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**March 2017**

Ready or not spring is here! We hope all of you were safe during our recent spate of tornados, which are rare in San Antonio. Appropriately, both an article in this newsletter and the topic of this month’s SABBSA meeting presentation is climate change. Were our rare tornados connected to climate change or just a fluke of nature? We will explore this and many other climate change questions in the article contained in this newsletter as well as the presentation by **SABBSA Vice President Dr. Al Johnson** on March 14 (see the last notice on page 12 for more information on this insightful talk).

We also have an article analyzing the recent discovery of seven close to Earth size planets orbiting a nearby star. Does this mean there is life there? Read our analysis and you decide.

As always, we have notices of the many upcoming creation education opportunities in the greater San Antonio area including **Del Tackett** speaking in our area this month, **SABBSA’s radio schedule**, **FEAST Science Workshop’s schedule**, a new book offering from “**Search for the Truth Ministries**”, an analysis of how the **“Is Genesis History?”** movie did in our area and so much more. Read and enjoy.



**Whistleblower: NOAA Scientists Manipulated Temperature Data to Make Global Warming Seem Worse** dailycaller.com Pinterest

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A whistleblower says the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) rushed a landmark study claiming the planet was warming much faster than expected in order to influence international climate negotiations.

Dr. John Bates, the former principal scientist at the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C., [told the Daily Mail](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-4192182/World-leaders-duped-manipulated-global-warming-data.html) (click the link for more on this story) NOAA’s 2015 study was meant “to discredit the notion of a global warming hiatus and rush to time the publication of the paper to influence national and international deliberations on climate policy.” Bates said NOAA scientists made a “blatant attempt to intensify the impact” of global warming to eliminate the “pause” in temperature rise since 1998. The Daily Mail claims Bates showed it “irrefutable” evidence NOAA’s study relied on “unverified” data.

Bates’ objections to the paper were ignored by his superiors, who let scientists make “decisions and scientific choices that maximized warming and minimized documentation” in advance of a major United Nations climate summit in Paris, France.

His statement to The Daily Mail comes amid an investigation into the NOAA study by House Republicans on the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. Texas Rep. Lamar Smith, the committee’s chairman, subpoenaed NOAA in late 2015 for records related to the so-called “Karl study” that adjusted global sea surface temperature upwards, eliminating the “pause” in global warming since 1998.

Smith was heavily ridiculed for subpoenaing NOAA scientists, and the agency refused to hand over any internal deliberations of the “Karl study.” The study’s lead author, Tom Karl, has since left NOAA.

“Dr. Bates’ revelations and NOAA’s obstruction certainly lend credence to what I’ve expected all along – that the Karl study used flawed data, was rushed to publication in an effort to support the president’s climate change agenda, and ignored NOAA’s own standards for scientific study,” Smith said in a statement on The Daily Mail’s story.

“The Committee thanks Dr. Bates, a Department of Commerce Gold Medal winner for creating and implementing a standard to produce and preserve climate data, for exposing the previous administration’s efforts to push their costly climate agenda at the expense of scientific integrity,” Smith said.

Scientists have been debating over the so-called “pause” in global warming since at least 2013, referring to the period from 1998 to 2014 without any significant rise in global average temperature.

The Karl study made changes to historical sea surface temperature records, [effectively doubling the warming trend of that period](http://dailycaller.com/2015/06/04/noaa-fiddles-with-climate-data-to-erase-the-15-year-global-warming-hiatus/) to 0.086 degrees Celsius per decade from 0.039 degrees per decade (click on the link for more on this).

Karl’s study was welcomed by some scientists and environmentalists who see man-made global warming as the biggest threat to humanity; it was criticized by others in the scientific community.

Climate scientist Judith Curry, formerly of Georgia Tech, wrote at the time that NOAA excluded extremely accurate sea buoy data in order to erase the hiatus in warming. Curry wrote that it “seems rather ironic, since this is the period where there is the greatest coverage of data with the highest quality of measurements — ARGO buoys and satellites don’t show a warming trend.”

But the Karl study may have had deeper problems. It was based on two “flawed” temperature datasets, Bates told The Daily Mail. NOAA has now “decided that the sea dataset will have to be replaced and substantially revised just 18 months after it was issued, because it used unreliable methods which overstated the speed of warming,” The Daily Mail learned.

NOAA’s revised data will show “lower temperatures and a slower rate in the recent warming trend.”

The “land temperature dataset used by the study was afflicted by devastating bugs in its software that rendered its findings ‘unstable,'” and based on an “alpha” version that was never verified. It still hasn’t been approved.

“None of the data on which the paper was based was properly ‘archived’ – a mandatory requirement meant to ensure that raw data and the software used to process it is accessible to other scientists, so they can verify NOAA results,” The Daily Mail reported.

Read more: <http://dailycaller.com/2017/02/05/noaa-scientists-manipulated-temperature-data-to-make-global-warming-seem-worse/#ixzz4Y36bQfSA>

**Editor’s Note: For the second time in the past decade it has been revealed that the most trusted organizations in climatological studies, the University of East Anglia in Britain, and now the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) have been intentionally falsifying data to make it look like global warming is both occurring and doing so at rates far exceeding what the data truly shows. In both cases this was done for political reasons to further the political goals of climate change advocates and influence international policies.**

**The first instance came to light in 2009 when hundreds of hacked emails were published showing how climate researchers at East Anglia had “massaged” data to make it appear global warming was occurring to a degree the data did not support.**

**Now, we have NOAA throwing out tons of excellent sea buoy data which shows only a very slow or no warming during the 1998 to 2010 period which is tossed out arbitrarily and they instead used less reliable land data which better supported their claims of no pause in global warming. Both cases show the amount of “cherry picking” going on in climatology today which is passing for science, but which is really just propagandizing for political purposes. All of this will be discussed in our monthly meeting on March 14 by Dr. Alden Johnson.**

**Stunning space discovery: 7 Earth-size planets found orbiting dwarf star** based on reports from NASA and CBS

Astronomers have discovered a nearby star system with seven roughly Earth-sized planets which revolve around a cool dwarf star. This system is just about 39 light years away, which is very close in astronomical terms. Three of these Earth-like planets are in the star’s habitable zone where liquid water, a key ingredient for life as we know it on Earth, could be present as announced by researchers in the Journal Nature recently.

 “Finding a second Earth is not just a matter of if, but when,” said Thomas Zurbuchen, associate administrator of science at NASA Headquarters. “Just imagine how many worlds are out there that have a shot at becoming a habitable system that we could explore.”

The intriguing star system was first studied by Belgium’s Transiting Planets and Planetesimals Small Telescope, or TRAPPIST, observatory in Chile where observations in 2016 indicated the presence of two and possibly three planets.

NASA’s infrared-sensitive Spitzer Space Telescope, working with the European Southern Observatory’s Very Large Telescope, then spent 500 hours studying the star, confirming the existence of two planets and discovering five more, boosting the total to seven.

“Not one, not two, but seven Earth-size planets,” marveled Michael Gillon, an astronomer at the University of Liege in Belgium who led the study. “This is the first time that so many Earth-size planets were found around the same star. Furthermore, with three of them in the habitable zone.

“The star itself is what is called an ultra-cool dwarf, which is the least massive kind of star that exists,” he told reporters. “These stars are much smaller, much cooler than our sun and still, they are very frequent at the scale of our galaxy, more frequent than solar-type stars.”

For comparison, he said, if Earth’s sun was the size of a basketball, TRAPPIST-1 would be roughly equivalent to a golf ball. Some 229 trillion miles from Earth in the constellation Aquarius, the TRAPPIST-1 star is “so cool that liquid water could survive on planets orbiting very close to it, closer than is possible on planets in our solar system,” NASA said in a statement. “All seven of the TRAPPIST-1 planetary orbits are closer to their host star than Mercury is to our sun.”

The innermost habitable zone planet is roughly the size of Earth and receives about the same amount of light, possibly resulting in surface temperatures very similar to our planet’s. The middle planet in the habitable zone receives about the same amount of light that Mars does, orbiting TRAPPIST-1 every nine days. The outermost planet receives the level of sunlight one would experience somewhere between Mars and the asteroid belt.

The planets may be “**tidally locked**” to their star, gravitationally held in place so only one side of the worlds face their sun. If so, the planets could host truly alien weather patterns, with strong winds and extreme changes in temperature.

The planets also are very close together. Researchers said an observer standing on one world likely could discern clouds and other features on neighboring worlds, which could appear larger in the sky than Earth’s moon. But it is not yet known whether any of the planets host an atmosphere or liquid water and additional observations are planned, along with expanded studies to look for planets around other dwarf stars.



The TRAPPIST-1 star, an ultra-cool dwarf, has seven Earth-size planets orbiting it.

NASA/JPL-Caltech

Spitzer detected the planets indirectly by studying how light from TRAPPIST-1 periodically dimmed as the worlds repeatedly passed in front of the star.

Using that data and others, astronomers were able to measure the sizes of the planets, allowing them to roughly calculate their masses, densities and orbital periods. It appears they likely are rocky planets, but additional observations are needed to determine if any have detectable atmospheres or liquid water.

This chart shows, on the top row, artist conceptions of the seven planets of TRAPPIST-1 with their orbital periods, distances from their star, radii and masses as compared to those of Earth. The bottom row shows data about Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars. NASA/JPL-Caltech

**Editor’s Note: As discussed in last month’s Communique, here is more evidence of NASA’s unending commitment to finding life out there. While all of this is fascinating, it glosses over several bad assumptions about finding such “Earth-like” planets.**

**The first is that life is far more complex than just add water and everything springs to life by itself. As we detail in this newsletter repeatedly, life is not only complex but intricately designed. Finding water does nothing to indicate life exists. Also, they did not find water or atmospheres, only planets in a place in this system where liquid water could exist.**

**Second, note that this system is so small and planets so tightly packed around the star that the three planets in the habitable zone are probably tidally locked, which means they do not rotate, but have one side constantly facing their sun and one side always facing away like our moon. This means that despite being in the so called “Goldilocks” or habitable zone, these planets will all have boiling temperatures on the sun sides and incredible freezing temps on the dark sides, neither which would allow for liquid water. Only in very thin ribbons at the edges of these extremes would it be possible for liquid water to exist. Further, with such extreme temperature differences, if atmospheres did exist on these worlds would result in incredibly violent winds and weather patterns which would inhibit any life formation.**

**Third, it should also be noted that TRAPPIST-1’s star is unstable and gives off radiations different from our own sun which would kill living things.**

**Fake News**

Fake news is a big topic with our new U. S. President. It is also a real problem for us all. Researchers at Stanford University examining student internet research found that most students couldn’t distinguish between verified news sources and fakes. Most students also believed their Facebook newsfeed without bothering to check it out. Clearly however this blind spot for accepting everything we find in print or on the web or on the air is not just a college student problem today.

The whole reason **SNOPES** (an organization and website devoted to fact checking information) exists is because there is so much unverified stories, misinformation and fake news out there. Newspapers like our local Express and News will print “fact checking” stories on a regular basis examining the comments of lawmakers and others. How do we verify what is fake and what is real has become a real quandary in America?

To this end the **Truth Project** was set up years ago, which many of you have gone through. Its creator, **Del Tackett** will be speaking here in San Antonio later this month (see promo about his talks on page 9 of this Communique).

This problem has been around for longer than we think and is just now being recognized. It was always an axiom: believe half of what you read and none of what you hear, but somehow, we have lost that axiom. Respected news and education sources have told us for decades that evolution is true and creation is not, even though hordes of data dispute these fake news claims. The green movement has been telling us for three decades that global warming is happening with disastrous consequences and that it is attributable to man even though there is much data to dispute both claims.

This month’s presentation on **March 14 by Dr. Al Johnson** (see page 12) and the talks by Del Tackett are geared to empower you to see through all the misinformation and fake news we encounter each day and find the truth. Scripture in Ephesian 4:15 tells us as Christians that we are to know the truth and make it known. We invite you one to be wary of what is put out there and fact check. Second, we invite you to attend one or both events by Dr. Johnson and Del Tackett which will inform you and give you tools to battle misinformation.

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**Science Workshops at FEAST in Spring 2017**

SABBSA president **Scott Lane** will present two more multimedia creation science presentations as selected by our FEAST participants at the FEAST Science Workshops in 2017. All presentations will be at 6:30 pm on the fourth Monday's of each month. A companion young children's "hands on" program is also provided each night by the Williams.

The schedule of programs this spring is shown below:

March, 2017 - **Distant Starlight, Big Bang and the Bible**

April, 2017 - **Where did Cain get his Wife and other Supposed Biblical Contradictions**

Have You Considered: Evidence Beyond a Reasonable Doubt

**Author:** Julie Von Vett and Bruce Malone

*Have You Considered* is the third in a series of unique devotionals which present the evidence for creation from every area of science. This 432 page softcover has 365 different examples of how well science supports a biblical model for our origin. The book is stunningly illustrated with over 200 full-color illustrations. It is written in a style that is appropriate to be read to young children yet profoundly enjoyable for adults. The book also contains extensive references and includes topical, Bible verse, and subject indexes. It is a phenomenal resource for home schoolers, Christian parents, or anyone wanting to know more about nature or creation. Retail Price: **$11.95 (SABBSA price $7.00)**

**This Spring at SABBSA**

Please join the **San Antonio Bible Based Science Association** this winter as we provide exciting video presentations in creation science! Our monthly meetings occur on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Jim's Restaurant at the corner of San Pedro and Ramsey.

Here is our schedule of programs this winter:

March 14, 2017 - **Climate Change**

April 11, 2017 - **Uncovering the Truth about Dinosaurs**, parts I & II

May 9, 2017 - **Uncovering the Truth about Dinosaurs**, parts I & II

**Thanks for making "Is Genesis History?" the most watched movie in America on February 23rd!**

"Nothing in the world makes sense except in the light of Genesis." - Del Tackett

What exactly happened, "In the beginning..." and in the time that followed? Throughout most of history, Genesis was considered an accurate and reliable record, but over the past 250 years, it has become one of the most controversial books of all time. Events highlighted-including the Creation of the universe in six days, the existence of the real Adam and Eve, and a global Flood destroying the world-are now questioned by man... including some Christians. Where can reliable, well-researched answers be found?

IS GENESIS HISTORY? is a comprehensive documentary featuring scientists and scholars looking at the world and explaining how it intersects with the history recorded in Genesis. From rock layers to fossils to lions to stars, this fascinating film challenged and changed the way you see the world. Dr. Del Tackett, creator of "The Truth Project," serves as your guide; hiking through canyons, climbing up mountains, and diving below the sea-in an exploration of two competing views... one compelling truth.

143,00 people across America saw this film at the one time showing on February 23rd at 7 pm. It was so successful that it was brought back for encore presentations at many theaters on March 2 and 7. In the San Antonio area eight of the nine theaters showing this film were sold out on the 23rd. We thank you for your support of this film and hope it blessed you. Many have asked and we will be offering DVD’s of this film at 50% of the retail price in mid-April.

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**SABBSA on KSLR**

Please join the San **Antonio Bible Based Science Association** as we are now “on the air” each Saturday afternoon with “**Believing the Bible!”** Join us **Saturday afternoons at 1:45 pm on radio station KSLR 630 AM**.

Here is our schedule of program topics this spring 2017:

Mar. 4 - **Choose a Bathroom**
Mar. 11 - **Mars Flood?**
Mar. 18 - **Is Evolution Science?**
Mar. 25 - **The Haeckel Hoax**
Apr. 1 - **Can TNT Create Us?**

Apr. 8 – **Prosecutor for Evolution**

Apr. 15 – **Intro. Carl Kerby, Reason for Hope**

Apr. 22 – **Carl Kerby, Reason for Hope**

Apr. 29 – **Carl Kerby, Youth Camps**

May 6 – **Limited**

There are several ways you can help with this exciting new endeavor. One and always first is pray for this program, for its content, its producers and impact. Second, become a sponsor, as many of our board members have done and help us defray the $60+ per week costs of putting this program on the air. Third listen to this show on the air and tell your friends and family members, so this can reach as wide an audience as possible. Fourth, help us with scripts. We are hoping that our board and other interested and knowledgeable members will both tell us what they would like to hear in future programs as well as help us by writing future scripts and coming on the air with us to make this truly a group effort.

Also, we now have an opportunity to take this program and broadcast it in radio stations across the country. To do that though we need sponsors to underwrite it at the very modest cost of $303 per month. Contact us at 210-861-0454 if you would like to help and expand our ministry in this way.

This program is available on podcast. If you cannot tune in on Saturday afternoons, or would like to sample our program or hear previous shows, they are available on podcast on the KSLR website. Click on the link below to go to the KSLR podcast page and scroll down till you find "Believing the Bible."

["Believing the Bible" - SABBSA on KSLR Radio](http://kslr.com/podcasts)

 Please join us each Saturday at 1:45 pm on radio KSLR 630 AM for **“Believing the Bible.**

**Coming March 19, 2017**

**Del Tackett ("Is Genesis History” and the "Truth Project") at Fellowship Bible Church**

**Del Tackett will speak on three separate topics at Fellowship Bible Church.** Sessions will be held Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 9:30 and 10:45 AM and 6:30 PM. The public is welcome and this event is free.

Location: Fellowship Bible Church, 8603 Huebner Road. San Antonio, TX 78023 210-699-6511

**Speaking schedule:** 9:30 A.M. “Engagement”

10:45 A.M. “Naaman:  Our Small Story and God’s Larger Story”

6:30 P.M. “In a Land of Nought — A Remnant of Hope”

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**Prayer Needs and Praises!**

**SABBSA** for prayer, support and guidance as we consider expanding our radio ministry.



**Cartoon Corner**

Thanks to **Answers in Genesis** who provides these cartoons each month for our newsletter and our presentations. Please think about donating to them in gratitude for this and all the ministries they give us.

**Around Texas**

**Houston:**
The **Greater Houston Creation Association** (**GHCA**) meets the first Thursday of each month. They meet at Houston's First Baptist Church at 7 pm, in Room 143. After the presentation, there will be refreshments, fellowship and creation science materials for all to enjoy. Their meetings can be streamed live! For more information, go to [www.ghcaonline.com](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=bztaencab&et=1103662222545&s=545&e=001xF-6WOYzM5Yyre44Ea_qUjH5EOT_fFIGjrfpfa5h-rD53IlUVbz3Vc0Dp47_VEwW3iQQ6F1b6K0EtKc_vUxYKpzN_8V2upXFbsOScvUeD92nJdUTjDIFeg==).

**Glen Rose:**
Dr. Carl Baugh gives a “***Director’s Lecture Series***” on the first Saturday of each month at the Creation Evidences Museum just outside Glen Rose, TX. The new and improved museum is also a great and beneficial way to spend any day. Presentations are at 11 am and 2 pm. For more information, go to [www.creationevidence.org](http://www.creationevidence.org)

**Dallas-Ft Worth:**
The Metroplex Institute of Origin Science (MIOS) meets at the Dr. Pepper Starcenter, 12700 N. Stemmons Fwy, Farmers Branch, TX, usually at 7:30 pm of the first Tuesday of each month.

**Lubbock Area (Crosbyton):**
All year: Consider a visit to the Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum, directed by Joe Taylor. The Museum is definitely worth the visit if you live near or are traveling through the Panhandle near Lubbock. If you call ahead and time permitting, Joe has been known to give personal tours, especially to groups. For more information, visit [http://www.mtblanco.com/](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=bztaencab&et=1103662222545&s=545&e=001xF-6WOYzM5bqqt6T1G_CwJWJosrOSIhLAagtnP0Z504J-gEROEBe22S3gq720x6ofjFVqK-AfJcsjrsuQyRtoepYiAQVVUFC-cF56fLwwBJ0SQ-44KlLmw==).

**Greater San Antonio area:** Listen to **Answers with Ken Ham** online at the address below. (No nearby station for this broadcast). <http://www.answersingenesis.org/media/audio/answers-daily> To hear program from the **Institute for Creation Research**, listen online at this address. <http://www.icr.org/radio/>Also, tune in KHCB FM 88.5 (San Marcos) or KKER FM 88.7 (Kerrville) for **Back to Genesis** at 8:57 AM Mon-Fri, then **Science, Scripture and Salvation** at 1:30 AM, 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM on Saturdays.

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**Last Month at SABBSA**

**"Fallout" + "Debunking Evolution"**

In February, we saw two videos designed to bring our youth and millennials back into the church.

**Fallout**

Why do so many young people walk away from the church? What can be done to retain them? In this short but powerful documentary, CMI conducted interviews with students on university campuses to have them explain, in their own words, whether they were taught about the evidence for creation, and how this impacted them. A clear pattern emerged-those who were equipped to defend biblical creation remained faithful, while those who did not abandoned the church. In addition, Fallout! answers the evolutionary arguments offered by the students. As their testimonies reveal, equipping students with a defense of creation can have a huge impact on their faith. **SABBSA will make this video available to you free of charge if you will promise to put it in your minster’s hand.**



**Debunking Evolution**

Join study partners, John and Jane as they explore the challenges to the evolutionary theory and why the Bible makes the most sense of the scientific evidence. The program helps students understand the weak foundations of evolution, teaching them a strong case for the truth of Biblical Creation. Available for downloading online at <http://genesisapologetics.com/debunking-evolution-series/>

Both videos are recommended for use with church leaders and church youth groups.



**Next SABBSA Meeting:
Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 7 pm**

**Coming to SABSA in March**

**Climate Change - A Creationist Perspective**

The headlines are full of claims of the Earth is warming, the ice caps are melting and our seashores will soon flood. What is a creationist to think about all of this? Are we destroying the planet God has entrusted us with?

Did you know that twice in the last decade it has been shown that the two most respected climatological groups in the world have knowingly falsified data to try and substantiate claims about global warming? Did you know there is good evidence the Earth has been warming fractionally for the last 150+ years, but not to the extent the global warming alarmists would tell us? Did you know that between 1998 and 2010 there was a 12 year "pause" in the warming of global temperature? Did you know that all of the doom and gloom prognostications of climate change disasters forecasted by the green movement in the late 1980's, which were supposedly to come to pass in the past decade did not occur? Did you know that the warming trends we do see today fit within a natural cycle of sunspot activity, rather than any correlation with greenhouse gases? Did you know that climate experts cannot agree among themselves how much of an impact we are having on our environment?

In March, we will offer a rare and special opportunity to look at the whole of the Climate Change debate from a unique perspective, that of the creationist. **SABBSA Vice President Dr. Alden Johnson** will give his unique insight into this controversy, which he has been studying intently for decades. He will present scientific data on this debate which is hard to find and does not mesh with all that you hear in the conventional media. We invite you to attend and then decide for yourself on this important topic.

Please join us in March for creation science and biblical apologetics teaching you will find nowhere else in Bexar County. As always, we will meet at the Jim’s restaurant at the corner of San Pedro and Ramsey.