



Upcoming Schedule

September 30-October 2

Matt at Lake Mount Church of Christ
New Waterford, OH

October 18

Ryan at Rising Sun Christian Church
Lawrenceville, IL

October 18-21

Matt at Rosendale Christian Church
Rosendale, MO

October 19-28

Ryan at America 250 Tour
Philadelphia & Washington D.C.

November 1-4

Matt & Ryan at First Christian Church
Vandalia, MO

November 6-8

Ryan at Bone Gap Christian Church
Bone Gap, IL

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SUMMER UPDATE AND FALL CHALLENGE

What a summer season we have just experienced! Not only did we have a great week with a group of Colorado and Ohio students as we detailed in last month's newsletter, if you haven't read it you are missing out (www.creationtruth.com/research-for-his-glory), but our summer was also full of Kingdom work with all ages.

CAMPS

It started with a week most of you are familiar with called Genesis Week at Oil Belt Christian Service Camp in Flora, IL. It is the one ongoing scheduled week of camp that we birthed years ago to impact middle and high school students with the realities of Biblical history and authority. That week is now one of the largest attended weeks of the summer for the camp, and we are looking to relocate in the summer schedule to accommodate more students. What a blessing this week is to us and them!

Ryan and I had four other camps through the summer. From high school to family camps our mission was to bring Glory to the Father as we connect history to His Word. Whether that connection is made through dinosaurs, creation, the flood or American history, it always points to Him. The response through camps was outstanding with many salvations through Christ and worldviews challenged to Biblical authority. Our desire continues to use camps as opportunities to connect with new churches as students and staff go home and share what they have learned.

VBS

Along with camps, we were invited into churches for eight VBS programs. Our curricula continue to be some of the most impactful for children's worldview development on the market today. As we strongly encourage churches to have an adult track as part of their VBS, our impact can be



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First Christian Church - Hugoton, KS



Lighthouse of Faith Church - Memphis, MO



Millwood Church of Christ, Millwood, OH

felt by the whole church and not just by young students. If you haven't checked our VBS offerings out lately, don't hesitate as summer 2027 is booking right now.

As full as summer was, our focus has now shifted to this fall and the many events lined up in the coming months. From church events in Missouri, Illinois, Ohio and Colorado to right here in Oklahoma, we are sharing with young and old the Providence of history. Ryan is also leading a trip to Washington D.C. in celebration of our country's 250th year as a nation. He will show through historical sites the lasting impact of Providence in our nation's history.

CADRE

We also have two weeks of Cadre training this fall. As mentioned a few months back, our Sharp Institute for Biblical Worldview Studies is still one of the most important things we do, training those in the local church to share our message and mission. This fall we graduate our 22nd group and continue where we left off from January with the 23rd group. We still don't have a permanent home for the SIBWS classes. If you recall from our June newsletter, a building just a couple of doors down here in Noble is for sale and would be such a blessing to the ministry on multiple fronts.

MATCHING GIFT

We have a **\$100,000 matching gift** for pursuit of that new property. So we are establishing a challenge to **100 individuals, families, supporters or churches** - we need you to help us make this a reality. If **100 give \$1000 each** (or more if able) we meet our matching gift and are able to approach the purchase of the still available property. We challenge you to help us meet this goal to impact further generations for His Glory. Please give and commit this endeavor to prayer with us as we seek a home for the SIBWS. I cannot wait to bring updates in the coming months.

As you can see there is much to be excited about in our ministry. Blessings to all who continue to support us and join with us in Kingdom ministry.

STILL “STRETCHY” FOSSILS

Twice we have reported on dinosaur collagen discoveries by CTF staff (June/July 2024 & August 2026 newsletters). Such discoveries, however, are nothing new. Since the 1960s, multiple collagen discoveries have been reported in scientific literature. The problem for the evolutionary community was the age assigned to each fossil. For example, collagen was reported in a 30-million-year-old (MYO) musk deer,¹ a 166-MYO dinosaur egg,² a 200-MYO dinosaur bone,³ and a 393-MYO fish.⁴ There obviously should not be collagen in such ancient specimens due to collagen’s, and all other biomaterials’, short decay rates. But this made no impact in the evolutionary circles.

Then in 1993, the same year *Jurassic Park* hit theaters, paleontologist Jack Horner, one of Steven Spielberg’s movie consultants, had a grant from the National Science Foundation for his Montana State University team to extract DNA from a dinosaur. While they were unsuccessful in finding DNA, they did find heme, the iron-containing molecule of hemoglobin. Doctoral student Mary Schweitzer and three colleagues published their findings in a 1997 *PNAS* paper.⁵ This was remarkable but still generated little reaction because it was not beneficial to the evolutionary paradigm.

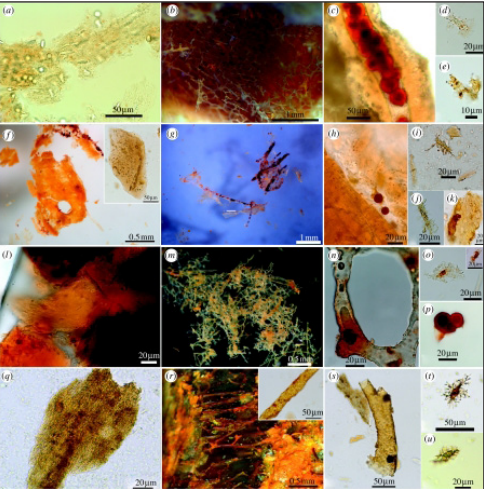


Figure 1: Soft tissue and cells from selected dinosaur specimens. Credit: Schweitzer, et al, *Proc. R. Soc. B*. Used in accordance with federal copyright fair use doctrine law.

But then one discovery published in 2005 made it impossible to keep silent. After dissolving the mineral from a *T. rex* femur fossil, there was biomaterial remaining in the solution. *Scientific American* described the amazingly preserved material as “stretchy.”⁶ Again, biomaterials cannot last for millions of years. If dinosaurs went extinct 66 million years ago, their fossils should not be “stretchy!” The biomaterial turned out to be blood vessels and osteocytes (bone cells).⁷ Horner’s team went so far as to build a mobile lab they took to dig sites to get even better preservation of original soft tissues.

These discoveries could no longer be ignored by the evolutionary community. The first reaction was attack and discredit. As fellow evolutionists, Horner and Schweitzer were shocked and offended by this. Some attacks were of such a visceral and harsh nature usually reserved for creationists. The attacks, however, did not stop them from continuing to publish more and more discoveries that were confirmed by numerous other scientific institutions. At the time of this article, there have been at least 134 publications in academic journals by several scientists and institutions describing biomaterials in fossils dated by evolutionists to be a minimum of 5-MYO, with a few even dated over 1 to 2 billion years old.

Still, it has been the discoveries in dinosaurs that have caused the greatest concern in evolutionary circles. Why? Because dinosaurs are a primary tool in indoctrinating young people to believe in evolution and billions of years of earth and cosmic history. If dinosaurs are not millions of years old, as the discovery of biomaterials demands, then the evolutionary timeframes are not correct, the process of biological evolution cannot happen, and, therefore, the only logical explanation for the recent existence of dinosaurs would be a somewhat recent creation. Hence, the plausibility of the Biblical record takes on enormous significance in people’s minds, which is anathema to evolution.

Several rescue devices have been proposed by those desperate to save the evolutionary mythos, but each one has been thoroughly refuted, usually by fellow evolutionists.⁸ As of now, **here is a list of some of the published biomaterial discoveries found in dinosaurs:**

1. BLOOD VESSELS	8. CHROMOSOMES	15. HEMOGLOBIN	22. HISTONE H4 (PROTEINS)
2. COLLAGEN	9. KERATIN	16. BLOOD CLOTS	23. OSTEOCALCIN (BONE PROTEIN)
3. CARTILAGE	10. NERVE CELLS	17. TUBULIN (PROTEINS)	24. ELASTIN (SKIN PROTEIN)
4. NERVE FILAMENT	11. OSTEOCYTES	18. ACTIN (PROTEINS)	25. MELANIN
5. EGGSHELL PROTEINS	12. OVALBUMIN (EGG PROTEINS)	19. UNMINERALIZED BONE	
6. EGGSHELL PEPTIDE BONDS	13. PHEX (BONE PROTEINS)	20. DNA (LIMITED)	
7. AMINO ACIDS	14. RED BLOOD CELLS	21. CAROTENOIDS	

We highly recommend you check out the webpage and watch the videos on Genesis Apologetics’ website:
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For the list of 134 academic papers, go to the digital version of this article to find the link:
creationtruth.com/stretchy-fossils

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3 In 1966: R. Pawlicki, et al, “Cells, Collagen Fibrils and Vessels in Dinosaur Bone,” *Nature* 21: 655-7.
4 In 1963: W.A. Isaacs, et al. “Collagen and a cellulose-like substance in fossil dentine and bone,” *Nature* 197: 192.
5 M. Schweitzer, et al, “Heme compounds in dinosaur trabecular bone,” *PNAS* 94, no. 12 (June 1997): 6291-6.
6 Sarah Graham, “Scientists Find Soft Tissue in T. rex Fossil,” *Scientific American* newsletter, March 25, 2005: <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/scientists-find-soft-tiss/>.
7 M. Schweitzer, J. Horner, et al, “Soft-Tissue Vessels and Cellular Preservation in *Tyrannosaurus rex*,” *Science* 307, no. 5717 (March 2005): 1952-5.
8 For further information, consult articles by leading collagen decay expert and creationist Dr. Brian Thomas of the Institute for Creation Research, such as <https://www.icr.org/article/iron-toast-union>.