

Mid Ohio *A*theists

For and About Atheists in the Mansfield Ohio Area

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Welcome

We are proud to announce the formation of a new atheist group, Mid Ohio Atheists. Our group was recently formed by atheists in and around Mansfield Ohio who want to get together with other like-minded people. We have been meeting off and on for the last year and decided we would like to have regular meetings. We also would like to increase our membership. We know there must be more atheists in our area and one of our goals is to reach out to these people by making ourselves known in the community.

Come Join Us At Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting is planned for Sunday, June 20th at 9:30 AM at Bob Evans in Ontario on W. 4th St. We are looking for new members or people who just want to see what we are about.

We are a friendly, welcoming group who would like to meet more people with similar beliefs.

But, if you plan to show up to convert us to your religion or just to tell us how wrong we are, don't bother. You'll just be wasting your time and ours. We know what we believe and are looking for like minded people to form a community of atheists in this area.

Please email us at midohioatheists@gmail.com to be sure you can find us at Bob Evan's.

Noah's Ark Found?

World Net Daily (WND) has a story on their site of a fifteen person team from an evangelical group called Noah's Ark Ministries International that is claiming to have found Noah's ark. Yeung Wing-cheung, a Chinese documentary film

*We are on the web at-
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maker from the group won't guarantee 100% that what they found is the ark but, "we think it is 99.9 % that this is it".

With all the previous false claims from many organizations over the years, it's hard to take their claim seriously without hard evidence. So far, they haven't even been able to convince other Christian scholars that their find is real. Liberty University archaeologist Dr. Randall Price, an experienced ark hunter himself, said, "To make a long story short: this is all reported to be a fake."

Why is it that people try so hard to prove Biblical stories true by providing evidence? Is it because there are no other instances where there is actual physical evidence that supports the miracle stories of the Bible?

The atheist Christopher Hitchens once said- "what can be asserted without evidence can also be dismissed without evidence." Christians must know this too.

In the News

The Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) recently won a court case in the Federal District Court in Madison WI declaring the National Day of Prayer (NDP) unconstitutional. U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb said in her ruling that the government can no more declare a day of prayer than it can "encourage citizens to fast during the month of Ramadan, attend a synagogue, purify themselves in a sweat lodge or practice rune magic. "

Many religious people declare that this ruling would encroach on their religious freedom to have a NDP. The judge counters this by writing, "With or without a statute, private citizens are free to pray at any time. Private citizens are also free to join together to hold celebrations of their faith, including by proclaiming their own day of prayer."

Unfortunately, President Obama is strongly supporting the NDP, even though Obama's background as a constitutional scholar should have informed him of the unconstitutionality of the statute. The Obama administration is appealing the ruling and it is expected to eventually go to the conservative Supreme Court. It will be interesting to see what hoops the Court will jump through or precedents it will ignore in order to declare the NDP law constitutional.

Get involved by signing a petition to ask Obama and the fifty state governors to abide by the ruling-
<http://tinyurl.com/2gx9n59>