



Prime Timer's Newsletter

Mission Statement: Provide opportunities for the senior members to be involved in the fellowship, service and evangelism activities of Meadow view, assisting the congregation in its outreach and growth.

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Summer Solstice

That's my story!

Bible Thought: "I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL, BECAUSE IT IS THE POWER OF GOD FOR THE SALVATION OF EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES...FOR IN THE GOSPEL RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM GOD IS REVEALED" (ROMANS 1:16-17, NIV).

WE WILL NOT stay to be lectured but we will sit for hours if a person, a film, or a television show tells us a good story. If it is not merely interesting but also good, we may even be persuaded to change in some way.

It's striking how the early preaching, recorded in Acts, is mostly a recounting of the story of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. It is just a story. The hearers always seem to feel that they are a part of it--and their reaction is always powerful.

One of my students wrote that she grew up in a home parented by atheists and was kept ignorant of all things religious. Then, she followed the suggestion of a friend and read the Bible.. She was skeptical but she read with few preconceptions. She was not prepared for the power of the story. She said when she read the gospels, the story of Jesus, she suddenly realized that she wanted to "be part of that story." And now she is living it.

We are in that story, that "power of God for...salvation" story, right now.

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co-editor

As the first day of summer arrived this year, our newspaper noted that the Druids were gathering at England's Stonehenge to celebrate summer solstice.

Anyone who lives in Phoenix knows when it is summertime. At the same time as the Druids were doing their nature-pagan thing, our weather forecast was calling for 113 degrees, a pretty clear indicator that the sun has headed north, so to speak, and things would be warmish for a while.

What really caught my eye was that for the first time the Druids would be gathering around the prehistoric circle of massive stones as members of an established religion under British charity law. Members of that ancient pagan tradition now have mainstream status equal to that of the Church of England.

Some people have estimated that Stonehenge is about 4,000 years old. If so, it dates back to about the time God pronounced that Father Abraham was justified by faith (Genesis 15:16). Given choice (and, by God's grace, we are), we can make the decision Abraham did and choose to worship the God who

made the sun and the earth, and, by the, the raw stone of the great behemoths that form Stonehenge.

It may be on the cutting edge of political correctness, but isn't the new British law recognizing paganism as a mainstream religion more of a regression than a progression of civilizations?

How does it happen that folks have always been tempted to be involved in paganism?

Paul outlines the route for us in Romans 1. Here's part of what he says (and you may want to read his full account). He says that what may be known about God is plain. Since the creation, "God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made," there is no excuse not to recognize these things. When people's thinking gets messed up, and they think they are wiser than they really are, they exchange the glory of the immortal God for images, and they worship created things rather than the Creator.

We worship the God who set up his solar system to provide us with changing seasons. Praise him for every season's blessings!!



September Activities:

Luncheon: Monday 9th @ 12:00 p.m.

Guest speaker: Titus Robison, Vice President of Development Foster's Home for Children

Mission Printing, Arlington, TX: Thursday 12th

Steering Committee Meeting: Monday 16th @ 2:00 p.m.



If you cannot get what you like,
why not try to like what you get?

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