

November 2, 2011

Greetings in Christ!

Welcome to November! We have two months left of 2011. Coming up soon will be the unusual date of November 11, 2011 (11-11-11). All of us have special dates in our lives- birthdays, baptism days, wedding anniversaries, and more. May God bless each of your special dates.

Creation and Life issues in the news:

Climate Scientist Accused By Colleague of Hiding Truth

Now who's in hot water?

A scientist and former [global warming](#) skeptic made international headlines with a study that claimed to prove the existence of global warming conclusively. Until his own colleagues accused the research team of hiding the truth.

Professor Richard Muller of Berkeley University in California and his team members from the [Berkeley Earth Surface and Temperatures](#) program (BEST) released a study that illustrated continual warming since 1950 -- making the planet almost 1.6 degrees warmer overall, they claim.

“The skeptics raised valid points and everybody should have been a skeptic two years ago,” Muller told the Associated Press. “And now we have confidence that the temperature rise that had previously been reported had been done without bias.”

Not so fast.

The results of the study are now being called into question not just by climate skeptics but by a leading member of Muller’s own team. Prof. Judith Curry, head of the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the [Georgia](#) Institute of Technology, said Muller’s findings were a “huge mistake” with no scientific basis.

“There is no scientific basis for saying that warming [continues],” Curry, who is listed as a co-author on the BEST reports, [told The Daily Mail](#). “To say that there is detracts from the credibility of the data, which is very unfortunate.”

Though Curry admits some temperature gain since the 50s, she suggests it’s impossible to ignore the relative warming standstill we experienced in the 90s when BEST data reveals little change.

Read more: <http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2011/10/31/climate-scientist-accused-by-colleague-for-hiding-truth/#ixzz1cUnNS4yO>

Nature Watch: Winter weather is knocking on the door with a forecast of the first snow in southern Minnesota. Predictions are for heavier than normal snowfall for most of Minnesota. Time to build up the wood pile. We’ve spotted several bald eagles recently as well as other raptors. Some many winter in the area, others are passing through. Lots of geese and ducks moving through again this week. Last of the fishing is being done by some diehards. Crop harvesting is nearing completion. Crop harvesting is going on in earnest in nature as well. Many animals are eating the bounty of fall acorns, apples, berries, and roots. Some insects such as butterflies and moths are now hiding in protected areas, others

have died after laying eggs that will hatch in the spring. Other animals have moved into a type of hibernation either in the ground or under water. This include frogs, toads, turtles, salamanders, etc.

Program Information: Next summer in addition to our Young Scientist program, we'll be adding three weeks of Creation Safari camps for 12-14 year olds. The events will be held at Christ Serve Ranch and will include efforts to add species in our Creation Book of Treasures, the book that we will keep information on all of the species inhabiting Christ Serve Ranch.

Bulletin insert: The Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center at Christ Serve Ranch will hold it's first official program on January 6-8. It's called Ranch Stars and will be led by Pastor Carl Noble of Perham who loves his astronomy. We'll enjoy the winter skies through telescopes and photographs.

From the Task force: We'll be closing on Christ Serve Ranch soon. It's exciting to move forward with this project we've been working on for nearly 6 years. We'll be planning a commissioning of the property next year and a dedication once more of the facilities have been developed. Our next steps will include making more people aware of our plans for the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center.

God's Word: When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them? Psalm 8:3-4

Prayer List: 1.) Praise God for His continued support of all we are doing at Christ Serve Ranch. 2.) Give thanks to God for the calls we are already receiving for volunteers at CSR. 3.) Lift up additional financial support for building projects and experiments at CSR. 4.) Ask God to help us as we plan for 2012. 5.)

Link of the week: <http://christiananswers.net/creation/menu-life.html>



Resource of the week: **Unlocking the Mystery of Life:** This film beautifully and convincingly presents the scientific case for INTELLIGENT DESIGN. It shows why informed scientists are increasingly turning away from Darwinian evolution. This is an accurate, up-to-date documentary that you will be proud to share with even your most critical-minded, secular friends.

Question and Answer:

Question: How do I donate toward helping the Creation-Science Environmental Center?

Answer: You can make out check to Christ Serve Ranch or Lutheran Island Camp with CSR in the memo line. If you want to donate stock, call and we'll give you the information to do so. If you are 70 and ½ and have an IRA, you can make a tax-free distribution to meet the legal requirements.

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