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Dear Friends of FACT and the Glendive Dinosaur & Fossil Museum,

All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. John 1:3

Christmas is a wonderful time of celebrating the coming of Jesus as a little baby. However, because he came to earth as a human we often forget that Jesus is also our Creator. As John 1:3 says of Jesus, “without him was not anything made that was made.” Our planet is filled with examples of Jesus’ creative work. Consider the Christmas tree worm. This interesting marine creature, which lives in tubes formed in shallow-water coral,



gets its name from its pine tree-like appearance and its variety of colors.

“The tubes that Christmas tree worms live in can be up to about 8 inches long and are constructed of calcium carbonate. The worm produces the tube by excreting calcium carbonate that it obtains from ingesting sand grains and other particles that contain calcium. The tube may be much longer than the worm, which is thought to be an adaptation that allows the worm to withdraw fully into its tube when it needs protection. When the worm withdraws into the tube, it can seal it tight using a trapdoor-like structure called an operculum. This operculum is equipped with spines to fend off predators.”¹

Can you imagine this little creature “evolving” all the right equipment to perform the seemingly simple (but highly complex) ability to create its specialized burrow? No, only the Creator Himself could fashion such an organism. It’s the same Creator, Jesus Christ, who came to earth to live, die for our sins and rise again to pave the way for another one of His amazing creative works: a new life!

Thank You for a Great Summer!

By the time you read this, we will have surpassed **9000 visitors** for the year. We praise God for His faithfulness as He continues to draw increasing numbers of people to the museum to hear (some for the first time) that the Bible can be trusted, and is just as accurate when it comes to science as it is on every other subject. and that it alone contains the truth about beginnings and ultimately about our salvation from sin and death through Jesus Christ.



¹ Kennedy, Jennifer. "Learn About the Life and Times of the Christmas Tree Worm." ThoughtCo, Nov. 3, 2017, thoughtco.com/christmas-tree-worm-2291821.

Message from FACT President, Otis Kline

February 2018 will mark the 19th year since I came to Glendive to begin the search for property for the dig site and the museum. 2018 will also be the 15th year since Miriam and I moved to Glendive to start the ministry of FACT. As we look to the future of FACT, the Lord has put on my heart that the time has come to “pass the torch” to a new president & CEO to take FACT to the next level of excellence.

Accordingly, I have met with the board of directors, and we unanimously agreed that Robert Canen will be the new president/CEO and director of FACT, effective January 1, 2018.

I have known Robert since 2003. He has proven himself over his years with the ministry, as Secretary of the FACT board, and more recently as Vice President and Museum Director. We feel extremely confident in Robert’s ability to follow the Lord’s leading in moving the ministry forward.

I would ask for your prayers as we move into this new chapter in the growth of FACT. May God continue to bless and protect this ministry, and may He always be glorified in all that we do. That is our ultimate purpose and our enduring goal.

Otis

Mark your Calendars

Creation Celebration 2018 is coming soon! This year we are excited to announce our guest speaker will be Eric Hovind from *Creation Today*. The ministry’s stated goal is “to impact individuals to know and defend our faith in Creator God and to wholeheartedly experience and share Him through the foundations of Scripture.” Eric will be with us February 11-12 for several presentations. More information on specific times, locations and topics will appear in the January/February newsletter.



Christmas Hours

The museum will be open **December 22-23 & 29-30 from 10am to 5 pm**. We look forward to seeing you!

Thank you for all your support for our work this year. May the Lord remind you of the greatness of the gift of His Son Jesus, our Creator, this Christmas, and may He graciously bless and guide you, as you daily seek after Him in 2018!

Otis

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