

What are we truly made of?

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Earthen vessels, forged by fire! Few people will argue regarding our physical components. We are composed of dirt, minerals, and water. I believe the same minerals in us can also be found in the soil and water. You and I came from the ground, formed out of clay, much like the Claymation characters we grew up watching for entertainment. You could say, man is like Gumby in the hands of his Creator. However, much like the Claymation comedy "Chicken Run", you might say, man is organizing.

God made us out of dirt (clay) but infused us with His DNA. This is why we can organize and create independently of each other and separately from God Himself. Although, I don't think that last part would be a good idea. Just because we can do certain things on our own, does not mean we should. One thing rings true of the human race. We need each other to survive! Even Adam was not complete while Eve was still a rib bone inside his body. But remember, before Eve was made Adam still had God to commune with. Think of it this way: from dirt man was made into flesh, blood, and bones; and from a single bone woman was made into flesh and blood, which Adam called flesh of his flesh and bone of his bones.

Man is truly fearfully and wonderfully made, when you consider the fact that his Creator allows him to invent, create, and destroy without the consulting God. No wonder most of our efforts are attempted failures. Right or wrong, we are given liberty to test all aspects of created things. The earth is indeed placed under subjection to man! What are the limitations placed on man? NONE would be the right answer. But I think it's safe to say, the sky is the limit.

This might sound strange, but God has definite boundaries we cannot cross. Perhaps God is giving His most valued creation sufficient rope to lasso the stars, or to hang himself.

Baptist denominations plan to worship together

(AP)— They're America's other Baptists — the ones who appoint women pastors, work with theological liberals and line up more closely with President Carter than with President George W. Bush.

Over the last 25 years, they have watched with growing concern as their conservative Southern Baptist brethren came to define the religious tradition for the general public.

Now, these other Baptists, who are spread among many different denominations, are slowly pooling resources on humanitarian work and evangelism, hoping they can have a bigger impact.

This Friday in Washington, two of the larger groups — the American Baptist Churches and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship — will worship together for the first time. They plan to commission two missionary couples who will represent both groups, and will organize a national Islamic-Baptist dialogue to improve relations with Muslims.

"It is an effort to celebrate our common heritages as Baptist Christians and to affirm our commitment to work together more collaboratively," said the Rev. Daniel Vestal, national coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. "The Baptist witness is much richer and more nuanced than is characterized so often in the public square now."

In January, an even broader group of Baptists will host an Atlanta meeting "to speak and work together to create an authentic and genuine prophetic Baptist voice in these complex times," according to a joint document they issued called a "North American Baptist Covenant."

The covenant grew out of meetings of Baptist leaders organized by Carter, a longtime Bible teacher who severed ties in 2000 with the Southern Baptist Convention because of what he called its "increasingly rigid" creed.

At 16.3 million members, the Southern Baptist Convention is the largest Protestant denomination in the country. However, millions of other Baptists have churches nationwide that are either independent or affiliated with smaller groups.

Now let's focus on us. We are residual, capable of blood, cell, and skin regeneration. God made us fortified with basic antibodies to counteract sickness and disease. We can learn and reason beyond our subordinate Homo sapiens.

Our nature is equipped with impulses for personal protection, such as fight or flight when confronted with the unknown. Through copulation, we can populate uninhabited regions and establish new territories. By manipulating natural resources we can build, bomb, and rebuild on the same piece of real estate. Now that the atom can be split and nuclear fusion is harnessed to power man's dreams, the future itself is placed within reach. Nothing seems impossible to man. If we could only reverse the curse brought on through Adam's disobedience, death would have to bow at the command of man. Regardless of our achievements, and our human strides toward medical and scientific marvels, God holds the trump cards. Only through relationship with Him can we conquer death.

Nuts ...nuts....nuts... That's what you find in a nutshell. Most of us live like nutshells waiting to be cracked by the pressures of life. The little lords of this world are controlling those would be kings, who are in search of their kingdoms. We are striving to be in control of a planet we already control. If truth were spoken... we are striving to control something far bigger than this world, and that is getting us into hot water. Don't jump out of the frying pan...

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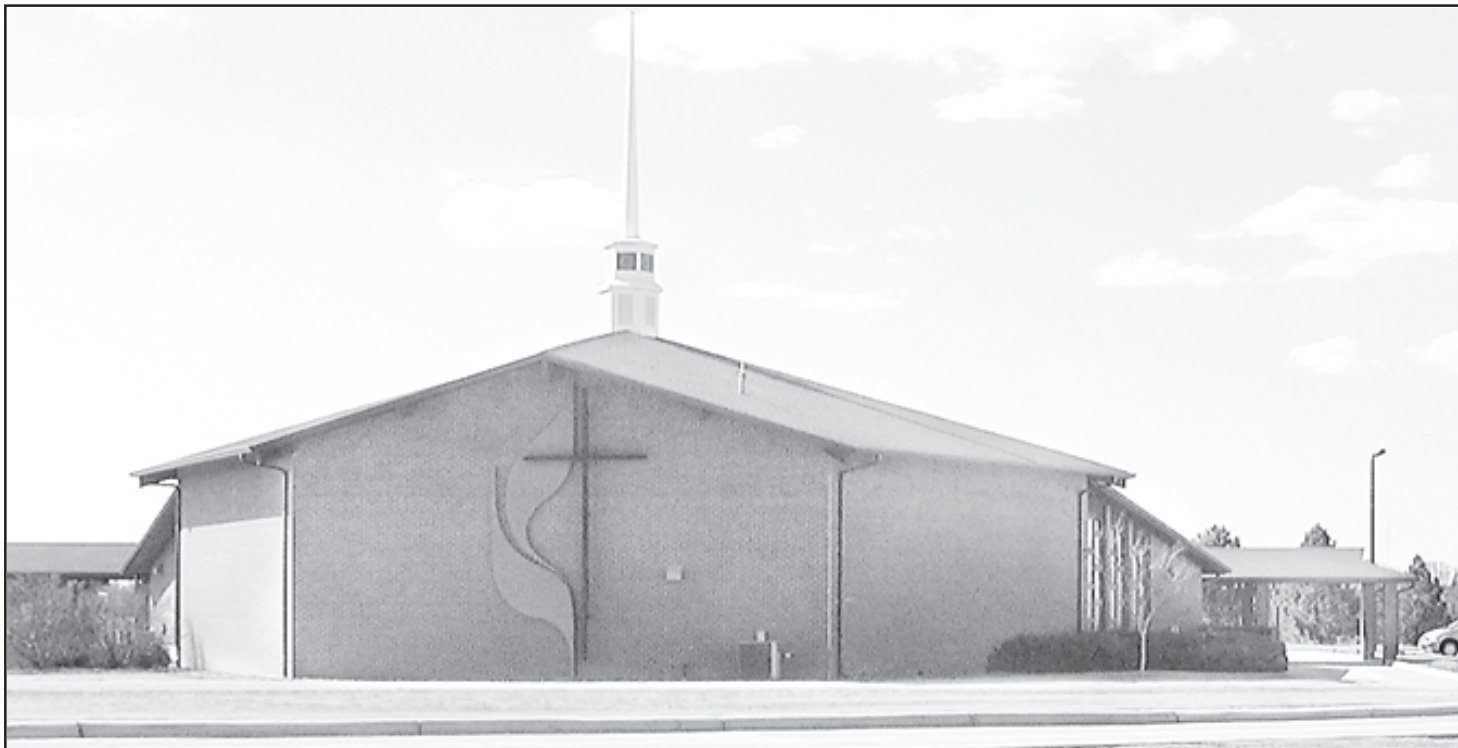
Members of Prayer in Action took one last look at a Colby house they painted during the past two weeks. Colby's Sacred Heart Catholic Church served as headquarters for the group made up of youth throughout Kansas as they did a variety of home improvement projects for Colby people. A member of the Salina Diocese organized the youth while Sacred Heart Church found the projects for them to do. Today was the last day for the group.



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