In the last two issues we made the following key points:

1. Youth leave the Church for several reasons, some key:
   – They were never truly “in the Church.”
   – They were taught “what Christianity means,” but never taught “Christianity is True.”
2. These practices were outlined in more detail as follows:
   – Youth and their parents are never taught to deal with “Errors and Contradictions” in the Bible.
   – They were never taught to deal with the “modern refutation” of the Bible, “Millions of Years and Evolution.”
   – Often what they were taught, poor interpretations, which lead to manifest Bible compromises, such as “Old Earth” and “Evolution is Christian,” actually helps drive them from the Church, because any fool who bothers to read the Bible can easily see that it does not support these ideas. Thus, such teaching actually convinces them that “Christians” and “Christian Leaders” don’t even believe the Bible.
3. Thus, because youth have never seen/heard Christianity defended as Truth, they have no personal convictions that Christianity is true, and really should not be expected to have any such convictions. In fact, a strong case could be made that any youth who do have strong convictions that Christianity is true, are probably not qualified to hold such convictions.
4. A key fact to remember is that all early Apostles and Disciples had witnessed miracles done in the name of, or by Christ! Therefore. They had very strong apologetic evidence. Their counterparts today are given none by their elders, and in a very high percentage of the cases, the elders are totally incapable of giving them any (not necessarily because of incompetence, but because they have never been told or convinced it was important, therefore, have never studied either broad category of apologetics: historical or scientific.

5. Other startling facts discussed were:
   – Distance from parents leads to encounters with people who hate Jesus, and are often more capable at defending their position.
   – Those who faithfully attended Sunday School are more likely to leave the Church than those who did not.
   – Over half of faithful Sunday School attenders feel the Church is irrelevant.

Many other key facts and ideas are in the article, including the somewhat silly notion that only youth need apologetics. In the Bible, it was not youth who were challenged over the truth of Christianity. Youth see many adults that the youth know are shallow believers and cannot, or will not defend Christianity. If the Church does not change, ministries like CSA will help, but the loss will be great!

### Creation Safaris in 2010

For many years now, CSA has been engaged in several types of ministry activities, primarily: Newsletter, Books, Pamphlets, Talks, Seminars, Monthly Meetings and Creation Safaris. The Safaris fall into three basic types: day trips, weekend or multi-night trips and astronomy safaris.

Astronomy safaris last two to three hours, begin about an hour before dark with a seminar on the heavens and what you will see later in the evening and then move outside where several telescopes are available. After a brief tour of the heavens, the safari typically focuses on the stars or events featured on this safari.

Day trips are outings that can be accomplished in one day, typically visiting a site nearby, such as fossil hunting or a stream, museum, or geologic site of interest. Weekend trips of one or two nights typically travel to campsite or camp with cabins such as City Union Mission Camp In The Ozarks. These feature the most interesting geologic features near the camp.

### Camp Genesis – A New Safari Last Year

Due to the high cost of gasoline, we scheduled a new type of safari very close to Kansas City. While prices have fallen considerably, so have many incomes. Besides, the local overnight was a big hit, so we will repeat it. It will be an overnight at The Berry Patch, just south of Kansas City with fossil hunting, fishing, camping, campfires, games, lectures, the whole works, like our other safaris, but without the travel. We thought the kids would enjoy it just as much as a trip with lots of travel, and the parents may enjoy it more... and this seemed to be exactly what happened.

All safaris include visits, views and lectures that explain how the sights manifest evidence for the Biblical view of history, especially creation, the Genesis flood and the post-flood period. Included are typically hills, mountains, rock layers, valleys, sedimentary and igneous rock formations, etc.

A typical reaction we hear is “We had a great time and learned so much that we were unusually quiet all the way home.”
Fun, Educational, Recreational, God-Honoring

2010 Creation Safari Detail Booklet will be on the Creation Safaris page at www.csama.org, or call or write: CSA, 22509 State Line Road, Cleveland, MO, 64734. (816) 618-3610, or csahq@juno.com.

See www.csama.org "Safaris," or call, write or e-mail

CSA Family Creation Safaris, a ministry of the Creation Science Association for Mid-America, are family recreational outings with educational sessions designed to help families learn the truth about creation and evolution, and about the importance of origins to individuals, nations and the Church.

Creation Safaris are attended and enjoyed by toddlers to octogenarians, singles, families, youth or church groups. Safari size varies from a dozen to over a hundred. Everyone has a good time and brings back something of eternal value. Reserve early. See end of this article!

Mar 12 (Friday) 7:15 - 9:30 PM - Astronomy Safari
Note: Astronomy Safaris are held at The Berry Patch, 22509 State Line Road. Each Astronomy Safari consists of an inspiring slide seminar followed by a tour of the heavens using tracking telescopes and binoculars. For more information, get the Safari Detail Booklet, which also contains a map to the safari site (see below).

Mar 27 (Sat) 8 AM - 6PM - SE Kansas Fossils & Coal
A day trip to the coal mining region of SE Kansas - great exploration, excellent evidence for the Genesis Flood, and, fun for all ages. Again this year, we will be touring the Tri-State Mineral Museum in Joplin.

April 16 (Friday) 8:00 - 10:00 PM - Astronomy Safari
Note: See March 12 Astronomy Safari for more details.

April 23-25 (Fri-Sun) - Ha Ha Tonka, Lake of the Ozarks
Visit World Famous Karst Topography: caves, sinkholes, a natural bridge, beautiful wildflowers on a rare Savannah, capped by a 60-room stone castle. A tremendous weekend.

May 14 (Friday) 8:30 - 10:30PM - Astronomy Safari
Note: See March 12 Astronomy Safari for more details.

May 28-31 (Sat - Mon) Western Kansas Chalk and Fossils
One of the most famous chalk and fossil beds in the world. Visit Wildcat Canyon, Castle Rock, volcanic ash beds, and numerous other chalk and fossil beds. Bring home all the fossils you can carry.

June 17-19 (Thurs-Sat) - River Float Trip - Camp, canoe, swim in a beautiful Ozarks Riverrway. Enjoy a delightful weekend, and grow in grace and knowledge of river and canyon formation; what purifies our atmosphere; and the awesome "evidence of God's eternal power and deity"See Safari Detail Booklet for specific information. Rom 1:20

June 12 (Saturday) - 8:30 - 10:30PM - Astronomy Safari
Note: See March 27 Astronomy Safari for more details.

July 10 (Sat) - AM-4PM - KU Natural History Museum
Fossil hunting, picnic, and a truly rare experience... God-honoring tour of a Natural History Museum.

July 27 (Saturday) - 8:30 - 10:30 PM - Astronomy Safari
Note: See March 12 Astronomy Safari for more details.

Aug 14 (Sat) - 10AM-2:30PM - Rock Bridge Cave
A truly "wild" cave, with no fancy sidewalks or lights. We bring our own lights. One of Missouri's longest caves in the heart of Missouri's famous Karst region (a region marked by caves, sinkholes, natural bridges, underground rivers, etc.)

Aug 27 (Friday) - 8:30 - 10:30 PM - Astronomy Safari
Note: See March 12 Astronomy Safari for more details.

Sept 4-7 (Fri-Mon) Southeast Missouri/Johnson's Shut-ins
Becoming our most popular safari with all ages. Visit, swim and play in some of the world's most interesting geologic formations: Johnson's Shut-ins, Taum Sauk Mountain, Elephant Rocks ("elephant shaped" granite formations), while learning how all these formed quickly

Sept 10 (Friday) 8:30 - 10:30 PM Astronomy Safari
Note: See March 12 Astronomy Safari for more details.

Sept 24-26 (Fri-Sat) - Camp Genesis - New in 2009. Enjoy an overnight campout at The Berry Patch. Sing around the campfire, hunt for fossils close by, make your own fossils, do the wilderness trail, fishing tournament, pick not-so-wild blackberries, all while learning the origin of fossils, rocks, hills and valleys.

Oct 8 (Friday) 7:15 - 9:15PM - Astronomy Safari
Note: See March 12 Astronomy Safari for more details.

Oct 23 (Sat) 9AM - 6PM - KATY Bike Trail
Bicycle trip along the beautiful Missouri River bluffs near Boonville, MO. Fall colors, explore the cause and age of the Missouri River Valley.

Nov 5 (Friday) 7:15 - 9:15PM - Astronomy Safari
Note: See March 12 Astronomy Safari for more details.

Dec 4 (Sat) 9AM - 4PM - Squaw Creek Game Refuge
Eagle Day: About 100 eagles, thousands of geese and ducks, many deer, muskrats. Also, hiking, fossil hunts, Loess soil and fascinating seminars on Geology and God’s Marvels, including migration.

Join A CSA Creation Safari in 2009
Hundreds of people enjoyed CSA Creation Safaris in 2008, thousands have participated over the years. We look forward to having you, your family and/or your group, join us this year. We will both be blessed if you do!

Register To Attend A Safari
To attend a CSA Creation Safari, you need to register. To get the Safari Detail Booklet: 2009 Family Creation Safaris, You may Visit www.csama.org, under "Creation Safaris," or call (816) 618-3610 or e-mail csahq@juno.com, or write to CSA, 22509 State Line Road, Cleveland, MO 64734.

To register you may use the form on www.csama.org, email or snail mail. Send us the Safari Name and Date(s), names of adults, names and age of children, address, phone, cell phone on the trip, and email address.

Safari Costs
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