



Koinonia

Evangelical Church

- Sunday mornings: 10.30am
- Sunday evenings: 6.30pm

NEWSLETTER

September 2023



As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.
Genesis 8:22 NIV

We welcome you to our services today. If this is your first visit, please make yourself known to us. May you know God's blessing, as we worship our awesome God.

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WELCOME TO STEVE & HOLLY

This month we welcome Steve as our Associate Pastor. This, of course, begins a new chapter in the life of Koinonia. Steve will be working alongside Don, and we pray that he will settle in quickly.

We are looking forward to Steve & Holly becoming an integral part of the Fellowship. We are also looking forward to what God will continue to do amongst us and we thank Him for bringing Steve and Holly here.

Please make every effort to welcome them both into our family at Koinonia.

Don't forget the AiG Conference on the 30th! Invite your friends.

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THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE
on Noah's Ark & Flood... Planet Earth... Climate Change... Dinosaurs

Saturday 30th September

Day Conference, 4 sessions, **10am-4pm**

with time for resources and refreshments in-between; bring your own lunch



featuring
SIMON TURPIN
Prof. **STUART BURGESS**
Prof. **STEVE TAYLOR**
& **JOSEPH HUBBARD**



September Diary

September 3 rd	10.30 am	Steve's Induction
	5.30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30 pm	Don Olden
September 10 th	10:30am	Don Olden
	5.30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30 pm	Steve Wicks
September 17 th	10:30am	Steve Wicks
	5.30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30 pm	Matt Lockwood
September 24 th	10:00am	Don Olden
	5.30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	6.30 pm	Steve Wicks

Meet Up With Don Or Steve At The **BLUE ONION** Cafe

This month they will be available each Tuesday between 11:00am & 2:00pm but please arrange a time with them.

HOUSEGROUP MEETINGS

On the 13th & 20th

1:00pm A child friendly ladies' group (please contact Charlotte or Vicki)

2:00pm Tony & Barbara's

7:30pm Various groups (please speak to Don or Steve)

CHURCH SOCIAL – "Would I Lie To You?"

Saturday, September 16th, 7pm

CHURCH MEMBERS MEETING

Wednesday, September 27th, 7:30pm @ BSPF

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Thank God for our pastor Don. Pray that the Lord will keep him in good health. Pray that the Lord will bless and guide him as he begins to work with Steve and as our church begins a new chapter in its ministry. Pray for Don and Paula as they seek the Lord about their future, and that they will find a suitable property.*
- *Thank God for Steve and Holly. Pray that the Lord will bless and guide Steve as he begins his ministry and as he works alongside Don. Pray that the Lord will lead them to a suitable property, as their purchase has fallen through. Praise God that Steve and Holly are expecting their first child. Pray that the baby will grow healthily right up to the due date in February.*
- *Pray that the Lord will give us elders to lead our church and other gifted leaders to serve and enable us to reach many in Andover with the gospel.*
- *Thank God that we were able to run another children's summer holiday club this year. Thank God for those who planned and ran the activities, and everyone who gave up their time and helped. Pray for the children who came along, that the message of God's love will remain with them and impact them deeply. Pray that many children will become Christians as a result of what they learned.*
- *Thank God for our children's work. Pray for Leigh, Helen and Jeremy as they prepare for the autumn program for the Sunday school classes. Pray for God's blessing on the Sunday school sessions each Sunday morning. Thank God for all our children. Pray that more non-Christian children will come along to our church.*
- *Continue to pray for the 'Answers in Genesis' conference (30th September). Pray that the publicity and advertising material will impact the right people. Pray that many non-Christians will come along.*
- *Give thanks for the ministry of Christian Prison Resourcing and that many prisoners are hearing the good news and responding positively. Pray that more Christians will volunteer to serve with CPR and that the work will increase and expand. Pray for God's protection on the work and that more and more prisoners will hear the good news and become Christians.*
- *Pray for those suffering from health problems. Pray particularly for healing for Carmina Adams as she begins her next round of chemotherapy, and for David Sullivan as he undergoes radiotherapy. Pray for Ian and Ali Waite. Pray for Carl Henderson that he will continue to regain strength. Pray for Stan and Eleanor who have had falls recently. Pray that the Lord will comfort those who have been bereaved and miss loved ones. Pray that the Lord will sustain those caring for loved ones, relatives and friends.*

THE MANY WONDERS OF GOD'S CREATION

EACH MONTH WE'LL BE HIGHLIGHTING SOME FEATURES FROM THE NATURAL WORLD, WHICH DEMONSTRATE THE OMNISCIENCE OF OUR AWESOME CREATOR.

THE GOLDEN RATIO

The “golden ratio” is a special name given to describe a ratio that seems to relate indirectly or directly to many aspects of God's creation. The ratio is approximately 1.618.

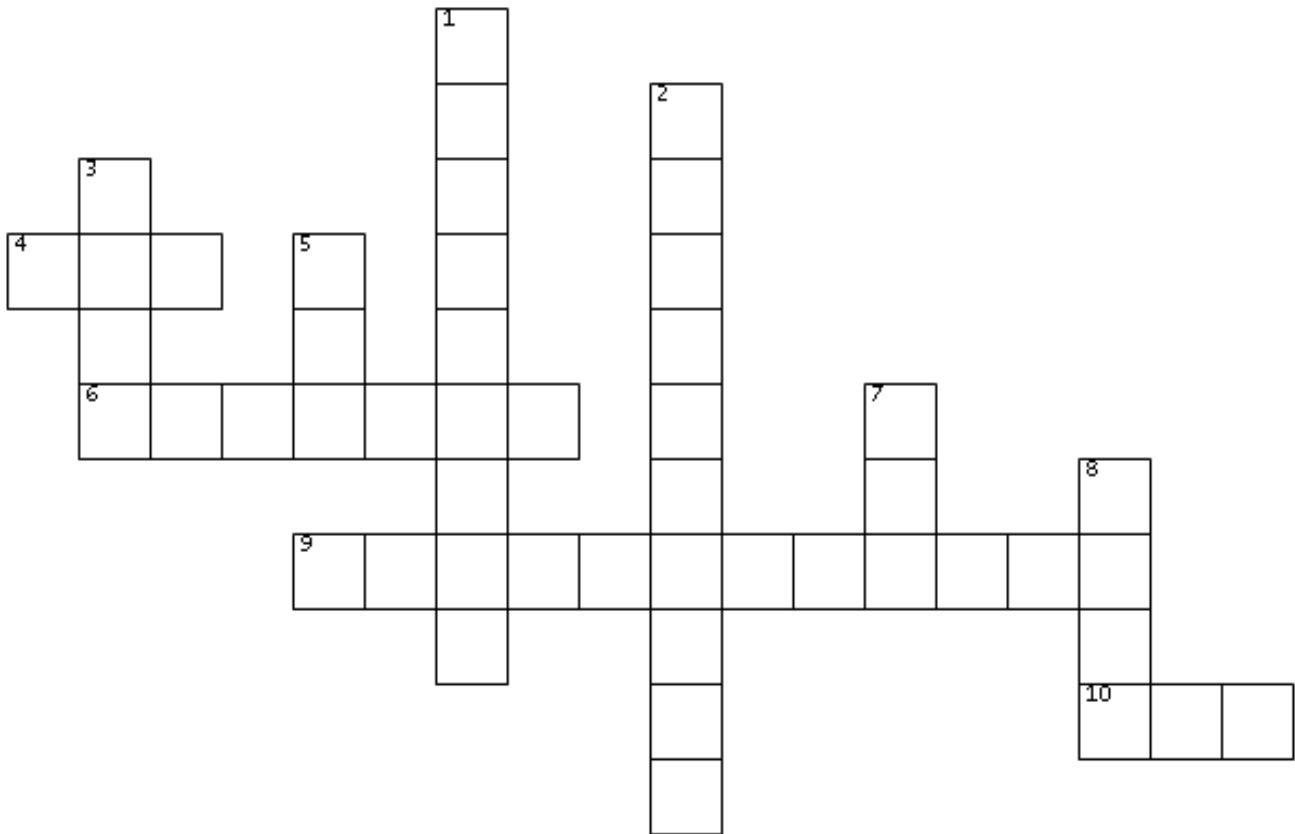
To understand how we observe the ratio 1.618 in God's creation, we need to take a look at a special sequence called the Fibonacci numbers. This special sequence begins 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144...and continues, with each new number formed by adding the previous two numbers together ($1 + 2 = 3$, $3 + 5 = 8$, etc.). The ratio between most numbers in this sequence is very close to the golden ratio. This means that if you were to divide two neighbouring numbers in the Fibonacci sequence, you'd get a number close to 1.618! Since we find neighbouring Fibonacci numbers all over creation, it follows that we also find the golden ratio all over too.

For example, the seeds in any given sunflower are arranged in two patterns of spirals. If one of the patterns has 55 spirals; the other will have either 34 or 89—the number of spirals in each pattern are always neighbouring numbers in the Fibonacci sequence! This also means that the ratio between the two patterns is always very close to the “golden” ratio. No matter how large or small the sunflower, one spiral pattern always contains approximately 1.618 times the number of seeds as the other pattern. Guess what? This ratio allows for the most number of seeds to fit in any given sunflower! God's attention to detail is evident and undeniable

As Christians, we know the ratio appears everywhere because God designed the golden ratio to have the properties it has, and then designed each part of His creation with infinite care and wisdom, using this ratio to give sunflowers, pinecones, and more just what they needed. He also created our minds to appreciate this same ratio as something “beautiful”—as testified to by the many buildings and paintings that incorporate this ratio.

THIS MONTH'S BIBLE CROSSWORD

Answers Are Below, In No Particular Order.



ACROSS

4. A biblical fruit representing Israel.
6. Keep this day Holy?
9. A nativity gift.
10. His wife should not have looked back.

DOWN

1. Sea serpent killed by God, written in Psalms.
2. Allowed to enter Holy of Holies on Day of Atonement (2 words).
3. Characteristic of permissible food from the water, as in Leviticus.
5. Put to the test by Satan in the Old Testament.
7. Light of the body which must be single says Jesus.
8. Torn from top to bottom after the Crucifixion.

Eye Job HighPriest Fins Fig Lot Veil Leviathan Frankincense Sabbath