

August 31, 2011

Greetings in Christ!

Here we are at the end of another month. We pray that God has blessed you once again this month. As you prepare for another school year, be sure that you are involved in your school's activities and aware of what is being taught by teachers. Many routinely teach theories and assumptions as fact. We need to respectfully question people who are doing this and we also need to boldly proclaim the truth of God's creation and our salvation.

Creation and Life issues in the news: Rick Perry Knocks Evolution Again: 'God Is How We Got Here' Rick Perry continued to [voice skepticism about evolution](#) during a campaign stop in South Carolina Friday, telling a supporter "God is how we got here."

On Thursday, in New Hampshire, Perry [told](#) a woman and her son that he regarded evolution as "a theory that's out there" and one that's "got some gaps in it."

When a woman in South Carolina congratulated him for his remarks Friday, Perry replied "Well, God is how we got here. God may have done it in the blink of the eye or he may have done it over this long period of time, I don't know. But I know how it got started." (Huffington Post)

August 26, 2011

Happy Birthday Times 4

I want to wish a happy birthday to four very special little babies who turned one year old Thursday. The quadruple bundle of blessing arrived to Tony and Sarah Stevens one year ago this week. The film crew of Facing Life Head-On and I had the very special opportunity to follow them (Jackson, Landon, Samantha, and Isabella) during and after the pregnancy, they've grown especially near and dear to our hearts.

You can watch the special two-part series of "A Blessing Times Four" Part 1 by [clicking here](#) and Part 2 by [clicking here](#).

What's happened in the lives of the Stevens family is nothing short of miraculous. Despite their initial doctor's shocking advice to abort or selectively reduce the pregnancy, these loving parents knew they could never go through with such a decision. Turning to a new set of doctors here at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, Tony and Sarah were offered the encouragement and the medical care needed to carry these precious little ones to full term.

To read more, click here:

<http://www.lifeissues.org/breakingnews.html>



Nature Watch: We've been watching as an abundant crop of acorns comes plunking down and have been surprised to see very few squirrels in the area. Rabbits also seem to be fewer in number. Deer, on

the other hand, continue to be in abundance. Apples are ripening and are very tempting for deer. Corn has begun to head downward with the weight of filling ears. Many fruits and berries are being eaten up by birds. Wild grapes have started to turn purple and are fuller in our area than we've seen in recent years. Grasses have gone to seed. Golden rod is abundant and we've recently been enjoying lots of butterflies, especially Monarchs. A recent trip over to Christ Serve Ranch stirred up hundreds of them. Many of the late summer and early fall plants are blooming beautifully. Don't forget to share your garden bounty with neighbors!!

Program Information: We are pleased to announce an additional program this fall. Brad Veenstra, outdoor photographer extraordinaire has agreed to lead a photography workshop this fall, the weekend of October 7-9. Because we have some other things going on at camp, we will be somewhat limited in the number of people we'll be able to accept. The cost will be \$95 and will include two nights lodging, meals on Saturday and Sunday, and the program costs. We'll be putting up further information on our website soon. The colors are sure to be spectacular at that time!!!

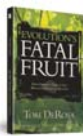
Bulletin insert: Enjoy photographing the fall colors of Lutheran Island Camp and Otter Tail County on the weekend of October 7-9. Check the Lutheran Island Camp website for more information.

From the Task force: The Task Force will be meeting on September 19th at Lutheran Island Camp.

God's Word: "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household," Ephesians 2:19 NIV

Prayer List: 1.) Please continue to remember Pastor Randy Maland in your prayers. He is now at home. 2.) Give thanks for the continued support of our investors in Christ Serve Ranch. 3.) Continue to pray for our staff as they make the transition to fall and winter schedules and begin the planning of the 2012 summer camp schedule. 4.) Praise God for the beauty that He surrounds us with. 5.) Ask God to lift up the final donors needed to finish our purchase of Christ Serve Ranch.

Link of the week: <http://creation.com>



Resource of the week: Evolution's Fatal Fruit presents a close look at Charles Darwin and the grim consequences to which his theory of evolution has led. A Cambridge divinity graduate with a penchant for natural science, Darwin gave the world an explanation of life that helped fuel the ovens at Auschwitz. Author Tom DeRosa explains how Hitler tried to use genocide to speed up evolution and reveals how the American eugenics movement—which favored forced sterilization to cleanse the gene pool—is likewise indebted to Darwin.

Question and Answer:

Question: Is it appropriate to question candidates on their beliefs about Creation and Evolution?

Answer: We should never be afraid of the truth of a person's beliefs. The difficulty we see is when those who are Bible believing Christians are questioned, ridiculed, and made the butt of a joke when other candidates may have viewpoints that should be explored deeper. As Christians we should never respond in-kind to the attacks on our faith, but rather keep ourselves informed and share God's Word whenever possible. It is through that word that hearts and minds may be changed.

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