


DECEMBER 6, 2009

WELCOME TO
**MOUNTAIN LAKE INDEPENDENT
 BAPTIST CHURCH**



We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors today! If you have small children, we invite you to take advantage of our pleasant nursery & children's ministries. We want to help you in your walk with the Lord. If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 a.m.

Today we re-focus our hearts and minds on World Missions! Brother Ken Fielders will be teaching a Bible lesson concerning our responsibility in this area.

MORNING PREACHING SERVICE 10:45 a.m.

*KING'S KIDS for all kids, grades 1-6
 downstairs in the "KING'S KIDS CASTLE"*

A Missions Bible Message By
Brother Ken Fielder

OF FIRSTBIBLE INTERNATIONAL

We are receiving our Mid-Year Faith Promise Commitments today.

SOUL WINNING/VISITATION 5:00 p.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE 5:45 p.m.

PLAY PRACTICE 6:00 p.m.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING 6:30 p.m.

EVENING PREACHING SERVICE 7:00 p.m.

**FELLOWSHIP, MUSIC,
 "KAZ-REPORT"**

A Missions Message from the Bible by
BROTHER KEN FIELDER

THIS WEEK AT MTN. LAKE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH

MONDAY

EVENING 6:30 P.M.

BIBLE INSTITUTE - Bible Survey I

8:00 P.M.

BIBLE INSTITUTE - Bible Doctrines I

WEDNESDAY

MORNING 10:00 A.M.

LADIES "SUNSHINE" VISITATION

EVENING 7:00 P.M.

TEENS ALIVE

EVENING 7:00 P.M.

**MIDWEEK PRAYER
 & PREACHING**

*We continue our Bible Study on the
 book of ZECHARIAH entitled:*



**THE DAY OF
 SMALL THINGS**

Zechariah 4:8-10

SATURDAY

NOON 12:00 P.M.

LADIES' PRAYER LUNCHEON

Meet at Davis' house -

Christmas Ornament Exchange



EVENING 10:00 P.M.

PRAYER MEETING WITH PASTOR

LAST WEEK'S REPORT

Sunday School.....	96	Evening Service.....	89
Morning Service.....	125	Wednesday Service.....	45
Last Week's General Offering.....\$4,403.17			
Last Week's Faith Missions Giving \$1,,292.25			
Weekly Faith Promise Commitments (2009-2010).....\$1,806.90			
Building Fund \$5,800.00			
Building Fund Last week....\$0.00 Radio Fund \$0.00			

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Dec. 6	Sunday	a.m. Denise and Cierra Rowan p.m. Jodie Thomas, Paula Browning Jackie Hinebaugh
Dec. 9	Wed.	
Dec. 13	Sunday	a.m. Tammy Burdock, Heidi Bittenger p.m. Brenda Maffett, Kelly Maffett Becky Heath
Dec. 16	Wed.	
Dec. 20	Sunday	a.m. Jan Morgan, Mildred Harvey p.m. Sue Teagarden, Debbie Coddington Robin Bonner
Dec. 23	Wed.	
Dec. 27	Sunday	a.m. Casey Paugh, Carolyn Davis p.m. Connie Wagner, Carol Brant Joy Wagner
Dec. 30	Wed.	



Brandi Conner 12-6
Donna Miller 12-8
Randy Overstreet 12-9
Robert and Glenda Morgan
Anniversary 12-11

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 12	LADIES' PRAYER LUNCHEON - at Davis' house
Dec. 20	CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS
Dec. 24	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Dec. 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE
Jan. 2	MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
Jan. 9	LADIES' PRAYER LUNCHEON
Jan. 11	BIBLE INSTITUTE SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS
Jan. 16-17	WEEKEND FAMILY CONFERENCE - Dr. Fred Schindler
Jan.31- Feb 3	"FINGERPRINTS" MINISTRY
Feb. 9	MEN'S TRIP TO OUTDOOR SHOW - Harrisburg, PA
Mar. 6	WILD GAME DINNER - Dr. Bill Behrens
Mar. 13-20	MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO
Aprl 4-7	SPRING REVIVAL - Dr. Bill Behrens
May 9	MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE
May 19-23	ANNUAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE
June 6	BABY DAY

"Looking Unto Jesus . . ."

MOUNTAIN LAKE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dr. Dennis Leatherman, Pastor



MTN LAKE
INDEPENDENT
BAPTIST CHURCH

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Preaching	10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Preaching	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer & Preaching	7:00 p.m.

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And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:10-11

DEC. 7 - 13 BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

DEC. 7 ☐ 2 CORINTHIANS 11-13

DEC. 8 ☐ GALATIANS 1-3

DEC. 9 ☐ GALATIANS 4-6

DEC. 10 ☐ EPHESIANS 1-3

DEC. 11 ☐ EPHESIANS 4-6

DEC. 12 ☐ PHILIPPIANS 1-4

DEC. 13 ☐ COLOSSIANS 1-4

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS:

*AS YOU MEDITATE ON THESE
PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE, ASK, "IS THERE:"*

- A SIN I SHOULD AVOID?
- A PROMISE I CAN CLAIM?
- A COMMAND TO OBEY?
- A BLESSING I CAN ENJOY?
- A FAILURE FROM WHICH I CAN LEARN?
- A VICTORY FOR ME TO WIN?
- A THOUGHT ABOUT GOD, THE LORD JESUS, THE HOLY SPIRIT, SATAN, MAN?
- A TRUTH IN THIS PASSAGE THAT HAS GREATLY AFFECTED ME?

MISSIONARY DAILY PRAYER SCHEDULE!

SUNDAY

- 1.
2. Baptist International Missions Inc. - Missions Agency
3. John Baker Family - Missions Supply
4. Mike Bardon Family - Mormon Missions
5. Beacon of Truth Baptist Ministries - Tract Printing
6. Dr. Ron Bragg Family - B.I.M.I. Director, Africa
7. Jacques Brind'Amour Family - Quebec
8. Daniel Canavan Family - Ireland
9. Christian Law Association - Legal

MONDAY

10. Brian Collins Family - Singapore
11. Scott Cornoyer - Church Planting, Maryland
12. Chris Corrigan Family - Church Planting, Maryland
13. Dr. Pat Creed Family - B.I.M.I. Director, Caribbean
14. Dan DeLong Family - Australia
15. Samuel Eastep Family - Mexico City
16. Faith Baptist School of Theology - Preacher Training
17. Fellowship Tract League - Gospel Tract Printing
18. Ken Fielder Family - FirstBible International

TUESDAY

19. Graham Forbes Family - Scotland
20. Dr. Gary Forney Family - Points North Baptist Mission
21. Byron Foxx Family - Bible Truth Music
22. Fundamental Broadcasting Network - Radio/Shortwave
23. Dr. Anthony Fusco Family - Troubled Girls Homes
24. Mark Gage Family - CLAIM
25. Dr. James Gardner - Amazing Grace Missions
26. Daniel Garlick Family - La Espada
27. Matt Goins Family - Honduras
28. Allen Hamilton Family - Puerto Rico

WEDNESDAY

29. Justin Hayes Family - Ireland
30. Tony Hess Family - Ukraine
31. Lewis Howell Family - New Zealand
32. James Huckabee Family - Uganda
33. Robert Huffman Family - France
34. Dr. Dan Hummel - Beacon of Truth Baptist Ministries
35. Tim Ingram Family - Brazil
36. Fredrick Kearney Family - Ghana, Africa
37. Paul Lint Family - Church Planting

THURSDAY

38. Sean Lunday Family - Brazil
39. Gary May Family - Indians, South Dakota
40. Neighborhood Bible Time - Youth
41. Ed O'Brien Family - Spanish Church Planting
42. Joe Passaro Family - Military, Germany
43. Chip Paugh Family - Beacon of Truth Baptist Ministries
44. Jeremy Pittman Family - Uganda
45. Dr. Jerry Reece Family - Caribbean
46. Jason Ritchie Family - Mongolia

FRIDAY

47. Dave Robinson Family - FBN
48. Dr. Jimmy Rose Family - B.I.M.I. Brazil Director
49. Dr. Fred Schindler Family - First Bible International
50. Michael Schrimshire Family - Great Britain
51. Jim Shelton Family - Puerto Rico
52. Shepherd's Home - Wisconsin
53. Dr. Clayton Shumpert Family - C.L.A.I.M.
54. Barney Schwanke Family - Church Planting, VA
55. Sword of the Lord - Literature/Evangelism

SATURDAY

56. Dwight Talbot Family - Norway
57. Robert Vance Family - Missions Supply
58. Jerry Vogel Family - Missionary Helps
59. Chris War Family - Military Church Planting
60. Ray Weekly Family - Kenya, Africa
61. Shannon Whitaker Family - Canary Islands
62. Duey Whitfield Family - Spanish America
63. Ray Witmer Family - Prison Ministry
64. Jeff Williams Family - New Zealand

growth. These marvelous and beautiful earth products were to be food for each man, beast, fowl, and creeping thing that lived upon the earth (Genesis 1:29-30). No one who is familiar with the Bible argues this point.

The debate comes over the question of what “life” is. As mentioned earlier, the evolutionary assumption is that all systems that function by cells are “alive.” The evangelical brethren who use that scientific idea as a basis for their understanding of plants would justify the conclusion that since cells die when plants are eaten, therefore physical death processes are a part of the original design of the Creator.

There is, however, much more to be considered. God “created” (Hebrew *bara*) on Days One, Five, and Six. That is, God brought into existence something that did not exist before. The other days record God “making” and “shaping” that which was created earlier. The point to be observed here is that life was created on Day Five, as was the image of God created in man on Day Six.

The Hebrew terms used for Days Five and Six are rich in descriptions of this life. *Sherets* is used for the “moving creatures.” *Chay* is the “life” of verse 20. *Nephesh* is translated “living creature” in verse 21, but translated “living soul” in Genesis 2:7 (as well as most of the other times it is used in Scripture). These are the terms used for living creatures—along with the Hebrew *ruwach*, most often translated “spirit.” Leviticus 17:11 clearly states that “the life of the flesh is in the blood.”

Summary

In no passage of Scripture are plants associated with any of the terms for “life.” Plants do not have *chay* or *nephesh* or *ruwach* or any blood. Period. Neither are they “moving creatures.” Multicellular plants do not have independent mobility. Most land plants are tied directly to the ground. Some are symbiotically related to hosts (such as moss, lichen, various algae, etc.), but none move about on their own—as does all biblical life.

Yes, plants (earth products) are marvelous, beautiful, and incredibly information-rich. But the chasm between the cellular structure of plants and that of “living creatures” is vast in depth and breadth. Beyond the similar biological pathways, there is both a clear difference in form and a huge informational gap. Plants are not “related” to animals or to man, nor is there any evidence that petunias hear when we talk to them.

Why this emphasis? The insistence by some evangelical scientists and theologians that death is a “normal” part of creation is based on the evolutionary doctrine and scientific perspective that all cellular-based systems are “alive.” Thus, plants “die” when eaten, thereby requiring physical death to be a part of the created design. That logic, however, negates or deflects the awful results of sin (Romans 5:12) and makes the physical death of Jesus Christ not much more than a vengeful execution of God the Father on His only begotten Son, rather than the absolutely necessary substitutionary atonement and “shed blood” on the cross of Calvary (Matthew 26:28).

A graphic for a Christmas event. It features a green background with white stars and snowflakes. On the left, there are three Christmas ornaments: a green one, a yellow one, and a red one. The text is in yellow and white.

LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
12:00 noon, this Saturday, Dec. 12
Meet at Edd Davis' house

CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

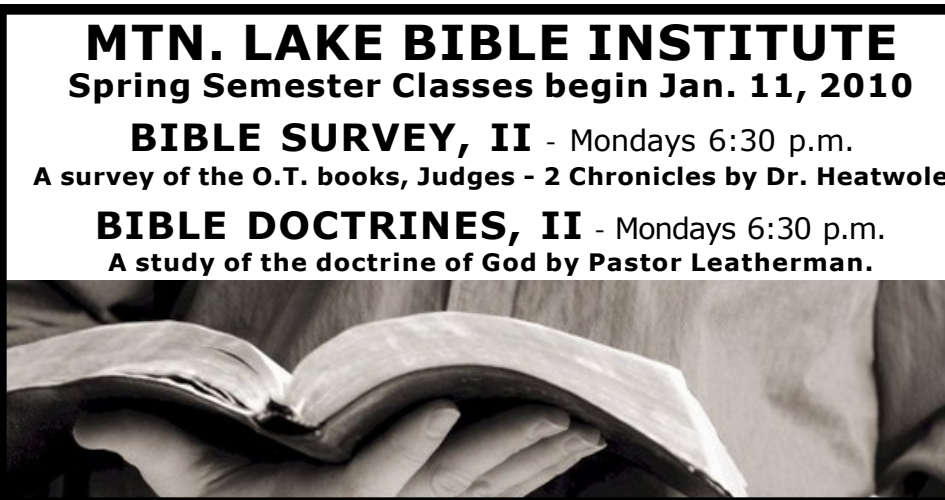
A banner for Bibles4Muslims.com. It features a background image of a mosque with a minaret and a person in a white turban. The text is in white and yellow.

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**TAKING GOD'S WORD
TO THE MUSLIM WORLD**
It's the Appropriate Response

A banner for a Christmas Eve service. It features a blue background with white snowflakes. The text is in white.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
6:00 p.m., December 24

A banner for MTN. Lake Bible Institute. It features a background image of an open book. The text is in black and white.

MTN. LAKE BIBLE INSTITUTE
Spring Semester Classes begin Jan. 11, 2010

BIBLE SURVEY, II - Mondays 6:30 p.m.
A survey of the O.T. books, Judges - 2 Chronicles by Dr. Heatwole

BIBLE DOCTRINES, II - Mondays 6:30 p.m.
A study of the doctrine of God by Pastor Leatherman.



PERSPECTIVES ON LIFE

by Henry Morris III, D.Min.

"Britain's Prince Charles...talked to plants but he is no longer alone with a rising number of people joining his campaign to treat plants with respect."¹

The past several decades have seen a rise in "Mother Earth" movements that include such pseudo-religiously-oriented ideas as the Gaia Hypothesis, Wicca, and various parapsychology cults. All of them have their roots in mysticism and evolutionary naturalism, with many of their devotees claiming a "scientific" basis for their tenets. Common to all these varied movements, whether cultic or scientific, is the unshakable belief that life arose from natural elements in some form, and that "higher" life forms (including plants) have some sentient perception.

Many embrace the concept that Mother Nature is actually the collective intelligence of ecosystems (from climate zones to solar systems and galaxies) that are observed by science with "apparent design" in all things.

Difficulties with Perspective

Modern science speaks of life in terms of cellular function. That is, all replicating and self-functioning systems are composed of cells. The cell performs all the functions for movement, reproduction, response, and growth, and many biological pathways are common in the cells of plants, animals, and man. Plants represent the most complicated level of life that can be maintained simply by the functioning of multiple cells working together.

Evolutionary thought ties the function of life all the way from single-cell organisms to humanity. Paramecium, plants, pollywogs, primates, and people are merely increasingly more complex assemblages of cells that have "developed" over deep time. In practice, plants are considered to be just as alive as are people. The life sciences include botany as well as biology.

If this practical perspective were merely a scientific debate, the impact on Christian thinking might not be much. Surely no one "believes" that a plant has the same value as a human being. We eat plants—as indeed the Creator Himself insisted that they were designed to be used (Genesis 1:29).

However, there is a popular teaching among evangelicals that physical death was part of God's original "good" creation. This dangerous doctrine is partially based on the "scientific fact" that plants are living things, and since God commanded humans to use these living plants as food, they "kill" plants when they eat them.

The Biblical Perspective

On Day Three of creation, the "earth" (the same Hebrew word as in Genesis 1:1) was commanded to "bring forth" ("sprout," Genesis 1:11). The earth responded by "shooting out" (verse 12) three categories of earth products: grass—all ground-covering vegetation; herbs—all bushes and shrubs; and trees—all large woody plants. The "herbs" and "tree yielding fruit" are specifically said to have a "seed"—to specify and program

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FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD



A Christmas Cantata

7:00 p.m. December 20

FAMILY LIFE

WEEKEND CONFERENCE

with Dr. & Mrs. Fred Schindler

January 16-17, 2010



