



# Trinity Trumpet

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### Service Schedule:

#### Sunday

Bible Study & 9 AM  
Sunday School  
Divine Service 10:15 AM

#### Wednesday

Catechesis 6:30 PM  
Service 7:00 PM

#### Monday-Friday

Children's Matins 10:00 AM

#### Private Confession & Absolution

Wednesday 10:30-11:00 AM  
Saturday 8:00-8:30 PM  
or by appointment



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## Our Double Museum Trip

On August 1-3, we took a couple of vans and went to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter, both founded by Ken Ham. The Summer Eldona Camp for the youth this summer was cancelled so this trip substituted as our summer camp event.

For quite some time, secular schools, most media and secular museums have been indoctrinating the public in the tenets of evolution. These institutions teach that the earth is millions of years old and the universe is billions of years old. Many pastors and leaders within Christian congregations have accepted the premise of an old earth, as well as denied the Scriptural account of a literal six-day creation and a relatively young earth of approximately 6,000 years. Although the catastrophic effects of a global flood (as taught in the Scriptures) could explain many of the supposed proofs that there were millions of



years of evolution (geological layers, fossils, etc.), someone who rejects the Bible will dismiss Noah's ark and the flood as myths. The Creation Museum seeks to provide simple scientific explanations to show the inconsistencies and problems with the theory of evolution. They also provide rational explanations to explain the evidence, which accords with a relatively young earth. The Ark Encounter seeks to show and provide an answer to those who question the historicity of a global flood and the feasibility of an ark to rescue man and animals. Most critics flippantly determine without research that a wooden ark that big wouldn't float, wouldn't have enough space, couldn't

be built, etc. The Ark Encounter not only shows that Noah's ark is definitely possible, but also that the effects of a global flood renders unnecessary the need for millions of years.

When I approach these things, I begin with the premise that natural knowledge and revealed knowledge are two different disciplines with two different methods of investigation. Natural knowledge is based on sensory facts and experimentation—that is, the scientific method. Revealed knowledge is based on the Holy Scriptures. Scientists don't study the Bible to discover the law of gravity and theologians don't experiment on the elements of Lord's  
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# The Learning Center

By Keely Gelso  
ECLC Director

Well that is a wrap for summer and now it's on to the season of fall! I have to say that fall is my second favorite season! I received the procedure from WSIL to announce closures due to inclement weather. This news made me tear up a little. Boo for winter.

I do love fall because every year, the Pre-K classes go on a Pumpkin Patch trip to take a hayride, pick pumpkins and play in the barn! Such a fun trip for us all! Look for date on the calendar in the month of October. We will request that a family member accompany the child on the field trip.

We had such a wonderful summer of school-agers and I am

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thankful for the teachers and staff that helped--lots of amazing field trips with walks to the parks and library!

We are looking forward to another great Pre-K year with Mrs. Laura and Mrs. Jane Ann teaching and working hard with the children to get them Kindergarten ready!

Mrs. Paula and Mrs. Sara will be working hard with the 2's on potty training and independence skills—for example: taking dishes to the sink, walking up the steps, washing your own hands and being nice to friends, pulling your own pants up and down, picking up and sorting toys. These are some great skills which family's lives better!

Mrs. Hannah is working hard in the Toddler room with circle time and listening skills. The Tods love to go outside. They will learn that biting is not nice, and it hurts our friends.

Mrs. Emily has the pleasure of dealing with all princes in the infant room right now. The babies all seem to have this easy-going temperament and are happy most days. The



End of summer Bash

boys also seem to love to be outside.

Often, we get asked questions about whether it is okay to pick up your child during nap. Well, here is the deal! it's extremely hard when you do so. We request that you make arrangements to pick up before or after. What happens, is that it

wakes up the other children. It is often hard to get them back to sleep so they get off track for the rest of the day. At Trinity we love to stay with the consistency of our schedule. It's important for the families and the children to keep *Continued on page 3*



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that daily schedule.

Please make sure that as the weather changes that your child has the proper clothing. Please have long pants, long shirt, underwear, socks and a light jacket.

Always, check your child's daily sheet to see if they may need diapers, wipes or diaper cream. It's important to have these items so your child's teacher can have a smooth-running classroom.

If you have concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me and set up an appointment with your child's teacher or myself.

When it comes to tuition, vacation days or schedule please feel free to contact me at 942-4750 or [ecldirector@trinityh.org](mailto:ecldirector@trinityh.org).

We are always happy to help and love our children at Trinity 😊  
Mrs. G

WELCOME TO OUR TRINITY FAMILY!

Evelynn Burd

Rose Arnett

Jessa Falknor

Ryne Reiman

Nora Scott

Vincent Brayfield

Owen Battaglia

Easton May

William Brayfield

Logan Collins

Mrs. Jane Ann



## The Creation Museum

museum displays and books than what I just described above. The materials encourage Christians to start with the Bible, the ground of truth. They say, “All of us have the same evidence (the same rocks, same fossils, etc.), but we come to different conclusions. The evolutionist begins with the assumption of millions of years. The Christian begins with the Scriptural teaching that the world was created about 6,000 years ago.”

The difference in approach seems to be a practical, rather than a substantive difference. We do arrive at the same conclusions. Ken Ham’s approach is designed for simple Christians who are trying to discern what is true and what is not. Though in theory you can keep the two methods (natural knowledge and revealed knowledge) separate, for the individual Christian trying to sort out contradictory claims, you might as well set the boundaries by the Word of God first. There is no need to consider a 100 million-year theory, when the world is only about 6,000 years old.

I would also say that Ken Ham and his organizations engage in discussions and arguments with many evolutionists on a regular basis. They know that in practice there are quite a few who have no intention of being unbiased, but have firmly established “beliefs” with humanist goals and atheistic premises. If they gave up the foundation of millions or billions of years, they would need to acknowledge an accountable Creator. Similarly, Christians should not be willing to subtract or add to any teaching of the Word of God. We do have boundaries in the revealed truth of God’s Word which—even if science contradicts—we wouldn’t leave behind.

One of the ways Ken Ham clarifies his approach is by distinguishing observational science and historical science. A person of any religious belief, or even no belief, can use the scientific method of observation and experimental repetition. However, with historical science, there is no scientific way to prove that something is either 4,000 years or

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Supper to determine what they believe concerning Christ’s Body and Blood.

There is one corollary to this approach: The purpose of the Bible is to present the Gospel in order to save man through faith in Christ. Although the Bible is not designed to be a history book, where it speaks of history (or anything else) it always tells the truth. The Bible is without error. The Bible does present a six-day creation and a global flood. Thus, I believe, as it has been

revealed, that the earth (and the entire universe) was created in six days about 6,000 years ago and that there was a global flood about 4,000 years. Adam and Eve, Noah and his family are real historical people. I would expect, that if science truly followed its own methods, then scientists would arrive at the conclusion of a young earth from their observations. The scientific research and explanations at these museums did just that.

I did notice a somewhat different starting point in the

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Children's Matins 10 AM - 10:30 AM

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<p>Elder—Tony Stretch(995-1379); Altar Guild—Patty Kenner; Church Cleaning—Sep 2/9 Turner, Sep 16/23 Tomkins, Sep 30/Oct 7 Stretch</p>		<p>Acolytes: Sun(2) Sadie Henson, Sun(9) Luke Phillips, Sun(16) Victoria Turner, Sun(23) Tom Weber, Sun(30) Colton Weber</p>					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
<p><b>Trinity 14</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p><b>10:15 AM Divine Service</b></p>	<p>Labor Day</p> <p>ECLC Closed</p>		<p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p><b>6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Catechesis Service</p>		<p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>8:00 PM Private Confession &amp; Absolution</p>	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
<p><b>Trinity 15</b></p> <p>Sunday School Kickoff</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p><b>10:15 AM Divine Service</b></p> <p>Learn-by-Heart Recitation of Ten Commandments</p>			<p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p><b>6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Catechesis Service</p>		<p><b>Holy Cross Day</b></p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
<p><b>Trinity 16</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p><b>10:15 AM Divine Service</b></p> <p>Acolyte Meeting after Service</p> <p>Learn-by-Heart Certificate for Ten Commandments</p>	<p>7:00 PM Elders' Meeting</p>		<p><b>Ember Wednesday</b></p> <p><b>7:00 AM Matins</b></p> <p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p><b>6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Catechesis Service</p>	<p>7:00 PM Ladies Missionary Society</p>	<p><b>Ember Friday</b></p> <p><b>Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</b></p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p><b>Ember Saturday</b></p> <p><b>7:00 AM Matins</b></p> <p>8:00 PM Private Confession &amp; Absolution</p>	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
<p><b>Trinity 17</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p><b>10:15 AM Divine Service</b></p>			<p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p><b>6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Catechesis Service</p>	<p>6:00 PM Learning Center Fall Sing</p>	<p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p><b>Saint Michael and All Angels</b></p> <p><b>7:00 PM Vespers</b></p> <p>8:00 PM Private Confession &amp; Absolution</p>	
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<p><b>Trinity 18</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p><b>10:15 AM Divine Service</b></p>							

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Children's Matins 10 AM - 10:30 AM

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<p>Elder—Tony Stretch(995-1379) and Dan Byrne (997-4667); Altar Guild—Patty Kenner; Church Cleaning—Sep 30/Oct 7 Stretch, Oct 14/21 Smith, Tom, Oct 28/Nov 4 Schroeder</p>	1	2	<p>3</p> <p>10:30 AM PCA</p> <p>6:30 PM Learn-By-Heart</p> <p>7:00 PM Catechesis Service</p>	4	5	6	<p>8:00 PM Private Confession &amp; Absolution</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Trinity 19</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p> <p>4:00 PM ELDoNA Phone Conference for Pastors</p>	8	9	10	11	12	13	<p>8:00 PM Private Confession &amp; Absolution</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Trinity 20</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p> <p>3:00 PM Hike with Pastor Mike</p>	15	16	17	18	19	20	<p>12:00 PM -3:30 PM Memphis Mission Cookout</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Trinity 21</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p> <p>Learn-by-Heart Recitation of Apostles' Creed</p> <p>Council Meeting #4 After Service</p>	22	23	24	25	26	27	
<p>28</p> <p>Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles</p> <p>8:00 AM Matins</p> <p>Trinity 22</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School / Adult Bible Class</p> <p>10:15 AM Divine Service</p> <p>Learn-by-Heart Certificate for Apostles' Creed</p>	29	30	31	<p>Acolytes: Sun(7) Dylan Dunaway, Sun(14) Liam Phillips, Sun(21) Sarah Miller, Sun(28) Sadie Henson, Wed(31) 10:30 AM Crucifer/Gospel Book Sarah Miller, Acolyte-Victoria Turner</p>			
			<p>Reformation Day</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service</p> <p>Halloween</p>				

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## Museums

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10,000,000 years old. For example, carbon dating is based on the premises that the half-life of carbon-14 is 5,730 years. First, that method of dating is based on assumptions which we cannot test or repeat (e.g. that the rate of decay has been constant for the life of the object). Second, you would need to verify that the date of the object and then see if carbon-14 comes up with the correct date. We cannot verify the age of an object, nor can we do a 5,000 year long experiment to check it.

Last of all, I was pleasantly surprised to see that both museums

not only presented the teaching of creation and the flood/ark, but they frequently showed the connection that these teachings had with the promise of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The creation museum was organized around the 7 C's: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross and Consummation. "In the beginning—in six 24-hour days—God made a perfect **Creation**. The first man, Adam disobeyed the Creator. His sin brought death and **Corruption** into Creation. Adam's race became so wicked that God judged the world with a great **Catastrophe**—the global flood—saving only those on the Ark built by Noah. When

Noah's descendants disobeyed God's command to fill the earth, God brought **Confusion** on their language causing them to spread over the earth. The Creator became a man, Jesus **Christ**, who obeyed God in everything, unlike the first man, Adam. Jesus, the Messiah, died on a **Cross** to pay the penalty for mankind's sin against God. He rose from the dead, providing eternal life for all who trust in Him. In the **Consummation**, God will create a new heavens and a new earth. He will destroy death and cast out the disobedient and dwell eternally with those who trust in Him."

--MDH



The Ark Encounter

