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TLBC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Welcome back ladies. Join your Dean of Women, Prof. Colburn, for a time of fellowship and renewal on Friday, Jan. 5, 12:35 pm outside the Trinity Café; then, next week, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 5:15 pm.

Congratulations to the winners of the Yearbook

Pre-Order Drawing!

Robin Sady is the winner of a brand new "Maxwell Leadership Bible" donated by Thomas Nelson Bibles Publishing Company. Other winners in the drawing include: Monida Brown, Ronald Smith, Suzanne Jozwiak, Curtis Perea & Mychelle Leonardini.

Pre-purchase your 2006-2007 TLBC Yearbook NOW for only \$35, before the price increases again on March 15th. Those who purchase their books between now and March 15th will be entered into a Second Chance drawing for more fabulous gifts, including the Nelson's Annual Preacher's Sourcebook, and The Christian Life New Testament with Master Outlines and Study Notes.



Cellular Sanctuaries?

By Michelle McDermott

Does "the latest cell phone technology bring new meaning to the notion of hearing God's call"? What a concept. In reviewing an article from the *Sacramento Bee* entitled, "Cell Phones: a blessing for the Religious," (Scene, page 1, Saturday, November 24, 2006). The article brought up the concept of playing "mini-sermons" through cell phones. I found myself questioning the statements and assertions it presented. Can cell phones really be considered a substitute or alternative method of

hearing from God? I know, we live in a society that increasingly wants everything to be convenient and quick, but should we expect our communication with Almighty God to be this way? Is it devaluing and degrading to Christianity to think of hearing from God as just another way to enjoy the technology of today?

The writer of the article quotes Martha Cotton, co-founder of the Christian media company Good News Holdings, as saying "We like to think of the cell as your sanctuary on the go."

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2007 Let's Make It All About Jesus

By Scott Seman

One more year is gone. A lot has happened in each of our lives, even for those who lead a boring life. Everyone has had successes and failures over the last year, but now we reach a breaking point. January marks the beginning of a new year. It's a point in time that our minds can more easily accept God's grace. We set aside what happened last year, and begin thinking about what is to come, and all of us have much to look forward to in 2007.

Many of the students here at TLBC have classes and homework to look forward to. If you just sighed, groaned, rolled your eyes, or let out any other sound of exasperation, I completely understand. I personally would prefer to spend more time playing games, watching TV, or hanging out with friends. However, blowing off studying in favor of these activities are an unwise use of time that will be regretted at the end of 2007.

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A Christian Guide to Dinosaurs: The Bones Testify, By Andrew Johnson



What do dinosaur bones
really tell us?

Everyone “knows” that dinosaurs lived millions of years ago. In the evolution story, dinosaurs appeared about 225 million years ago during the so-called “Triassic Period” and died out about 65 million years ago at the end of the “Cretaceous Period.” There is hardly adequate space here to discuss how scientists arrive at such dates. Suffice it to say that the methodology is not foolproof. Science has not “proven” that the earth is as ancient as even some evangelical Christians have conceded. Unfortunately, this idea is so engrained in our culture that to challenge it is a cardinal sin.

However, the challenge to the idea that dinosaurs lived millions of years ago comes not only from biblical creationism, but also from the fossil record itself. In early 2005, for instance, a remarkable *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossil was discovered in Montana (Wieland, March 28, 2005). This find was remarkable because the inside of the thighbone was not fossilized. An acid bath eliminated the bone minerals, leaving only the soft part of the bone and other tissues inside the femur. This included blood vessels, which contained some blood cells. If this dinosaur died and was buried . . .

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Look for “God
provided”
opportunities.

It is easy to consider homework a laborious task, but allow God to change your heart in 2007. Pray before you begin. Ask God to teach you about Him and His love for you as you study. If you’re like me, you may also need to ask for an extra nudge to get you to study when you should. Whether or not one realizes it, Bible college students have a unique opportunity to get college credit while learning about God. This is a privilege that does not happen often, so take advantage of it.

Over the next year, God will provide many opportunities for Christians to bless others. God is constantly putting us into situations where we can “be Jesus” to others. The Bible says, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them” (Eph 2:10 NKJ). This means that in 2007, God has specific things He wants us to do. These can be

difficult and time consuming works, or something as simple as a smile and holding the door open for someone. A recent trip to Wal-Mart reminded me of this. It was the week before Christmas and early in the evening. The isles were crammed with shoppers and holiday merchandise. Instead of displaying my usual frustration in situations like this, I chose to politely smile and step out of the way, allowing others to pass by first. Some showed appreciation, while others pressed on frantically. The point is, for those who were aware of this small act of courtesy, hopefully they felt a little bit of the love of Christ. They never heard me say anything about God or His Son, who died for us, but a ray of “Son light” shone into their hearts. Perhaps, one day I may bump into one of these people again, and my past kindness could open the door to a real conversation. Stranger things have happened.

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Hmmmm, “sanctuary on the go,” what exactly can that be? It cannot be the worship experience that the church needs so desperately in this time and age. It cannot be the proclaiming of the “double edged sword” that is preached and taught and convicts of sin and transforms sinners into believers. It cannot be the sense of community and family that comes from being part of a church fellowship. It cannot be the accountability and Agape love that is received and given when believers obey the command of Jesus to love one another. It is simply a convenience; trying to once again fit God into a box,

but this one is cell phone shaped.

To summarize, I would like to remind all of us of the “Great Commission.” In Matthew 28: 19-20, Jesus commands us to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching them to obey. Perhaps more people can be reached with messages and webcasts on cell phone technology, but are we really able to fulfill the great commission of reaching and discipling people to Christ? Can we really say, we are hearing from God when we watch and listen to a two-minute sermon on our tiny cell phone screen? I think not.

Readers: What are your thoughts? Do you think “Cell phone sermons” are a valid and effective way for evangelizing; or, for edifying, the body?

Fossilized Bones, *Continued from page 2*

. . .68 million years ago, as its discoverers believe, then these tissues should not remain preserved in such condition. The vessels, if not fossilized, should have decayed long ago, as well as the blood cells. In this condition, the fossil could only be a few thousand years old, not 65 million years old. This is just one example of how finds in the fossil record challenge the idea that dinosaurs were creatures from before our time.

In northwestern Alaska, in 1961, a large bone-bed was discovered (Helder. *Creation*, June 1992). The petroleum geologist who discovered these bones assumed that they belonged to bison, as they were “fresh” and not permineralized (i.e. the fossilization process had not started). It wasn't until 20 years later that the bones were recognized as dinosaur bones, for a variety of species. The puzzle for those who accept the geologic time-scale is that these bones were supposedly 70 million years old,

and yet they were fresh as if the animals had died recently. While the current climate may preserve the bones to some extent, the climate of that region in the time these dinosaurs are supposed to live was much warmer. It puts logic on its head to suggest these bones lasted for 70 million years and did not fossilize in a warm climate.

Two questions facing the creationist, however, are if dinosaurs have lived along side humans, why do we not see human and dinosaur fossils together? And second, if dinosaurs lived along side humans, should not the dinosaurs have left some imprint on human culture? In other words, is there archaeological evidence that dinosaurs were contemporaries with man? In the next installment, we will begin to explore this issue. In the meantime, I would recommend the Answers in Genesis website (answersingenesis.org) for its dinosaur-related articles and resources.

www.answersingenesis.org will provide more information on the history of our world.



Start The New Year Health-fully ...

15 healthy munchies recommended by the American Academy of Family Physicians:

- Apple slices with natural peanut butter
- Grapes
- Raisins or other dried fruit
- Low-fat yogurt topped with granola
- Pineapple chunks
- Celery sticks with natural peanut butter
- Broccoli and cauliflower florets with low-fat ranch dip
- Low-fat cottage cheese
- Low-fat cereal bars
- 100 percent fruit juice Popsicles
- Air-popped popcorn sprinkled with garlic, onion, or chili powder
- Sunflower or pumpkin seeds
- Low-fat pretzels
- Rice cakes
- Pita or bagel chips

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Cal Grant Applications Have Arrived

The GPA Verification Forms have arrived and are available at the front desk. If you have any questions please feel free to ask David in the Financial Aid Office. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you already have a Cal Grant you do not have to complete this form. The Director of Record's Office may complete the second half of the form if you have a college GPA with TLBC, or we have official high school transcripts, or official college transcripts from a previously attended school. A college GPA can be used when a student has completed 24-semester units or 36-quarter units. If you have completed a SAT, ACT, or GED the results of these tests must be attached to the GPA form when completed.

REMEMBER you must also complete the 2007-2008 FAFSA. **AGAIN:** students already receiving Cal Grants must complete 2007-2008 FAFSA, but do not need to complete a GPA verification form.

Please contact David in the Financial Aid Office to learn more about Cal Grants.

My New Year's Resolution

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: 'Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:4-9