

December 2, 2009

Greetings in Christ!

The advent of December brings with it the end of another calendar year and a time to look back and to look forward. We certainly thank God for all of His blessings, most important the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, whose birthday we are preparing to celebrate.

Creation and Life issues in the news:

The scientist at the heart of the climate change scandal was under growing pressure to quit last night.

George Monbiot, a leading environmentalist, said Phil Jones should resign from the Climatic Research Unit over leaked emails that appear to show researchers suppressed scientific data.

More emails came to light yesterday, including one in which an American climatologist admitted it was a travesty that scientists could not explain a lack of global warming in recent years.

Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1230635/Scientist-climate-change-cover-storm-told-quit.html#ixzz0YXPEoxUP>

Nature Watch: The first day of December brought with it a real taste of winter for those north of Highway 10. A significant cooling trend will likely spell the end of field work and may quickly freeze up the lakes and ponds. With highs projected to be in the lower 20's this next week it is likely that few sources of fresh water will remain for wildlife. This gets to be a challenge for many animals that need to rely on snow for a wintertime water source. The full moon of the last few days has provided some beautiful evening walks. With the leaves off the trees, one is able to hear so much more. You are able to hear animals scurrying away, flocks of geese honking, cattle lowing in the distance, and soon the sound of ice shifting. So where have amphibians gone? Most frogs head to the bottom of ponds and spend the winter there. Others such as some toads dig down below the frost line, often below a pile of leaves (a good reason not to rake in the fall). Still others can actually withstand being frozen. God created amphibians in a wonderful way!

Program Information: We've expanded our offerings of our Creation Safari camps next summer. There will now be 3 of the camps offered. You can check out many of our creation camps by following this link: http://islandcamp.org/content_71.php

From the Task Force: The Task Force wants to extend their thanks to the many people who joined Scott Hennen and staff at recent meetings in Moorhead and Crookston. It was a real pleasure to be able to share updates on our Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center with nearly 40 people. Additional meetings will be scheduled as time allows. We also want to continue to encourage folks to consider investing in the Friends of Creation-Science Limited Liability Company. Finally, this is a time to provide financial support to our efforts to move forward with the purchase of Christ Serve Ranch and our Creation-Science programs. Another way to support us is with Gifts in Kind. You can find a list at our website or you can follow this link: http://christserveranch.org/content_40.php

God's Word: **If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? John 3:12**

Prayer List: 1.) Please continue to remember staff member Mary Swyter in your prayers. Mary has returned home after surgery on her ankles. She continues to improve. 2.) Please remember Scott Hennen and his efforts on the part of Christ Serve Ranch as they start a new series of messages. 3.) Please pray that God would raise up new donors and investors for our effort to purchase the property. 4.) Please remember our representatives in the House and Senate as they debate legislation that could greatly affect our country's view of life issues. 5.) Remember to thank God today for the abundant harvest that is wrapping up in the next few days.

Link of the week: This week's link is a link to Lutheran Island Camp where the Summer 2010 camps have now been put up. www.islandcamp.org

Resource of the week: <http://www.nwcreation.net/booksonline.html> This is a listing of free on-line books about creation and creation-science.

Question and Answer:

Question: How can I help my teenage son deal with his science teacher who is advocating evolution.

Answer: Pray, then equip your child for battle. We believe that our children need to have the knowledge to respectfully question the false information they are being given. One additional thing is to have your son attend our Teen Trek Extravaganza in January. Brian Young will be leading the retreat.

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