

September 23, 2009

Greetings in Christ!

Another glorious day in west central Minnesota! We thank God for the beautiful weather; His merciful abundant harvest at this time of year; and the great opportunities that He provides to witness and share our faith with those who are misguided, doubtful, hurting, searching, or who believe as we do that God is Creator, Savior, and Sanctifier.

The staff, board of directors, and task force want to thank all of you who attended our Open House on Sunday. We'll have more about it further in the newsletter.

Creation and Life issues in the news: The following is an excerpt from MPR:

What happens to child stars? Sometimes, they grow up to lead a movement to subvert Charles Darwin Day. Take Kirk Cameron, for example, who starred in the '80s sitcom, "[Growing Pains](#)."

Cameron and other activists plan to deliver to schools 50,000 altered copies of Darwin's *Origin of Species* on November 21st, [Huffington Post reported](#).

In his video, Cameron says young people can no longer pray in public or open a Bible in school, neither of which is true. He also says a survey said 61% of professors in biology and psychology are atheist or agnostic. "No wonder atheism has doubled in the last 20 years among 19 to 25 year olds," he says.

Maybe. Maybe not. [A 2007 survey](#) of all institutions and all professors, found , most believe in God. At "elite" schools, the number of atheists was only 37 percent.

Coincidentally, Trinity College [released a survey today](#) showing 22 percent of 18-29 year olds "claim the nonreligious label, a jump from 11 percent in 1990." But that doesn't mean they don't believe in God:

Nones may best be described as skeptics. Twenty-seven percent of Nones believe in a personal God. Hard and soft agnostics make up 35 percent of the None population and atheists account for only 7 percent of Nones. Contrary to what many believe, Nones are not particularly superstitious or partial to New Age beliefs. They are, however, more accepting of human evolution than the general U.S. population.

To read or hear more:

http://minnesota.publicradio.org/collections/special/columns/news_cut/archive/2009/09/what_in_creation.shtml

Nature Watch: This is the time to watch for baby turtles! We had a hatch at the Island on Monday. There were 30 or more (we stopped counting) snapping turtles that emerged from a hole about the size of a half dollar right next to a sidewalk. Then the race was on. They headed straight for the water. God created them in such a way that they knew instinctively to dig up (as opposed to down) and to head for the water. Turtle eggs can take anywhere from 70 days to 3 months to mature. Some species will actually overwinter in the nest and hatch out the next spring. Turtle eggs provide food for skunks and raccoons and even bear and other carnivores. The newly hatched turtles have a soft shell which makes them easy prey for birds and other animals looking for a nice morsel.

In the near future these turtles will begin a 4-6 month hibernation, burying themselves about 6 inches deep in the mud of a pond or lake.

Leaves continue to change color. Wild grapes are ready to be picked and will make great jelly, juice or wine. It is a good crop with excellent flavor. If you don't pick them, any number of birds will certainly enjoy them. They'll also spread the seeds through their droppings so the cycle of new plants can continue. We recently came across a grape "tree". It was a vine that was 6 inches thick and went up over 20 feet and had a crown of vines that was nearly 25 feet across. It was loaded!

Program Information: Our upcoming "Responding to Evolution" program is approaching 50 participants. There is still room. Here is a link to follow for more information: http://islandcamp.org/content_148.php We are working on setting up a debate on Saturday, the 17th. More information may be coming soon.

From the Task Force:

We want to thank everyone including guests, volunteers, task force members, and board members who attended the Open House last Sunday. We also want to thank AM 1100 the FLAG for the wonderful support. We were able to give a number of tours and answer lots of questions that people had. We also found some new volunteers and people who want to keep "in the loop". We had a few people who also asked about bringing other people out to see and hear what the plans are. We also had a couple of folks who made suggestions about others who might be interested in helping us purchase the property. We'll be following up with them.

Our Task Force met on Monday and found out that all of the paper work for the new limited liability company that will purchase the property. We'll be looking for up to 30 investors who will actually own the property and lease it to us so that we can help establish our Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center. If you are interested please contact Bill or one of the Task force members. Minnesota residents only.

God's Word: ²Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. ³They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. ⁴For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, I Tim. 4:2-4

Prayer List: 1.) Thank God for the wonderful weather and for the people who joined us for the Open House. 2.) Thank God for the work of the Task Force. These dedicated people take time off from work, pay their own expenses, and spend much time praying and visiting about creation-science. 3.) Pray for the success of the limited liability company and that we would find 30 dedicated people who will invest in the future of the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center. 4.) Please continue to remember the task force and staff in your prayers. They continue to be the subject of an onslaught of doubters, unbelievers, and skeptics. 5.) Please pray for those brave politicians, journalists, and common citizens who are questioning, challenging, and encouraging our legislatures about life issues and our ability to continue to worship and praise our Savior.

Link of the week: <http://www.expelledthemovie.com> This is the official website for the movie "**Expelled: no intelligence allowed.**"



Resource of the week: This touch and feel book is available from Concordia Publishing House right now for \$4.00 compared to the regular price of \$10.49

Question and Answer:

Question: Do you think global warming is for real?

Answer: Yes, and so is global cooling. God created a wonderful and unique planet that changes in so many ways that we will never be able to quantify or understand it. To say differently is simply wrong. The more we discover, the more we are amazed at God's power and might, His sense of order, His love of mankind, and His desire that we should all be saved. Most certainly His creation is changing, that is its design. It is rather arrogant of us to think that we either cause all of that change or can control it. We are reminded every once in a while of how insignificant those efforts can be when we have a volcano like Mt. St. Helens, or a tsunami, or a hurricane, or a drought, or any of a number of natural disasters. Yet, we continue to let some people build modern day Towers of Babel to somehow try to achieve a sense of significance or control.

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