

August 19, 2009

Greetings in Christ!

Can we make a suggestion for tomorrow morning? Begin your day with a prayer of thanksgiving for all of the created blessings God showers on you. Travel through your day and marvel at all of His creation both the natural surroundings, but also what He has created through the intelligence He has given mankind. It will be a marvelous day!

Creation and Life issues in the news:

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A report on the BBC links laughter in primates to evidence for ape to human evolution. Apparently, if you tickle some apes, they laugh. This is considered to support evolution, because we laugh too. No, really.

Robert Barton, an evolutionary anthropologist at the University of Durham, called the research "fun, but not all that surprising". He said that there have long been suspicions of a shared evolutionary basis for laughter, in a concept researchers call homology.

"It's widely accepted that these emotional expressions are homologous - people have looked at laughter in social contexts in terms of play faces and vocalisations, but no-one has worked specifically on tickle-induced laughter before.

"It's certainly less surprising than the alternative, which would be that it evolved separately and independently in each group," he told BBC News. To read more:

<https://www.csm.org.uk/news.php?viewmessage=141>

Nature Watch: We saw a healthy coyote yesterday. It was obvious that he has been enjoying lots of rodents, rabbits, and young birds. Deer fawns are really starting to grow. We are starting to see them away from their mothers. Spots are still present but fading. Bucks will start to rub the velvet from their antlers soon. Acorns have started to drop and that is making squirrels and chipmunks happy. We've also started to see crab apples begin to fall. That brings up the deer which love apples. Wild grapes are starting to fill out. With abundant moisture this year, we expect a crop of slightly larger grapes. That has been the case with other berries this year as well. Geese are now starting to fly much more and are searching out grain fields that are ready for harvest. Potatoes are coming out of the ground in some locations and it has been a bumper crop for many vegetables including cucumbers and tomatoes which are just starting to ripen. God's abundance is everywhere.

Program Information: We just received this from Brian Young: If you are interested in taking a trip to the [Holy Land and Egypt](#) I am putting together a trip. I will be sharing a message at most of these sites. Right now, I need to see how many people are interested in going. I am planning on leaving Feb 10th, 2010 give or take a day or two at this point. I won't be able to get an exact date until I make a commitment with them and for me to do that, I want to make sure I have some interest. The following is a proposed itinerary but I will probably drop the Luxor, Egypt day and add an extra day in Israel to replace that one to reduce the cost. At this point the cost was \$2,669.00 but if we drop Luxor it would be about \$2,094.00. You can contact Brian directly at creation1@juno.com.

From the Task Force: Do you have a program idea for our Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center? It might be a program for pastors, teachers, young people or lay adults. We'd be interested in hearing about your program ideas.

God's Word: "The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time." **Genesis 6:5-6.**

Prayer List: 1.) Please continue to pray for legislation that respects and values life on both ends of the spectrum. 2.) Continue to pray for people to be lifted up to invest in the purchase of Christ Serve Ranch. 3.) Pray for wisdom and guidance as we begin to plan the programs for 2010. 4.) Pray for sustained strength and endurance for those who face daily challenges to their belief in a Creator, especially students as they return to schools. 5.) Pray for Sunday School teachers, pastors, and parents as they prepare to provide quality education to children in parishes throughout our area.

Link of the week: <http://emporium.turnpike.net/C/cs> This website provides some good resources on creation science.

Resource of the week: **Genesis and the Dinosaur** by Dr. Erich von Fange, Ph.D. We have copies of this book available at camp.

Question and Answer:

Question: Is it possible to have someone come to our group to speak about your plans for the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center.

Answer: Yes, we'd be happy to come to your congregation, ladies group, or other event to share our vision and the challenges we face. Bill will be at Trinity in Bemidji in October.

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