

May 26, 2010

Greetings in Christ!

Sometimes we are given little glimpses of how wonderful the Garden of Eden must have been. That is what God has been doing to us the last couple of days. Today we recognize that the beauty of the "garden" is compromised by weeds, storms, unpleasant bugs, and by the tensions of work, family strife, the economy, politics, and our own human nature. It has still been a nice couple of days. May God grant you plenty of "garden time."

Creation and Life issues in the news: WASHINGTON -- Scientists announced a bold step Thursday in the enduring quest to create artificial life. They've produced a living cell powered by manmade DNA.

While such work can evoke images of Frankenstein-like scientific tinkering, it also is exciting hopes that it could eventually lead to new fuels, better ways to clean polluted water, faster vaccine production and more.

Is it really an artificial life form?

The inventors call it the world's first synthetic cell, although this initial step is more a re-creation of existing life -- changing one simple type of bacterium into another -- than a built-from-scratch kind.

But Maryland genome-mapping pioneer J. Craig Venter said his team's project paves the way for the ultimate, much harder goal: designing organisms that work differently from the way nature intended for a wide range of uses. Already he's working with ExxonMobil in hopes of turning algae into fuel.

To read more, follow this link: <http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2010/05/20/scientists-announce-produce-living-cell-using-manmade-dna/>

Nature Watch: Birds continue to mate with many late arriving species setting up nests even now. Thrashers, orioles, humming birds, and even some birds that do more than one hatch in a season are busy with nests, mating calls, and caring for their young. Grasses are in full pollen stage with many hitting 16-18 inches high. Hay harvest has started (some southern counties have had the first crop up for two weeks). It won't be hard for many to have 3 or 4 harvests. Crops are almost all up with many being cultivated already. Mosquitoes will soon become more of a problem with the warmer temps. Dragon flies are cruising the air, devouring mosquitoes, gnats, and other small flying insects. The dragon flies themselves become tasty morsels for birds and fish, especially bass. This past weekends storms are a reminder to take precautions when you are out of doors. Keep an eye on the weather, check forecasts, not just for precipitation and storms but also for wind. Several boats were flipped on area lakes this past weekend. Just think of the tremendous amount of energy that is being created and stored in all of the grasses, hay, trees, plants, and other living things. What a wonderful creation God has given us.

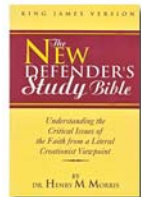
Program Information: If you have a teenager, you won't want to miss having them attend our upcoming **Preparing for College** event. It will be held June 11-13 at Lutheran Island Camp. Brian Young will be the presenter. The cost is \$89. For more information follow this link: http://islandcamp.org/content_71.php

From the Task force: The Task Force will be meeting at Lutheran Island Camp on June 7th. They will be reviewing progress on several projects, getting an update on the property and developing a work plan. Members of the Task Force continue to share the vision with people they come in contact with.

God's Word: He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries. Psalm 135:7

Prayer List: 1.) Please continue to pray for staff that they would be given the strength to persevere as they share the importance of creation-science. 2.) Please ask God to lift up donors and investors so that Christ Serve Ranch might be purchased soon. 3.) Please remember the Task Force in your prayers as they continue to share the vision. 4.) We give thanks that we have nearly twice as many youth as last year who have signed up for Young Scientist camps 5.) God continues to bless us through your gifts, volunteer time, and your prayers and for that we give daily thanks.

Link of the week: http://www.pathlights.com/ce_encyclopedia/index.htm



Resource of the week: The New Defenders Study Bible, available from the Institute for Creation Research. Written by Dr. Henry Morris. Cost is \$39.95

Question and Answer:

Question: Do you read or review all of the links and resources listed?

Answer: No, time doesn't permit us to do that but we do try to refer you to websites that we have looked over and to books and dvds that have been suggested to us by members of our task force or others whose judgment we trust. We try to give you some options to improve your knowledge of the resources and websites that are out there.

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