

Fresh Facts from the Fishers

Trees Are Treasures

*“I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.”*

Poet Joyce Kilmer admired trees for their aesthetic beauty – as they lifted “their leafy arms to pray.”

But a tree's beauty is more than skin deep. In an article titled “Can Trees Save the World?” the July issue of *Science News* deals with their importance, their practical benefits, and how to make them more beneficial.

Over the centuries, people have cut millions of trees to use in construction, heating and cooking. That has upset the “balance of nature” in many places – the pattern of us inhaling oxygen and exhaling carbon dioxide, while trees did the opposite. It has also made the air in some areas difficult to breathe and caused dust bowls and deserts.

After spelling out ways to correct or at least reduce the problem, the article warns, “To have any hope of success, restoration projects need to consider the best times of year to plant seeds, which seeds to plant and where, who will care for the seedlings as they grow into trees, how that growth will be monitored, and how to balance the economic and environmental needs of people in developing countries where the trees might be planted.”

As we explore trees from the scientific standpoint, and Joyce Kilmer admires them for their beauty, both point to the conclusion,

“...only God can make a tree.”

“Time is the coin of life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful, lest you let other people spend it for you.”

- Carl Sandberg

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***John & Joy, Louise & Scott visited July 11.
Living in Minnesota and New Hampshire,
they welcome each chance to get together.***

Talk about Trauma!

A child gets up in the night for a bathroom break. As he turns on the light, he sees his father lying dead on the floor – with a needle still in his arm. How soon will he be able to concentrate on his schoolwork? Many years, if ever!

That's the kind of child Louise's husband Scott works with. His emotions shout so loudly that they drown out any attempt to think clearly.

Please join our family in praying that God will give Scott the ability to communicate with his students – and to give students the ability to understand.

How Many Genders Are There?

Our drivers' licenses limit us to M and F. But some people claim more than 50!

We knew about people who “swing both ways” with men and women. But now there are **dozens** of twists that the devil uses to confuse and ensnare people. The Apostle Paul wrote, “For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.” (Ephesians 5:12).

Please ask God for wisdom in knowing how we can:

- Help others avoid this trap, and
- Help those already hooked.

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Targets for Praise & Prayer

- For Oliver, asking God to help me discern when and what to say about Jesus.
- For wisdom in writing about gender. There's a clear contrast between ways it is perverted, and the wholesome approach the Bible provides.
- For wisdom in choosing topics, and in developing them into credible arguments for faith.
- That medication will continue to keep Dave's leukemia and Parkinson's under control.
- For God to enable Scott in his difficult ministry.
- That all of our grandchildren and "greats" will be sure of their salvation, and then follow God's perfect will.

Meet a Neighbor



Oliver lives next door, with his mother and two sisters. No brothers and no dad. So his mother suggested that he could benefit from some adult male companionship. He and Dave often play checkers together, then proceed to other activities and conversation.

Eleanor Is a Gem!

Even from a wheelchair, I can do a lot to care for myself. But many times a day, I need to call for Eleanor. She pitches in without complaining, but it saps a lot of her strength.

My daughter Louise and her husband Scott came from New Hampshire to help for a week, so Eleanor could take a break and visit her daughter in Georgia. Thanks a lot for that!

Please pray for wisdom in future plans.

A Pleasant Surprise

When our doctor requested a helper for Dave, the agency sent a man from Liberia, West Africa. From childhood, Jimmy had listened regularly to Radio ELWA, in Monrovia, Liberia, whose slogan is Eternal Love Winning Africa. He told us it was "priceless" in helping him grow spiritually.

Response from listeners is often through impersonal feedback. This time, it was gratifying to meet someone personally who has benefitted from broadcasts.

A Larger Perspective

People talk about protecting the world from climate change and global warming.

But few are concerned about a much longer-term problem. God calls us to warn people to **prepare for eternity** – to avoid the place that is **much, much hotter than the temperatures we endured this summer.**

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**Yours for Christian credibility,
*Dave and Eleanor Fisher***

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