

To: Parents of Children and Youth at Central Baptist Church

From: Your Sunday School Department and Youth Pastor



“The Evidence is In” Event
Saturday, April 14, 2018, 9:30AM – 12:00PM



Commissioned by Answers in Genesis (AiG) in 2008 Britt Beamer from America’s Research Group (ARG) surveyed a population of “evangelical (church attending) Christians in an effort to determine why the millennials and younger generations are leaving the church they grew up in and not returning.

Earlier statistics from Lifeway and the Barna Group research determined that 2/3rds of these young “Christians” were leaving the church even though they had been raised by Christian parents in an evangelical church environment. However, these surveys and their statistical results did not reveal the reasons why.

ARG determined, among other things, that these now young adults did not see the relevance of church attendance and its theological teaching based on the Bible, which they believed to be an old book written thousands of years ago with lots of old disconnected stories and myths. The survey revealed that they only attended and participated in the church’s activities to satisfy their parents’ desires for them to do so. The real truth about the world they live in was found in the state funded educational institutions, not at church. When what was taught in church conflicted with what they were taught in school, school was the ultimate authority by which they determined truth, church was seemingly not relevant. When asked at what point they thought they had “checked out”, most said around middle school and not college, as has been the prevailing view.

Three popular books and DVDs were published by AiG based on the results of this research and is the main reason they created the Answers Bible Curriculum (ABC) Sunday School material that we at Central Baptist Church (CBC) now use and have been using for almost 5 years in the children and youth departments as well as several adult classes.

The ABC curriculum is a 3 year, now 4 year chronological study of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation that gives the student a clear picture of who God is, where we came from, where we are going, why we live in a fallen world and why we need to be redeemed and from what we need to be rescued from. This is an apologetic based material that strives to develop a strong biblical world view for the student and an understanding of the need to have a high view of scripture and biblical authority and which seeks to develop critical thinking skills in its approach.

Earlier this year Ken Ham, founder and CEO of AiG held a 3 day conference at First Baptist Indian Trail, NC which contained two sessions aimed at children and youth that included a variety of topics demonstrating the relevancy of God’s Word. We have the recordings of those two sessions and decided to host them here for CBC children, youth and their parents. These two presentations are each age appropriate and intended for parents to be present as well as to participate so they can see first-hand what is being taught to prepare them to have meaningful and biblical based discussions with their children afterwards.

On Saturday, April 14, we will hold this special event for children, youth and parents where we will have a light breakfast snack and then split up into the two age groups to view the presentations as well as have a Q&A session afterwards. It starts at 9:30 and goes through noon. The two presentations are;

- Dinosaurs, Genesis and the Gospel - Grades K-6
- Science Confirms the Bible - Grades 7-12

Ken speaks for an hour and a half at each session and is very interactive with the students during these presentations. There will be additional material references at the end of each session for those who may be interested in resources that will augment the apologetic ABC curriculum students are currently using. I hope you parents will take advantage of this great opportunity to participate in your children’s spiritual growth toward maturity.