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Greetings in Christ!

As the beauty of Spring becomes ever more apparent, one can't help but think about how wonderful the Garden of Eden must have been. God's grace extends to us through our appreciation of His power, might, and abundance through the surroundings we have available to us.

Creation and Life issues in the news: Chad Farnam, a student in California, sued his teacher, James Corbett, for remarks he made that were negative about Christianity and creation. He won on the issue of comments that the instructor made, "where Corbett referred to creationism as "religious, superstitious nonsense," did violate Farnan's constitutional rights." Here is a link to the story:

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,518864,00.html>

Nature Watch: Spring changes continue to abound. Most significant is the sudden arrival of insects of all kinds. They include recent hatches of June bugs, gnats, moths, and our favorite, ticks. Also starting to be seen on a more regular basis are honey bees, many of which are domestic. The first goslings have now been sighted. There are also an every increasing number of pelicans and swans, some on their way north. We are also seeing an increased number of raptors including eagles, hawks, and falcons. A significant event happened this past weekend when the fishing season started. Fisherman have a large impact on the lake habitat.

Program Information: we've had a few people contact us about the Teaching Creation-Science workshop in June. We're looking forward to hosting pastors, teachers, and parents.

From the Task Force: The next task force meeting is June 1st. The task force is working on purchasing Christ Serve Ranch and all that goes into that process. We want to thank AM 1100 for the continuing support of our efforts. We've had a number of calls generated from the advertisements that are running 20 times a day on The FLAG.

God's Word: For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. Hebrews 3:4.

Prayer List: Please continue to pray that God would raise up donors who will support the purchase of Christ Serve Ranch. We also ask your prayers for the various groups that will be coming out to see us in the next couple of weeks. We have elementary schools coming from Crookston, Baxter, Walker, and Henning.

Link of the week: <http://www.arkvannoach.com/>. This link will take you to the replica of Noah's ark that has been constructed in Holland.

Resource of the week: A Closer Look at the Evidence, by Richard and Tina Kleiss is a great book that provides a daily dose of scientific evidence for creation. There is a page for each day of the year. It is published by Search for Truth publishers and sells for \$11.95.

Question and Answer:

Question: Did Noah take insects with him onto the ark?

Answer: It is speculation, but likely he did not take them intentionally. But there is little doubt that bugs had plenty of places to hide out on the ark. They likely hitched rides on animals, in feed, on people, and in the wood of the ark.

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