



FROM THE PASTOR

The Truth About Global Warming by Pastor Schulz

When you hear the words Global Warming today, what comes to mind? You might say, “melting glaciers, shrinking ice caps, flooded cities, dying polar bears, fossil fuels, or maybe Al Gore.” You may even think of the 2006 movie, “The Day After Tomorrow”.

What is the truth about this politically hot issue? Let’s look at the facts. It is true that over the past 150 years, global temperatures have increased 1.2 degrees Fahrenheit. In addition, carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases have increased: 30% carbon dioxide and 30% carbon dioxide equivalents since about the time of the Industrial Revolution. (mid-1800’s) Two basic causes that are often pointed to are deforestation and the burning of fossil fuels.

Advocates of “going green” tell us that unless drastic action is taken, the climate will continue to warm and carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere will continue to increase to dangerous levels. Advocates tell us that it is all man’s fault that this is happening and that if we don’t act immediately, our planet will be destroyed.

What we need to remember first and foremost, is that when Adam and Eve fell into sin, the ground of the earth was cursed by God. That meant the planet would be susceptible to hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, tsunami’s, climate changes, and other natural disasters. No matter what human beings do or don’t do, our earth would not always cooperate. So part of the global warming situation is the fault of a cursed earth. That cursed earth won’t find deliverance

until Jesus destroys this world, with the ultimate global warming on Judgment Day.

It is also true that as Christians we are to be good managers of the earth God has given to us. That means to senselessly pollute the environment is sinful. If we can do certain things to help obtain cleaner air, or to preserve our environment, we would want to do such things. God made human beings the rulers over creation and told them to use and care for it.

But will global warming eventually destroy the earth if we don’t take drastic action? Please read the words that God told Noah in Genesis 8:22, “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” The Genesis flood was the temporary suspension of the regular climate patterns that God intended for the earth. In the aftermath of that flood, God promised that such a global suspension of those climate patterns would never occur again. Seasons will continue. (cold and heat, summer and winter) In addition, God promised that humankind will be able to live off the fruit of creation until Judgment Day. (seedtime and harvest) So no matter what human beings may do to hurt the environment in the year’s ahead, God promises to preserve the earth’s atmosphere and climate in such a way that it will be able to sustain human life. Don’t let any Global Warming fanatic tell you unless we do something drastic, we will destroy our planet. Not True! God promises to preserve this universe until Judgment Day.

Part of the problem with Global warming fanatics is that most of them are evolutionists. An evolutionist believes that as our planet was evolving, there was a time when carbon dioxide levels were so high that the air was poisonous. Over time those levels changed to the point that they were capable of supporting animal and human life. If this was true, it would mean that if gas levels in our atmosphere at one point would not support human life, it’s possible

that they could someday return to that level. That's what the evolutionist believes is possible and is trying to prevent. On the other hand, we as Christians believe that the atmosphere has always been able to support life on earth. And it will always be able to support all life on earth in the future.

What about the poor coal miners in West Virginia, or the oil and gas producers, that are denied permits because of the harm they will do to the environment? Our politically correct world has gone off the deep end in the United States. Fossil fuels should not be dismissed as needing to be replaced. We can thank fossil fuels for helping to build efficient sewage treatment plants that have allowed humans to safely dispose of our disease-ridden waste. Fossil fuel-produced electricity has played an indispensable role in the development and distribution of drugs that treat or cure countless diseases in every corner of the world. Plus if you live in a place like Minnesota in the winter time, and want to be spared of frostbite or death, give thanks to coal and other fossil fuels to keep you warm. Or if you are a Florida resident and don't want to die of heatstroke, give thanks to your Freon-induced air conditioner.

Instead of being so concerned about saving the polar bears, saving the turtles, or saving the alligators, our world should be more concerned about saving human beings from the ultimate Global Warming, on Judgment Day. How important that people know Jesus. Stay cool and spend an eternity in the best climate imaginable, heaven. Know Jesus. Know Peace. No Jesus. No Peace.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Reformation Sunday At Open Bible
Guest Preacher: Pastor Mark
October 30th at 9:30 A.M.
500 YEARS OF FAITH (1517-2017)

PRINTED WORDS

Five hundred years ago, a German monk named Martin Luther sought to turn the church of his day back to the clear teachings of God's Word, the

truth that we are saved, not by our own efforts, but by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Luther made good use of the new and rapidly growing printing industry. He recognized printing as a gift of God through which the good news of Jesus could be proclaimed to the world. For Luther, however, the word that mattered was the Word of God. As far as Luther was concerned, he did not bring about the events of the Reformation. He did nothing, he said. The Word did everything.

PARADISE WORDS

As he studied the Bible, Luther was troubled by the words, "the righteousness of God". He understood that phrase to refer to the righteousness-or holiness-of God who in righteous wrath punishes unrighteous sinners. Luther wrestled with the meaning, vocabulary and grammar of Scripture. The Holy Spirit, at work in the Word, led Luther to understand that "the righteousness of God" is God's gift to sinners by grace through faith in Jesus. The Savior took all of our sins, our unrighteousness, onto himself on the cross and in exchange gave us his righteousness, his holiness. With that understanding, Luther felt that he had been born again and had walked through the open gates of paradise.

POSTED WORDS

Having learned of God's free gift of righteousness granted through faith in Christ, Luther composed 95 theses, or statements for debate, against the church practice of selling indulgences, what believers had come to see as buying forgiveness. On October 31st, 1517, he posted his theses on Wittenberg's Castle Church door, which served as the town bulletin board.

The first of the 95 theses stated: "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent', he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance." Believers repent and receive forgiveness that was purchased, not with silver or gold, "but with the precious blood of Christ." (I Peter 1:19)

PEACEFUL WORDS

Luther designed a coat of arms, a personal trademark for his published writings. A black cross

on the red heart represents saving faith in Christ crucified. The heart rests on a white rose, a sign of the peace that we have in Christ. The rose, in turn, is placed on a blue field, because the joy we now have is the beginning of heavenly joy. A gold ring surrounds the symbol, a reminder that the peace and joy of heaven will never end.

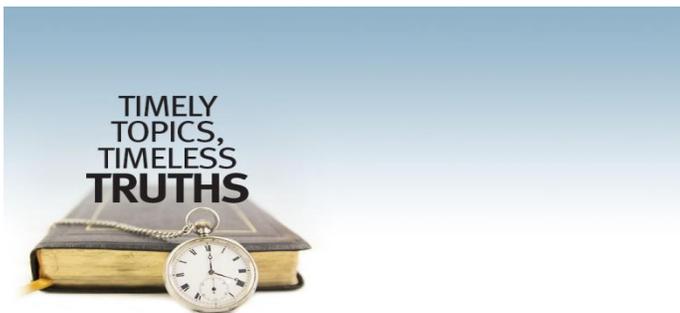
Luther stood firm-as do all who trust in Christ-guarded by the shield of faith and wielding the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. (Ephesians 6:16-17) We rest securely, like the heart resting on the white rose, in the peace that Jesus alone can give.



SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Morning Bible Study (Led by Pastor Schulz)

Early Bird Bible Study:
October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd 8:00am



The **Timely Topics, Timeless Truths** series brings the discussions people are talking about today into a Bible study setting. The studies will equip learners with biblical truths for engaging in challenging issues with their family, friends, and coworkers.

The God who saves me

Santa Claus: Does the man in the red suit spell "Saint" or "Satan" for Christmas?
Secret Baptism: A grandparent's right--or wrong?
Close Communion: Are we closing the door on reaching the lost?

The world around me

Duel Citizenship: Can my pastor talk politics?

Wednesday in the Word at 5:00 PM. (Led by Pastor Schulz)

A condensed Chronological journey through the Bible.

Come along on a 31 week journey to discover how your story fits into God's story.

Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:00PM

As a church, our goal is to know God's story and to see where our story fits into his. The story is a church-wide journey for all ages, helping each of us connect more with God through scripture.

ACT 1 the ABC's of The Story:

10/5: Deliverance/Moses

10/12: New Commands and A New Covenant

10/19: Wandering

10/26: The Battle Begins/Joshua



SPLASH Single People Loving and Serving Him (Led by Peggi Carrier, Ina Taylor)

SPLASH is a special group for singles at Open Bible. Newcomers and friends are always welcome. Meeting twice a month, once for study, and once for recreational activities.

First meeting on Sunday, October 16th at 11:30am. after church. It will be Brunch and a planning meeting at Water Oak Country Club.

SPLASH has great plans for the coming activity year. Bible Study options and many fellowship opportunities including Sunday brunches & day trips.

Journey with Judy Bible Study: Led by Judy Hainen

A ladies home Bible Study continues on Monday's at Judy Hainen's home 3171 Gooding Place. The study guide is titled, Conversations with Jesus by Martha Reapsome. Time: 9:15-10:30am. Please let Judy know if you are coming so there is enough material. 750-5320.

Men Of Leisure: Men's Breakfast Group (led by Dennis Duessler)

The group is discussing a Bible study booklet on some of the issues retired men and men in general face.

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 14th at the Perkins Restaurant. The time 8:30am and location on CR 466 near Walmart. The Topic of discussion: 19 Minute Bible Study.

North Country Group (Led by Alan Johnson)

These are a group of Open Bible members from the Ocala area who meet twice a month on Sunday nights from 6:30--8:30 pm. They will meet Sunday, Oct 9th & 23rd at the home of Alan and Pam Johnson. Topic: the "Book of Acts" using the People's Bible.

466A Group and Vicinity (Led by Pastor Schulz)

This group will meet twice a month on Tuesday's from 2:00 – 4:00pm.

Come along with us as we travel on a 10 session study of the complete New Testament. A condensed Chronological Journey through the New Testament.

The Tuesday, October 11th meeting will be at the home of Jim & Eva Orcutt. Topic: No Ordinary Man

The next meeting will be Tuesday October 25th at the home of Bob & Margie O'Connell and the Topic: Jesus the Son of God.

Happy Hearts---Happy Hands Handiwork --

Facilitator is Sandy Pawlowski

New Meeting Date:

Meets on the Fourth Thursday of each month at

church from 9:00---12:00 PM. Next meeting **Thursday, October 27th**. Group creates quilts for those in need in our community. Also does knitting, crochet, and embroidery.

Friday Fore-Giving Golfers: Facilitator is Sandy Fehlhaber

This group meets once a week on Fridays to golf the Executive courses in The Villages. Teams are determined by the Sunday prior to the golf date. Each golfer is equipped with a small plastic bag with extra--- long tees and a business card from Open Bible to hand out to unchurched golfers.

Fellowship Group (Led by Joe and Paula Malec, Dan & Karen Pearson)

Meets once a month for a recreational activity. Plans are being made now.

Adult Choir (Led by Judy Hainen)

Meets on Wednesdays from 6:15---7:15 PM. Welcome to all singers, especially those who have sung previously in choirs.

Defenders (Led by Ken Wells and Bill Sigurdson)

This group meets twice a month to shoot 50---100 rounds at one of these two places: The Gun Club off 44 near Leesburg and also R/D Tactical Solutions 1031 NE 16th St. in Ocala. Ken and Bill supply everyone with targets or you can buy one for \$1.25. In Ocala, your spouse can shoot for just \$6.00. The next shoot is Thursday October 13th in Ocala and October 27th on Hwy 44 in Leesburg. Following the activity, the group has lunch at Beef O' Brady's and devotes time to pray for our country and military.

Women of Open Bible : We will be meeting on Wednesday, October 12th at 1:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. All ladies of Open Bible are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to get better acquainted with your sisters in Christ.

Ladies Bible Study: (Led by Pam Johnson)

Ladies Bible Study will continue in October at 1 p.m. in the fellowship area. We will be looking at the book Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them by Liz Curtiss Higgs. In this Bible Study the author looks at the lives, situations, and

personalities of 10 Bad Girls from the Bible. The premise is that while women can learn from Good Girls, they can also learn from the Bad Girls of the Bible, as well. In each chapter, Higgs focuses on a different woman. She begins each chapter with a fictional account, set in modern times, that resembles the story from the Bible of each woman she is discussing. Contact Pam Johnson (352)390-6982, lambteach@cox.net, if you are interested in this Bible Study.

ALTAR GUILD

Mary Burel Chairwoman

Summer months were well covered by members and new volunteers. As we look forward to the return of seasonal members a fall meeting will be held October 19th at 10:00am. New members are always welcome and will be mentored and trained. The holiday season will be discussed and altar décor planned. A special thank-you to all who serve their Lord by preparing for each service. Following the meeting the group will go for lunch.



COUNTERS HELP

The Counting Committee is currently seeking full-time and part-time help with counting and processing receipts for Open Bible. There are four teams consisting of 2 to 4 people (depending on the time of the year). Each team is responsible for that week's receipts as far as counting, recording and depositing.

Be sure to talk with Barb Matthias (352-259-7128) or Bill Sigurdson (352-504-6242) if



you can give a hand or have any questions. All they need to know is which week(s) work best for you and the months you are available.

MISSION FESTIVAL & A CHRISTIAN PASSOVER

The Mission Festival will be on Sunday, October 16th with a guest speaker Dr. John Lawrenz.

When the Lord was going to go through with the last plague on Egypt, the visitation of the angel of death, He instructed the Jewish nation in Egypt to smear the blood of a lamb on their door posts so that their houses would be spared from this last plague. He also instructed them to prepare a special meal which came to be known as the Passover Meal or Seder. The Jewish nation observed this meal each year. Our Lord when He started His ministry also observed this meal. Remember, on Thursday of Holy Week He instructed His disciples to go into the village and make ready to celebrate the Passover.

Have you ever wondered what preparations had to be made or what foods would be served, or what was so special about this meal? Well, you will have the opportunity to participate in a Christian Seder or Passover on October 17 right here at Open Bible.

On Monday, October 17, Dr. John Lawrenz will be hosting a Christian Seder for our congregation. Dr. John, as he is known as, is a leading scholar on Jewish culture and the Hebrew language. He will take us through the entire meal explaining each food item and the meaning of the entire meal. I think you will enjoy not only the meal but also his presentation and knowledge of Jewish life.

There will be a sign up for attendance on the pass-through counter during the Sundays in September. There will also be a sign up for a committee of women and men to make the necessary preparations. Think of yourself as one of early disciples preparing Christ's last Passover Meal.

This is really a special opportunity and one that you won't want to miss. Ask your friends to join you to learn about the Passover Meal for Christians and to introduce them to Open Bible.

VOTER'S MEETING

Voter's Assembly will be held Sunday, October 30th.

On the agenda will be the "Vision" that was reached by the Long Range Planning Committee. This includes a 1 year plan, a 3 year plan, a 10 year Target, and Marketing Strategy. You will find the agenda and "Vision" Organizer posted on the bulletin board locate next to Pastor Schulz's office.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Save the Date for Advent by Candlelight

To all the Ladies of Open Bible:

On Sunday, December 4th at 6:00 pm we will be celebrating the 5th annual Advent by Candlelight Service. It is a way to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior at Christmas. If you have never attended, you will enjoy an evening of festivities. The lights will be turned down, the candles on the decorated tables lit and a wonderful dessert prepared by your hostess. After dessert we move into the church to join in a special Advent service to encourage us to prepare for the coming holiday. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the fellowship with other Christian women as well as an opportunity to invite friends and neighbors. Don't forget to mark your calendars. Watch for more information.

Happy Anniversary



Jerry & Carol Yahn – 1 Mike & Gloria Butzow – 3 Dave & Dianne Bliss – 8
Ron & Christina Moellring – 8
Huns & Linda Gustrowsky – 9
Les & Carol Stauske – 11
Jim & Pam (PJ) Johnson – 12
Dennis & Pat Knack – 21
Bill & Mary Whitford - 26 Duane & Judy Anderson – 28

Happy Birthday



Sharon Affeldt – 1
Russ Niermeyer – 2
Bette McConkey – 4
Ken Phillips – 8
Art Hartwig – 9
Carol Sonnenberg – 11
Matthew Hand - 13
Carol Beetch - 13
Sandy Fehlhaber – 17
Dennis Duessler – 17
Richard Mason - 20
Corinne Mahoney - 23
Dave Buss – 26
Herb Schaefer – 29



On Sunday, September 25th at 11:00 A.M. a ten minute groundbreaking ceremony took place at Open Bible. As each member of our Building Committee and church leaders took the shovel and dug up some earth, they said, "With faith in Jesus Christ, we break this ground in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"!

Members Pictured above:

- President of Congregation: Les Stauske
- Building Committee Members:
 - Huns Gustrowsky
 - Keith Mackey
 - Duane Anderson
 - Dan Blaho
- President of Women of Open Bible: Mary Helen Schultz
- President of Altar Guild: Mary Burel
- Director of Music: Judy Hainen
- Church Secretary: Karen Pearson
- Construction Supervisors: Roger Otto and Frank Selvey
- Director of Children Ministry: Tristen Thise
- Signature Construction Representatives: Jeff Myers and Brian Sellers

Women's EXPO

The Women of Open Bible will have a booth set up at the Women's Expo on Tuesday, October 11th at the Villages Polo Grounds. During the last few weeks the women have collected gently used cookbooks and spiritual books to be available for a small donation. The money will be then donated to our missions. The quilting group has donated two beautiful quilts, and Mary Helen Schultz has donated microwave "Hot Bowl" cozies. Assorted pamphlets will be put on the table for people to take free.