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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR COLUMBUS KOINONIA

Apr. 11 CK Reunion – @Outreach for Youth.
May 9 CK Family Camp @First Love Community Church
June 13 CK Picnic & Business meeting @Sharon Woods Park
Aug 8 CK Reunion - @Beth Messiah
Sep 12 CK Reunion - @Brice United Methodist
Oct 10 CK 120 Support Party @1st Presbyterian
Oct 16-18 CK 120 Weekend @Geneva Hills
Nov 14 CK Reunion - Square Dance @Trinity Family Life
Dec 12 CK Christmas Party @Gethsemane United Methodist

We are always seeking Hosts & Locations/Churches to hold CK reunions. Please let us know if there is a church or meeting place that can be used. Please contact Wayne Johnson at 614-890-4147 or you can Email him at www.ColumbusKoinonia.com and click on contact us, then click on his name.

The Glue That Holds Us Together

This is a pretty neat story and an interesting thing that few of us know. It's brief, so please read. (FROM A DOCTOR)

A couple of days ago I was running (I use that term very loosely) on my treadmill, watching a DVD sermon by Louie Giglio... And I was BLOWN AWAY! I want to share what I learned.... But I fear not being able to convey it as well as I would like. I will share anyway.

He (Louie) was talking about how inconceivably BIG our God is... How He spoke the universe into being... How He breathes stars out of His mouth that are huge raging balls of fire... Then He went on to speak of how this star-breathing, universe creating God ALSO knitted our human bodies together with amazing detail and wonder. At this point I am LOVING it (fascinating from a medical standpoint, you know.)... And I was remembering how I was constantly amazed during medical school as I learned more and more about God's handiwork. I remember so many times thinking.... 'How can ANYONE deny that a Creator did all of this???'

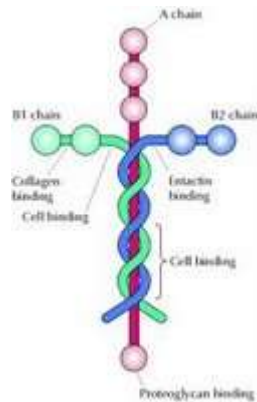
Louie went on to talk about how we can trust that the God who created all this, also has the power to hold it all together when things seem to be falling apart...how our loving Creator is also our sustainer.

And then I lost my breath. And it wasn't because I was running my treadmill, either!!!

It was because he started talking about laminin. I knew about laminin. Here is how Wikipedia [<http://www.wikipedia.org/>](http://www.wikipedia.org/) describes them: 'Laminins are a family of proteins that are an integral part of the structural scaffolding of basement membranes in almost every animal tissue.' You see..... Laminins are what hold us together...LITERALLY. They are cell adhesion molecules. They are what secures one cell of our bodies to the next cell. Without them, we would literally fall apart. And I knew all this already. But what I didn't know is what they LOOKED LIKE.

But now I do. And I have thought about it a thousand times since (already)....

Here is what the structure of laminin looks like... AND THIS IS NOT a 'Christian portrayal' of it.... If you look up laminin in any scientific/medical piece of literature, this is what you will see...



Now tell me that our God is not the coolest!!! Simply Amazing. The glue that holds us together.... Each one of us....is in the shape of the cross. Immediately Colossians 1:15-17 comes to mind.

'He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created; things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; All things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things HOLD TOGETHER. 'Colossians 1:15-17

Call me crazy. I just think that is very, very, very cool. Thousands of years before the world knew anything about laminin, Paul penned those words. And now we see that from a very LITERAL standpoint, we are held together...One cell to another...By the cross.

You would never in a quadrillion years convince me that is anything other than the mark of a Creator who knew EXACTLY what laminin 'glue' would look like long before Adam breathed his first breath!!

Submitted by Aggie Long and Sue Frederick

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 9th, 2009 will be Columbus Koinonia Family camp and hopefully we won't have any power loss like last year. Volunteers are needed to assist with coordinating the family events for that day. If you would like to assist contact Heather Poff for details. (614) 575-9620 ha.poff@yahoo.com

Directions to Koinonia April 2009 Reunion at:

Outreach for Youth

8725 Palmer Rd SW #A

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From the east/Licking County: take I70 West towards Columbus. Take the OH-310 exit towards Pataskala. Turn right at Hazelton Etna Rd SW, then left at Palmer Rd. Outreach for Youth will be on the right.

From the west/or Columbus. Take I70 East Get off at exit 118 for OH-310 towards Pataskala. Turn right at Hazelton Etna Rd SW, then left at Palmer Rd. Outreach for Youth will be on the right.

