



FBC News

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Romans 1:20

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Insights from the Intern: A Conversation about Christianity and Science

There's a word buzzing around the seminary that you don't hear often in a Christian setting... Science! To this point I haven't heard the word science in seminary and in fact, I cannot remember a time in my childhood where I learned about it in church. Can you? So, why are Christians so hesitant to talk about science? The unknown is often a source of fear and hesitation. Well then perhaps it is time to start enlightening ourselves about where things like that first light God speaks of, come from?



Some of the hesitance to intertwining science with Christianity is because things in the Bible seem to not line up with scientific findings, for example evolution vs Adam and Eve, creation vs the big bang theory. Does it have to be one or the other? Does the Bible not include many "stories" meant to help Christians understand God's intentions, but which may not be meant to be taken at face value? In one of my recent "Teaching the faith" classes, the Professor brought in a speaker, Dr. David Bradstreet (Professor and Chair of the Astronomy and Physics Department of Eastern University). He explained to us in detail how the Big Bang Theory did in fact happen. The universe started simply as two elements, Hydrogen and Helium and has been expanding over the last 13.8 billion years, which contradicts with the Genesis account of creation. Now that technology and scientific findings have so greatly evolved since the Bible was written, perhaps it's time for Christians to start having a new conversation about the Creation story, factoring in all this new scientific evidence.

I am not suggesting we send in pages for the Bible to be edited, but perhaps we can start by bringing simple things up in Sunday School that link God and creation to these scientific findings, instead of as opposing views. If we start by steering the younger generations in the right direction, then maybe one day this Science stuff will not be so taboo to talk about. Well renowned scientist, who brought together electricity, magnetism, and light, James Clark Maxwell, said "To study God's creation is an act of worship," which seems to me as a perfect place to start this much needed conversation.

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Natalie Massaglia
Intern

Join Our Book Group!



The FBC Book Group has decided to continue so now is the time to check out this exciting opportunity! We will choose a new book by Oct 19th, and we will begin meeting every other Monday night at 7:00 pm beginning November 1st followed by Nov 15th and 29th. (We will decide about meeting in December when we get closer to it.)

Anyone is invited to attend! We will pay for your book, the title of which we will announce in the coming weeks. This is a racially mixed group of people, mostly women, but men are certainly welcome! Let Kristi know if you would like to participate by October 20th so we can send you a book!

Are you ready to plant the seeds for next year?

It's time for a 2022 budget! Each Board submitted a budget to the Budget Committee on Oct 11th with plans and dreams for next year. Our Budget Committee is made up of the Financial Secretary, the Treasurer, a Moderator, and a member of the Board of Building & Finance. This committee is working to craft the 2022 Budget from an analysis of our budget from 2021 as well as from the budgets of the various boards.



On Nov 7th we'll celebrate our vision for the future together during worship, and then the proposed 2022 Budget will be presented to the congregation. Mark your calendar to join us as we envision 2022 at FBC.

Singing in the rain!



Thank you, Teri Hoffman, for leading friends from FBC and Royersford Baptist as we enjoyed hymns in the park together in October. We had 19 friends singing together even though the weather was a bit less than perfect.



Look at what's coming up for FBC!

Check out these upcoming events! Visit us online to find links at www.FBCPottstown.org.

- Oct 18th at 7pm Open-Mic Poetry Night with guest Brandon Gilvin
- Oct 18th – 23rd YW3CA sponsors Week Without Violence
- Oct 19th at 7pm Guided Mediation Group
- Oct 20th at 7pm Board of Community Care & Connection Meeting
- Oct 21st at 7pm Ministry Coordination Team Meeting
- Oct 23rd at 11am-3pm YW3CA hosts Block Event for Week Without Violence
- Nov 1st at 7pm Book Study Group
- Nov 7th at 10:30am Vision Sunday!
- Nov 7th at 12pm Congregational Meeting to present 2022 Budget
- Nov 8th at 7pm Open-Mic Poetry Night with guest Yvonne Gilmore
- Nov 15th at 7pm Book Study Group
- Nov 28th at 4:30pm Worship for First Sunday in Advent



- Nov 29th at 7pm Book Study Group
- Nov 29th at 7pm "Understanding Christmas" Podcast Group
- Dec 5th Pledges due in FBC office
- Dec 5th at 4:30pm Worship for Second Sunday in Advent
- Dec 6th at 7pm "Understanding Christmas" Podcast Group
- Dec 12th at 4:30pm Worship for Third Sunday in Advent
- Dec 13th at 7pm "Understanding Christmas" Podcast Group
- Dec 19th at 4:30pm Worship for Fourth Sunday in Advent
- Dec 20th at 7pm "Understanding Christmas" Podcast Group
- Dec 24th at 7pm Christmas Eve Service in FBC Courtyard
- Jan 23rd at 12pm Congregational Meeting to approve 2022 Budget

Financial Info



Our thanks to all who support the life and ministry of FBC. We continue to come together to do the work of ministry in our neighborhood and in the world. Your gifts make this happen!

Offering Income in Sept	\$ 5,104.11
Rental Income in Sept	\$ 7,453.13
Other Income in Sept	\$ 20.00
Total income in Sept	\$12,577.24
Expenses in Sept	\$13,262.28
Net Loss for Sept	\$ 685.04



Do you have anything you'd like to add to the next edition of FBC News?

Email details to the office at office@FBCPottstown.org by Nov 12th!