

October 21, 2009

Greetings in Christ!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! We rejoice in the many blessings that we have experienced this past week. They include gifts from new donors, phone calls from folks who want to know more about what we are doing with creation-science, several people who have requested information on our Friends of Creation-Science, Limited Liability Company, nearly 50 people who participated in our Responding to Evolution, 40 people who joined us for our Reformation for Today, and several tours of Christ Serve Ranch. We are looking forward to your participation or visit soon.

**Creation and Life issues in the news:** the following was taken from Creation Safaris. You can follow the link to New Scientist to read the entire article: [Proton rock brings life to earth: New Scientist](#) asked, “Was our oldest ancestor a proton-powered rock?” Nick Lane’s four-page article investigates a controversial theory for the origin of life. “The last common ancestor of all life was not a free-living cell at all, but **a porous rock riddled with bubbly iron-sulphur membranes** that catalysed primordial biochemical reactions,” he said. Then another miracle happened: “Powered by hydrogen and proton gradients, this natural flow reactor filled up with organic chemicals, **giving rise to proto-life** that eventually **broke out as the first living cells – not once but twice**, giving rise to the bacteria and the archaea.” Nobody was there, unfortunately, to watch the show. Lane had to admit, “**Many details have yet to be filled in, and it may never be possible to prove beyond any doubt that life evolved by this mechanism.**”

**Nature Watch:** The doe that we mentioned last week is gone. On Tuesday night last week a coyote tore into the front chest cavity and opened up the restaurant for other animals. By Thursday two young eagles were feasting on strips of flesh. Other animals continued nightly forays into the carcass. By Saturday the flesh and hide were gone from the neck to the hind legs, leaving skeletal remains of the ribs. On Sunday, crows began feasting on some of the leftovers. By Sunday evening the entire remains had been drug off and there was just a little bit of fur remaining. We’ve been watching quite a bit of eagle activity not only looking for road kill, but also monitoring the lakes for fish and wounded ducks. This past week we spotted a pheasant at the Island walking in front of the chapel.

**Program Information:** We were pleased with the great response to our “Responding to Evolution” retreat led by Brian Young. We had a combination of adults, college students, and confirmation students in attendance. Brian also did a wonderful job of laying out the need for a new “reformation” for the church as he presented to our Reformation for Today group. Brian isn’t finished yet. We’ve just booked him to lead our Teen Trek Winter Extravaganza scheduled for January 8-10. More information will be available soon.

**From the Task Force:** The official, official word has come that we may not start officially subscribing members in the Friends of Creation-Science, Limited Liability Company. We’ve set up a page on the [www.christserveranch.org](http://www.christserveranch.org) website for people to download all of the information and forms. The task force, which will also serve temporarily as the board of governors, will be meeting on Monday, October 26. One of the items on the agenda will be to approve of any potential members or subscribers.

Would you like to hear more about our efforts to start a Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center? We would be happy to visit your congregation to do a presentation for your

Bible study group, ladies group, couples group, or other opportunities. In addition, we will soon be announcing a schedule of several meetings in the region that will be done in partnership with AM 1100 the FLAG. By the way, please give Scott Hennen a call or send him an e-mail to let him know how much you appreciate their support of Christ Serve Ranch.

**God's Word:** And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, <sup>18</sup>so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great." Revelation 19:17-18. This week's nature watch is a recognition of the reality of this passage.

Prayer List: 1.) Your prayers are requested for Bill's wife who will have surgery on Thursday. 2.) Give thanks for the wonderful weekend we had at camp this past weekend. 3.) Please continue to remember our children and grandchildren in your prayers as they face the challenges and opportunities of public school. 4.) Please remember the farm families in our area who are challenged by the continued cold and wet weather that we have been experiencing. 5.) Give praise to God for all of the opportunities that we are given to use creation as the opportunity to share Christ.

**Link of the week:** <http://www.answersingenesis.org/arj> This is a great website from Answers in Genesis that shares some of the great science that is out there.

Resource of the week: "**Already Gone**" why your kids quit church and what you can do to stop it. By Ken Ham and Britt Beemer. Available for Master Books for \$12.99.

Question and Answer:

Question: Are there any creation programs coming up for youth this winter?

Answer: Yes, we are really pleased to be able to announce that we will have a Teen Trek program January 8-10. Brian Young will be at camp to share information on some great topics. In addition, we would be happy to develop additional programs to meet needs.

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