

Josiah Concept Ministries



Ashleigh Walks!!

Stumbles a bit, but gets where she needs to go

Director's daughter, Ashleigh, 11 months, took her first steps not all that long ago.

One observer remarked that she does not look real; that she looks like a little wind-up doll.

It was a happy moment in the Tucholski house when little Ashleigh finally took a step without holding on to anything. At first, it was one. But pretty soon, she was able to make it to the end of grandma and grandpa Tucholski's long hallway without stumbling or falling.

Now, she can make it from one side of the house to the other.

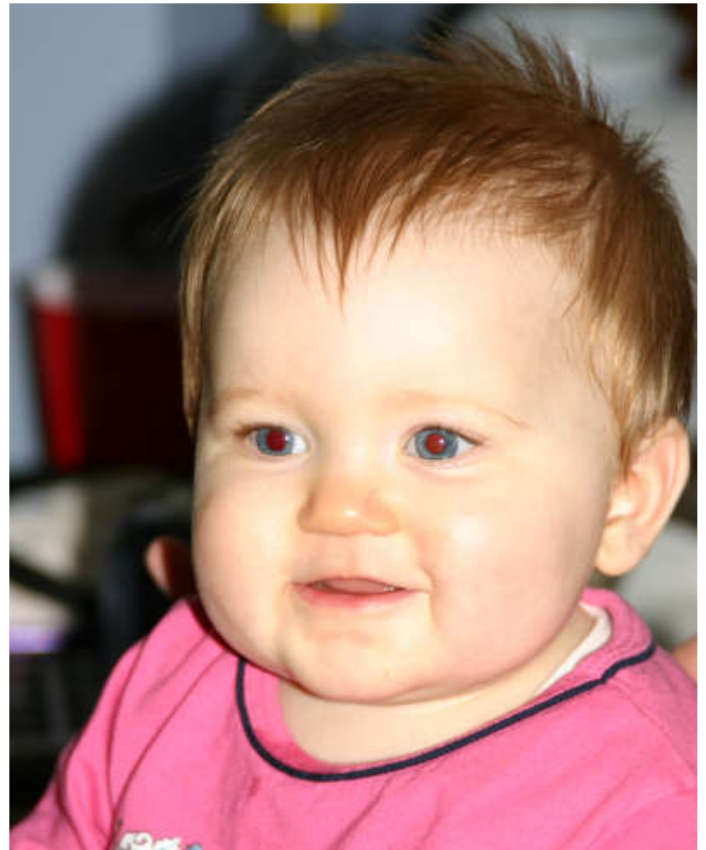
Ashleigh is starting to walk more and more

and crawl less and less. This is a very exciting development in her young life as she transitions from infant to toddler.

Born October 6, 2007, Ashleigh Nichole Tucholski has been nothing but a blessing from God to both of her parents and her extended family of grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Ashleigh is soon to celebrate her first birthday.

Ashleigh's birthday party is October 4. Proud parents Cory and Jody are looking forward to an excellent turn out. The party is at Maumee Valley Church, and the guest list includes all friends and



Ashleigh Nichole Tucholski

family members.

Next issue, look for details of the party.

New Series of PowerPoint Presentations

In my continuing quest to answer the websites God is Imaginary and Why Won't God Heal Amputees, I have decided to use PowerPoint presentations to answer the videos that the two sites distribute via YouTube.

So far, one presentation is up and

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Bellisario Debate Begins

"Catholic Champion" debates Mariology

Mariology, a spin off of Roman Catholic theology, has become the hot topic of debate in the waning days of last month between Matthew Bellisario and me.

Mr. Bellisario would have us believe that Mary is everything that the Catholic Church says she is: a perpetual virgin, sinless, and the Mother of God. I speak God's truth according to

the Bible: Mary was a model of Christian

A person who does not believe all the Catholic Church teaches about Mary is not a true Christian.

humility, but nothing more.

Mr. Bellisario, in his cutting way, remarks that a person who does not accept the attributes given Mary by the

Catholic Church is not a true Christian. But I say differently. I think that a person who prays to Mary and offers the level of devotion that the Catholic Church expects is not a true Christian. A true Christian worships God and God only.

It will be interesting to see how the debate unfolds. Stay tuned to the blog for more information.

Letter from the Director

Welcome to the first issue of the Josiah Concept Ministries monthly newsletter! Right now, it's small. But I hope to expand it in the near future to include more in-depth coverage than you get on the blog and the sister sites.

Obviously, my lead story had to be Ashleigh walking. I'm such a proud papa! It's so hard to believe that my little girl started as a lump that couldn't even roll over on her own, and in less than a year she can move on her own. She's mobile!

The biggest news to do with the ministry is that I'm engaging in a debate with Matthew Bellisario of Catholic Champion. Mr. Bellisario wants us to believe

that Mary deserves all of the special devotion and prayers that Catholics give her, and I want to redirect that worship to where it belongs: to God through Jesus Christ.

My prayer is that this newsletter becomes a monthly feature and that it gains more subscribers than just my wife. I hope that next month, we can write more than just four pages!

So enjoy the newsletter. As always, any comments or suggestions e-mail them to tucholskic@gmail.com.

In Christ,
Cory Tucholski

Comments from Readers

Genesis 2:7, "Then the LORD God formed man of dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."

The wording is interestingly redundant: "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life." The word used for breath (as in breath of life) has 2 meanings. One of them is soul. This could mean that Adam was alive already, but no more so than an animal, until God breathed a soul into him, giving him the capacity to understand good and evil. No other man on earth had this but Adam, and no man before him had it. Just Adam. It is why God created Eve from Adam's rib... so that she in some way would be spiritually descended from Adam, every bit as much as we are, given that we come from his seed.

Now, I realize that there are other logical

questions to ask, and I may have gotten some of the details wrong. So, over time, as I think about this more, I will probably end up refining my view, but this is where I personally am at with this today. I completely agree with you on the importance of the atonement, but I believe that whatever God did it is somehow consistent with both scripture and science. That means to me that Christians who reject Evolution do not understand everything God did and how the Bible reflects it. It also means that people who reject God and the doctrine of original sin also do not understand what God did and how the Bible reflects it. As for me and other Christians like me, well, I don't understand it all either. But, I see God's testimony in science and I see it scripture, and understand enough of both to be awed by

God's creative work, accept my need for atonement, and be grateful for Christ's redeeming sacrifice.

--Mike

You guys are truly poor Scripture scholars. Scripture begins to prepare us for Mary (the woman) in Genesis. Gabriel seals the deal with his greeting (full of grace). Once you research the etymology of those things throughout Scripture, if you do it properly, you won't be able to come to any conclusion other than the Catholic one.

--Wally

Comment of the Month

When will you religious types stop spreading your ignorance? God IS imaginary, that is to say, pretend: non-existent. You can use all the rhetoric you want, but that doesn't make him real. Quoting scripture doesn't make him real either. Just because you or anyone else "claims to know he is real" again, doesn't make him real.

In fact, the burden of proof to prove the existence of god is beyond any other thing that exists, because the threat you religious types persist in spreading is that Hell awaits those who do not accept his existence as a fact.

So, not only do you have to prove God's existence, you have to prove he exists more resoundingly than I can prove to you that my coffee cup exists, than my house, my country, my planet, and even my universe exists.

Sadly for you, you can't prove God's existence even as much as I can prove the smallest dead skin cell embedded in my carpet exists.

So, please stop dedicating, no, wasting your life and opportunity on this planet spreading ignorance helping to keep people in the dark ages. The world is a wonderful place, there is so much you could be using your obvious intellect and talent of communication to actually, really help others.

--Ryan Cameron

Power-Point

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running, the answer to "Ten Questions Every Intelligent Christian Must Answer." The questions are just ridiculous, such as:

•Why does the Bible contain so much anti-scientific nonsense?

•Why didn't Jesus' miracles leave behind any evidence? and

•Why hasn't Jesus appeared to you?

Obviously, these questions are asked by a person with no understanding of the faith. This PowerPoint presentation aims to educate people about the tough questions of faith. Hopefully, the Christian will come away with a more through understanding of faith. Hopefully the atheist will come away with satisfactory answers to his questions.

Currently, I'm working on an answer to "Proving it is Impossible to Get to Heaven."

Pope

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Discipline of the Sacraments and author of the book "Turning Towards the Lord" - about the importance of facing "ad orientem" during Mass; and Fr. Paul C.F. Gunter, a Benedictine professor at the Pontifical Athenaeum Sant Anselmo in Rome and member of the editorial board of the forthcoming "Usus

Antiquior," a quarterly journal dedicated to the Liturgy under the auspices of the Society of St. Catherine of Siena. The Society, which has an association with the English Province of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), promotes the intellectual and liturgical renewal of the Church.

Also relevant to the appointments is the fact that all former consultants, appointed when Archbishop Piero Marini led the office of Liturgical Celebrations,



Pope Benedict XVI

have been dismissed by not renewing their appointments.

Josiah Concept Ministries Now on Facebook



I have decided that it is time to do some more social networking in order to recruit additional readers for the blog. So I am now on Facebook.

So far, my page has a paltry four fans, which isn't enough to publish an RSS feed of the site. I'm asking all readers who are on Facebook to please join my page as a fan, and confirm me as the author of the site.

The address on Facebook is <http://apps.new.facebook.com/blognetworks/blog>

page.php?blogid=28027

Next, I think I'll look into Twitter. I hear good things about that service from the atheist bloggers that I follow.



Your Help Needed

I hate to ask, but it is necessary

It is unfortunately necessary to ask for some financial help and support for Josiah Concept Ministries.

We are a very small ministry, two people, Cory and Jody Tucholski. We are in a personal financial bind and it becomes very difficult for us to continue to operate the ministry on our own.

Josiah Concept Ministries requires very little in the way of operating expenses. It is only \$8.95 per year for the domain name and \$10.00 per year to

forward traffic to the right server from the domain name. If anyone is interested in donating just \$20 for the administrative costs, contact Cory at tucholskic@gmail.com.

We are interested in incorporating into a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in the state of Ohio. This costs \$125.00. If anyone is interested in helping to pick up some of that expense, also contact Cory at the same address.

If you are blessed by the

efforts of this ministry and the Lord so leads, please contact Cory to set up a donation. We will accept one-time offers, or you can commit to a monthly amount. More money means that Cory can do this full-time and bless other people in the same way as you.

Consider a gift to Josiah Concept Ministries. It will help us stay in business and fight the good fight for the glory of Our Lord Jesus. Thank you.

Pope making further Liturgical Reforms

Vatican City, Sep 25, 2008 / 11:10 am (CNA).- Pope Benedict XVI made a low profile but significant move in the direction of liturgical reform by completely renewing the roster of his liturgical advisors yesterday.

A hardly noticed brief note from the Vatican's Press office announced the appointment of new consultants for the office of Liturgical

Celebrations of the Supreme Pontiff. It did not mention, however, the importance of the new appointees.

The new consultants include Monsignor Nicola Bux, professor at the Theological Faculty of Puglia (Southern Italy,) and author of several books on liturgy, especially on the Eucharist. Bux recently finish a new book "Pope Benedict's Reform,"

printed by the Italian publishing house Piemme, scheduled to

All former consultants have been dismissed by not renewing their appointments

hit the shelves in December.

The list of news consultants includes Fr. Mauro Gagliardi, an

expert in Dogmatic theology and professor at the Legionaries of Christ's Pontifical Athenaeum "Regina Apostolorum"; Opus Dei Spanish priest Juan José Silvestre Valor, professor at the Pontifical University of Santa Croce in Rome; Fr. Uwe Michael Lang, C.O., an official of the Congregation for the Divine Worship and the

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Todd Bentley Steps Down from Ministry

Controversial preacher recognizes that it is time to take a break and get his personal life in order



Todd Bentley

An Abbotsford-based faith healer who has polarized North American evangelicals has agreed to step down as the head of Fresh Fire Ministries after it was discovered he had an "unhealthy relationship

on an emotional level" with a female staff member.

The announcement about Todd Bentley, a 32-year-old Gibsons native, came Friday from the ministry's board of directors.

In stepping down, Bentley will also refrain from all public ministries, including his meetings in south Florida which have attracted about 300,000 people to a church and baseball stadium since

April.

"In the meantime, he's going to get himself refreshed," said Ken Greter, International Missions Director for Fresh Fire Ministries. A 38-city stadium tour of American cities has been postponed. Greter, who is also a member of the board of directors, said Fresh Fire Ministries will be notifying ministries in the fall if and when a tour will occur.

Bentley is spending time with friends in California and was unavailable for comment Sunday. Greter said when he spoke with Bentley on Saturday, the faith healer was in a "good frame of reference."

Greter said the board started discussing Bentley's leadership role within the past 10 days.