

from the world. It's not enough to just tell students, "Believe in Jesus!" Faith that is not founded on fact will ultimately falter in the storm of secularism that our students face every day.

In many cases, when we look at what is being taught in the Sunday schools, we're just teaching on an inspirational or a moral level. The Sunday sermon usually dishes out more of the same. Neither one is providing the necessary support and education students need. In many cases, they are getting two lessons on a Sunday, and neither are really relevant to them. It's not just the Sunday school, it's the sermon, the VBS, it's most of the teaching programs – they are not helping them in this postmodern culture where it is becoming the norm to attack and marginalize Christians. They are not coping – they are not able to cope – they haven't been trained to cope.

Ken Ham and Britt Beemer. *Already Gone: Why your kids will quit church and what you can do to stop it.* Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 2009. 49.

### -----News-----

**Joy Gibson** will be having surgery on her neck/back on October 10 at Tucson Medical Center. Please pray that Joy will have the absolute best results from the surgery.

**Ben Atchley** has an appointment at Mayo Clinic on Oct. 11th. Please pray that they will find something that will help Ben in his Cancer fight.

Louella Brigs' brother **Neil Shaw** is home and recovering from surgery.

**Gerry Clark** will be leaving today for Missouri and won't return until Nov. 1.

### Prayer List

**Healing:** Neil Shaw, Charles Lawrence, Chuck Brooks, Faye Atchley, Herman Atchley, Ben Atchley, Nicolas Self, Annie Self, Douglas Gardner, Brandon (Gerry Clark's grandson), Diane Cocke's brother-in-law Dave Smith, Dave Morse, Richard Tuey. **Travels:** Gerry Clark.

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## Sermon Topics:

**A.M.: The Parable of the Mustard Seed & Leaven**

Matt 13:31-35

**P.M.: Toil is Meaningless**

Ecc 2:17-26

Evangelist

Ken Knowlton: 428-5974

Elders

Ben Atchley: 428-2246

Greg Briggs: 428-8756

John Cunningham: 428-0895

Services

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday Evening Class	6:30 P.M.

## Let's Rethink What We're Teaching

By Ken Ham

Let's be honest. Our entire culture (including secular schools) is aggressively teaching the apologetics of evolution and secular humanism. They teach our students how to defend a humanistic worldview, and they model that worldview. They show all the reasons that what they are teaching is supposedly true. The secularists are teaching our children how to defend the secular faith, and connecting it to the real world – and here we are in churches teaching wonderful Bible stories and reinforcing in their minds that they can believe the secularists and that the Bible is not really connected to the real world. No wonder we are losing them.

Unless the facts behind the Christian faith are clearly and convincingly communicated in a way that students can learn and remember, their faith will not stand the assault of doubt