wed. each month
Guest Speaker: Myles Bowman, Contracts Manager for Patterson UTI Drilling Co.
Place: Tambellini's in Bridgeville
Web Site: www.OilfieldChristianFellowship.com
E-Mail: jteague@newtecheng.com – Cell#: 724-331-8638

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Dallas

When: Tuesday, April 20, 2010 – [3rd Tuesday of month]
11:45 am to 12:45 pm
Where: Brookhaven Country Club
Cost: Lunch \$25 (no credit cards please)
Speaker: P. J. ("Jay") Thrash, Jr., PE and ThM
Consulting Petroleum Engineer, Haas Petroleum Engineering Services, Inc.
Subject: "From Cha Cha Parties to Seminary"
For Reservations call Hoss Smith at 972.239.3666 or hsmith@knightoiltools.com
NOTE: reservations must be made by Friday prior to the Tuesday Meeting

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Fort Worth

Monday April 5, 2010 11:30 AM to 12:45 PM
Special Guest Speaker: Doug Newton
Rocky Top Therapy Center
Where: The Petroleum Club of Fort Worth
Lunch: \$20.00 ° Contact Scott Royal for details
817-339-0831 - sroyal@encoreacq.com – 1st Mon. each month

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Oklahoma City

When: Thursday, April 1, 2010 – [1st Thursday of each Month]
11:30 AM – 12:50 PM -Twin Hills Country Club (NE 36th, E off I-35)
Speaker: TBA
Just show up (no RSVP needed; cost: \$20)
Rick Johnson, 405-426-4310 (O), 405-313-9417 (C), rickjohnson@chaparralenergy.com
or Joye Andarakes, 405-426-4524, joye.andarakes@chaparralenergy.com
Visit: www.TurkeystotheRescue.org

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Tulsa

When: 11:30 AM until 12:45 PM
Wednesday April 28, 2010
Special Guest: TBA
Where: BOK/WILLIAMS CENTER CAFÉ.
Information: Jim Schmidt at 918 810 7114 * jim@armadillojim.com

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Denver

When: Wednesday April 28, 2010 [4th Wed. each month]
Registration: 11:45 to Noon; Speaker starts at noon
Where: 1401 17th St., 11th, Floor, Suite 1200 (Alamo Plaza Building – 17th & Market)
Speaker: Holly Snell, author of Dancing on My Ashes
Lunch: \$10
RSVP: To OCF-DenverChapter@pxd.com or 303-675-2602

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Midland-Odessa

[3rd Wed. each month] CALL FOR SPECIFICS
-11:30 a.m. to 12:45p.m.
NOTE: Scott and Don are changing Venues: Call for updates
RSVP by emailing webmaster@ocfmo.com or call
Speaker: TBA
Contacts: Scott Willingham -Cell- (432) 238-0458
www.ocfmo.com

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Corpus Christi

When: 11:30 am until 1:00 pm
Wednesday April 14, 2010
Cost: \$15.00 (cash or check)
Guest Speaker: TBA
Place: First United Methodist Church of Corpus Christi
Web Site: www.OilfieldChristianFellowship-CC.com
Contact: Greg Garbe or Bo Waters @ 361-693-4001

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Tyler

When: 11:30 AM until 1:00 pm
Wednesday April 14, 2010
Guest Speaker: Louie Giglio "Indescribable" Video
Place: Hollytree CC, Tyler Texas
Web Site: www.OilfieldChristianFellowship.com
E-Mail: caroline@blockt.com, 2nd Wed. each month

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Fort St. John, B.C.

7:00 PM Thursday April 22, 2010 (4th Thursday of each month)
Fellowship, Coffee, and Dessert at Whole Wheat & Honey Café (100th & 100th)
A local FSJ oil patch person will share their walk with our Lord or speak about oil patch faith issues
Tickets available at the door \$7.50 ea
Call Pieter Hoogenboom for more information
250.262.5747 or 250.827.3936

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Grand Junction

When: 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm
Thursday April 8th, 2010
Great Fellowship and Accountability discussed
Place: Canyonview Vineyard Church
Web Site: www.OilfieldChristianFellowship.com
E-Mail: ispthn@msn.com – Hm. 970-314-7628
2nd Thurs. each month

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Morgan City

When: April 30, 2010
Speaker: TBA
Cost: \$15
Where: Dixie Grill
1024 Palm St, Morgan City, LA 70380
Call Greg Roussel: 985.397.2360
Last Friday of each month

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Wyoming

Prayer Breakfast!
When: April 17, 2010
Where: Western Wyoming Community College
2500 College Drive Rock Springs, WY
What Time: 8 AM
Cost: \$20
Speaker: Quint Wagner, Quail Tool and Tom Beddow, Oil Patch Chaplains
Contact numbers are Pam Crabtree, 417-880-8727 or Barbara Lundsford 828.713.8189

The Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Covington

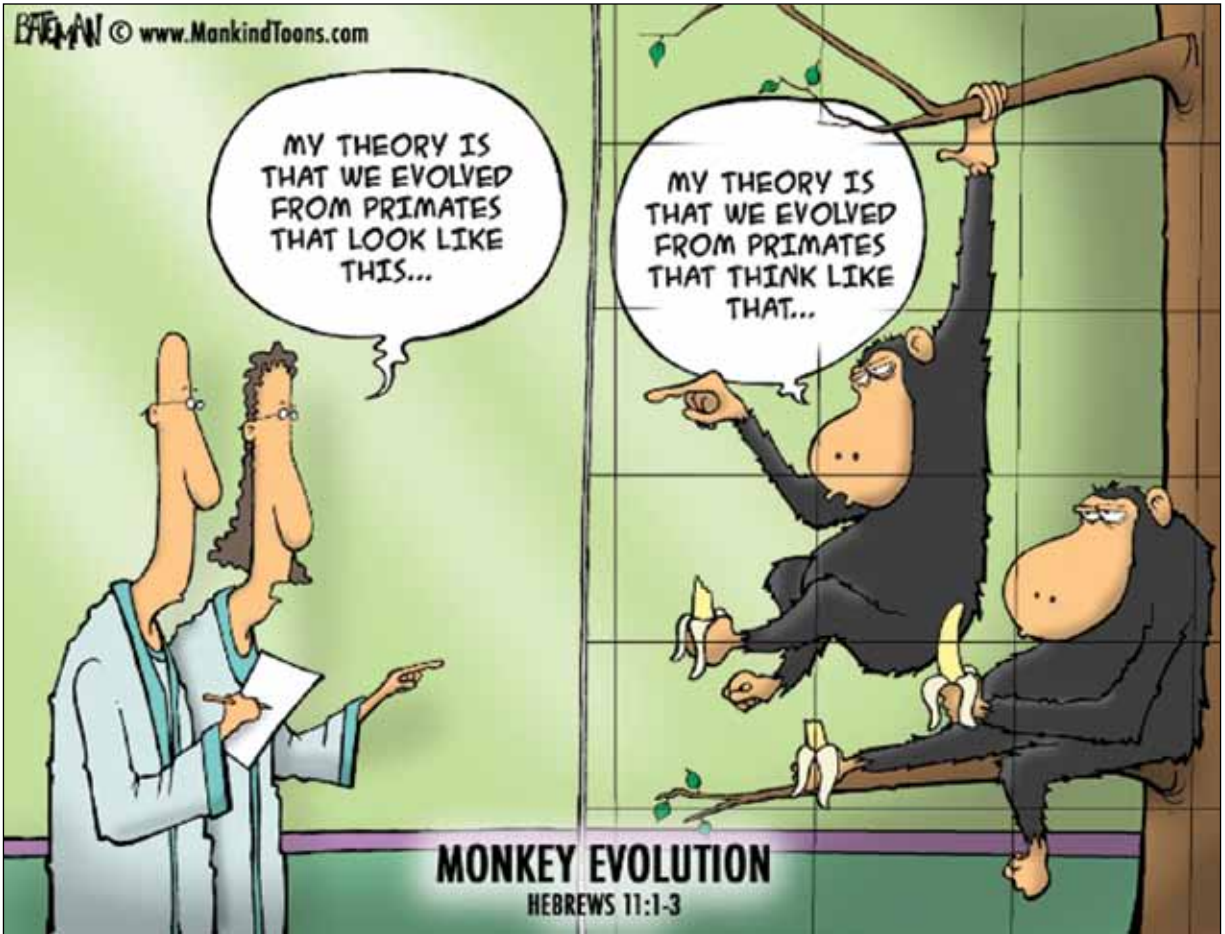
When: NOTE: May 28, 2010 (Now meeting bi monthly)
Time: 11:30am-12:30pm
Cost: \$20
Speaker: TBA
Where: Fleur de Lis Event Center, 1645 N Causeway Blvd, Mandeville Louisiana
Call: Jody Blaylock-504-400-7768 or jodyb@sundrilling.com
Normally last Wednesday of the month
Note: Meetings held quarterly

Oilfield Christian Fellowship of Lafayette

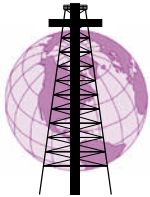
When: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm –
Friday, May 14, 2010
Where: First Baptist Church Lafayette
Speaker: TBA
Cost: \$15 per person
For reservations call Greg Bruton @ 337-593-8700 on Prior Monday

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