

WONDERS OF SCIENCE



“... bringing life to science”

WOS With Air Force: Kirtland AFB, NM

For over seventy years the WOS presentations have been active in the military through our chaplains. Multitudes of Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine personnel have witnessed the live programs, some, no doubt, later paying the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. Only heaven will reveal the numbers who responded to the Lord. Wonders of Science, formerly known as Sermons From Science, has always had a special place in its hearts for our military.

The warm reception by the Command, chaplains and personnel at Kirtland AFB created a good ministry relationship. Renewed acquaintances with Commanders and new friendships made with chaplains and airmen are always one of the highlights of my visits. The young airmen were especially attracted to science and the technically-minded personnel naturally gravitated to our programs. Afterwards, the crowd approached the stage eagerly as a group, though the officers wished to chat individually.

It was unusual to hold the programs in the base chapel, because many installations have closed the base theaters. We were initially concerned that some may be reluctant to enter a chapel setting for any kind of program. The chaplains wisely scheduled the first WOS program right after a chapel pizza dinner so numerous single airmen and families stayed to “check out” the science programs on the chapel platform. They, in turn, invited their friends.

Pray with us that in God’s perfect timing He would encourage more military chaplains to utilize the WOS ministry by bringing to their minds these positive experiences.



Dean with Base and Wing Commanders.



(Above) Dean speaks in the Chapel.

(Right) Dean with the Air Force Airman of the Year.



2013 UPCOMING PROGRAMS 2014

Enderlin, ND - Sept. 11 (Creation/Evolution Seminar)
Bozeman, MT - Sept. 15-17 (The Journey Church - PM;
 Petra Academy - AM & PM Assemblies; Grace Comm.
 Church - PM.
Vaughn, MT - Sept. 19-22 (Vaughn Bible Church,
 Vaughn Public School Assemblies, Vaughn community,)
Ft. Collins, Col. Springs, CO - Tentative (Sept./October)
US Air Force Academy, CO - Tentative (October)
Tonto Basin, AZ - (October) (Creation/Evolution Seminar)
 Pending - (October - December)

Pending - (January- May)
ICHE Convention, Antioch, IL - June 5-6
Harvey Cedars Home School Conv., NJ - June 8-13
Sacandaga Bible Conf., NY - June 29-July 5
Pinewood Camp, East Stroudsburg, PA - July 12-18
ICHE Family Camp, East Troy, WI - Sept. 5-7
 Pending - (October - December)

Check our website for confirmed dates through the year!

Last year we had the privilege of speaking with an international group of a dozen or so genetic scientists and engineers from the scientific division of Douglas Machine, Inc., Alexandria, MN. That division is creating a new way to more quickly analyze DNA samples by developing a unique array that totally automates and accelerates the analysis by multiple orders of magnitude!

The talk was so appreciated by the company's founder and staff that we were asked to return again to their manufacturing division this year. This group creates robotic packaging systems that are installed world-wide!

I was surprised by an invitation to be the speaker at a luncheon gathering of area CEO's hosted by Douglas Machine (see following article).

We so appreciate the company's founder's commitment to the Scriptures and service to God. These unique talks and luncheons provide a platform for sharing the truths of the Bible to a group of highly trained engineers, scientists and business people. Pray for the continuing outreach these committed professionals have in the workplace.



Dean with the engineers at Douglas Machine, Inc.



Dean enjoyed talking with the CEO's of many high tech companies.

"We Had To Keep Setting Up More Tables!"

Douglas Machine hosted a CEO luncheon called "Unity: Faith In the Workplace" for which we were asked to be the guest speaker. Invitations went out to CEO's of the area's high tech companies.

In order to stage my equipment properly for the best viewing by the audience, I need to have an idea of how many might attend. I arrived in Alexandria, MN the day before and visited the ballroom scheduled at the local conference center. The hostess told me that earlier they had set up tables for 75 to 100, but then received a call to add another 50 settings.

I worked at determining where the platform should be placed and the size I needed, then returned the next day to check things over. The platform was all set up just as I'd requested for the initial numbers expected, but the adjacent ballroom was opened up for use also. The hostess arrived and said they received another call and needed to open up another ballroom and set up a couple more rows of tables. In all, there were over 200 places set for the luncheon. We had to re-center the platform for a better viewing experience for the many new guests.

It was clear that word was getting around that the CEO's could bring their families and guests as well as staff. This resulted in a number of young people in attendance. One was a California teenager who was staying with his grandparents in MN due to troubles at home. They attended hoping that the Lord might have an impact on his life.

Following the presentation there were invitations from other CEO's to visit their companies in 2014. Others excitedly offered to donate some new scientific equipment for my presentation experiments. Their equipment is currently used on the distant space probes as well as the International Space Station.

I was able to talk more in depth and pray with the staff engineers and several CEO's for a couple of hours afterwards. One even stayed longer to help me pack up my equipment! It was truly a unique opportunity that the Lord brought along our way.

PRAISE!

- Many decisions made during our summer programs.
- For continued inquiries about Wonders of Science programs.
- The generous support of our wonderful donors.

**Wonders of Science
Counts on You!**

Where Did All These People Come From?

The original high school auditorium in Glenwood, MN is now called Central Square. It became the venue for the Wonders of Science programs sponsored by First Baptist Church of Glenwood, MN. Seating a little over 1,000 guests, I wondered how this rural community would have large enough crowds to fill it. Oh me of little faith! I don't know where they all came from, but the audiences grew nightly and the auditorium was nearly filled by the final evening! Prayer support was evident by the freedom I sensed to proclaim spiritual truths.

The Leadership at Glenwood. Gordy and Bonnie Stock, Earl and Lois Jenks, Shawn and Heidi Vliem.



It was exciting to see so many family groups attending the presentations. In fact, it was one of the most well-behaved audiences I'd ever experienced. There was tremendous applause lasting nearly 20 seconds directed at the children and youth present when I complimented them on their good behavior!



First Baptist is presently without a full-time pastor and some were surprised that they would undertake such a project. However, with support from another like-minded church, the regional radio station and some local businesses God was able to do a work through the church. Comments like, "This is the first time I've ever seen that group at any church sponsored event!" were overheard. Another said, "I heard about the program at 5:30 PM the first scheduled night and it changed my whole week! My whole family is here."



We pray that God did a work in many lives through His Word and that He would have a long term impact on this central Minnesota community and this church in which Terry and I were married 44 years ago!

It Was Like Being In A Theater!



It was a most unusual experience! The Evangelical Free Church near Princeton, MN was encouraged to present Wonders of Science to their community by a local prison inmate, a member in absentia, who actively leads prison Bible studies. Anticipating larger crowds than the church could accommodate, New Life Church offered their new, modern facility. It was the perfect setting, with a huge stage, 180 degree surround screens for image projection, and a wonderfully capable staff of pastors, technicians and videographers (who recorded the entire series).

God brought many people, especially after the youth returned from their outing. We even had families drive in from out of state to see the programs. One was a high school classmate I hadn't seen in 50 years, Carol (Jellison) Marz and her husband, Walt. We so enjoyed having lunch together and hearing about their spiritual journey over the years.

COMMENT CORNER...

"Two of my friends, who are both atheists, came to one of the sessions. They expressed great interest in what they heard and saw."
-- Visiting Pastor --

"As a former college professor in science for thirty-five years, I found the presentations to be very interesting and consistent with current scientific understandings. The application of the "Wonders of Science" to our walk with the Lord was especially good."
-- Senior Pastor --

"While dazzling the senses, Dr. Ortnier points people to Christ in a way they will never forget...amazing ministries...exceeded all expectations."
-- High School Teacher/Associate Pastor --

PRAYER REQUESTS!

- Pray for strength and wisdom for Dean and Terry as they do year-round programs.
- God will continue to bring opportunities for WOS for sharing the ministry.

Prayer Changes Things!

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A Teacher, Then A Professor, Now A Pastor

It is rare that I have the privilege of working with a former scientist turned pastor. Pastor DelRoy Johnson and I enjoyed our interaction together, learning from each other during our time in Blaine, MN. Oak Park Community Church's building was destroyed by arson and the members are in the process of rebuilding. We witnessed a cooperative, sacrificial spirit by everyone involved. The programs were held in their new auditorium and were supported by a fine technical, music and teaching staff. Another highlight of being at Oak Park was ministering where Terry's sister, Lori, and her husband Jim are very much involved.

The many new faces and visiting families were encouraging to everyone. The number of youth that filled the front rows was a great sight. They became my chief source for the many volunteers each evening. One family, who had attended the programs in Princeton, came a distance each night so their son, who had missed the programs there, could hear what had been shared. We were grateful to be a part of Oak Park's desire to reach others in their community with the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Dean with his brother-in-law Jim, Pastor Johnson and other leaders.

That Is One Huge Sunday School Class!



We are admonished to do our work as unto the Lord and to shine in areas that could be inaccessible to a formal proclamation of the gospel. Such is the case in many of the work places in the world. Often times a committed believer will have additional ministries outside of his or her profession. Such is the ministry of a particular Air Force Commander.

The Commander and his family worked with a large class of young people at Hoffmantown Church, NM. He requested a special Sunday morning program for combined classes at their church after hearing the Wonders of Science presentations at the local Air Force Base.

The large room was ideally designed for the youth program. What a response — total enthusiasm and volunteers by the dozens! We so appreciated the opportunity and we certainly admire their commitment to reach the youth with the truths in the Bible before they are overly influenced by today's distractions.