

May 20, 2009

Greetings in Christ!

May is rapidly coming to a close and with it, the end of one of our favorite months. Change is also coming. We are less than a month away from the summer solstice which means days will begin to shorten. We are reminded on a daily basis just how short our own lives are. It is good that God uses us to witness to those who may have even shorter days on this earth.

**Creation and Life issues in the news:** A new poll released just in time for Charles Darwin's 200th birthday found that only 39 percent of Americans say they "believe in the theory of evolution," and just 24 percent of those who attend church weekly believe in that explanation for the development of life on Earth. (From Fox News) To read more about it follow this link:

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,491345,00.html?sPage=fnc/scitech/evolution>

**Nature Watch:** Watch for Monarch butterflies. They should be arriving this week. Other butterflies will be emerging from their cocoons in the next week. Baby animals are everywhere. We've recently seen fox kittens, fawns, and fledglings of various varieties. There are plenty of other youngsters being born that are kept hidden including raccoons, skunks, gophers, chipmunks, and other forest creatures.

**Program Information:** We hope to schedule a *sermon writing workshop* that focuses on creation. We'd like to get your suggestions about more specific topics and possible leaders. We are also working on plans for our **2010 Creation and Life Convocations**. We hope to expand to establish a second one in the St. Cloud area. We are looking for suggestions for speakers. Some under consideration include Sarah Palin, Ben Stein, Ken Ham, Ann Coulter, and David Limbaugh. If you have suggestions or would like to help us develop the convocations, please contact us soon.

**From the Task Force:** The task force continues to look for ways to move forward with the purchase of Christ Serve Ranch. Because the owners are getting anxious to sell, we are praying that someone might step forward to become a friendly buyer – to purchase the property and hold it until we can get more funds raised. If you know of someone who could do that, please let us know.

**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 remember the staff in your prayers. Also, we ask your prayers for the purchase of Christ Serve Ranch. Please pray too for our volunteers who are meeting with prospective donors and "friendly buyers" this week.

**Link of the week:** <http://www.creationinstruction.org>. This link will take you to Brian Young's website.

**Resource of the week:** Creation Philosophy in Evangelism-Why Creation is Important. This is an excellent video done by Brian Young. We have it available at camp.

Question and Answer:

Question: Do you teach a young earth?

Answer: Yes, we believe that the earth was created by God somewhere between 6,000 and 10,000 years ago. We believe God created the universe and everything in it in 6 days that were each 24 hours. We believe the Bible is the true word of God and is without error. We believe that Jesus Christ was present at creation; that He was born of a virgin; that He lived a perfect life; that He was crucified and suffered a real death. We believe that He conquered sin, death and the devil on our behalf not because we deserved it, but rather because He loves us. We believe that He rose from the dead and that He awaits us in our heavenly home.

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