

# Is It Mother Nature?

By Mike Riley

We have the most amazing view from our sunroom. I love the sunrise as we begin a new day; the glow of the city lights at night and the orange and purple sunsets. The moon is amazing, and I believe I can see a man up there smiling at me! Everything outdoors seems so very much alive. There's movement, changing colors and sounds.

So what do we call the great outdoors and the wonders we observe? Modern science refuses to credit our glorious creation to God. Therefore, the changing seasons, the living creatures and climatic events, both good and sometimes violent....are attributed to Mother Nature.

Really?

Our God and Creator designed it all (Psalm 90:1-2; Psalm 148:1-5; cf. Genesis 1:3). The Earth revolves around the Sun, with great accuracy. Not too close or we would all burn up....not too far or all we would freeze. Birds fly south for the winter. Salmon spawn in only certain areas....all according to God's perfect plan.

Even though "nature" appears alive, is it really? Does nature "think" or "choose" to do these things alone? (Psalm 65:5-10; Psalm 68:9; Psalm 147:7-8).

Evolutionary scientists would have us believe that all of the beauty we observe and all biological functions of living creatures are simply a result of natural selection. In other words, Darwin and his successors would credit intelligence to nature. But we know otherwise (Isaiah 1:18).

Mother Nature isn't really a mother at all....she is a non-person — a fairy tale made up by atheists and humanists.

God is the great designer of all nature (Job 38). He engineered every form of life to live and to fill the earth according to His command (Genesis 1).

Just as Adam was given the responsibility to care for Eden (Genesis 2:15), we too are to care for our earth. We are to use its resources wisely, remembering that all nature is a gift to enjoy but also to nourish.

Mother Nature? No! — Father God! Yes!



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Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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## Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

## Those to Serve

### Today

**Announcements**- Lyle Russell

**Opening prayer**- David Repond

**Communion**- Wayne Fowler

**Closing Prayer**- Rick Cook

**Sermon**- Don DeLukie

June 23rd

**Announcements**- Paul Simpson

**Opening prayer**- Travis Rogers

**Communion**- Jerry McDonald

**Closing Prayer**- Gary Harris

**Sermon**- Don DeLukie

## Announcements

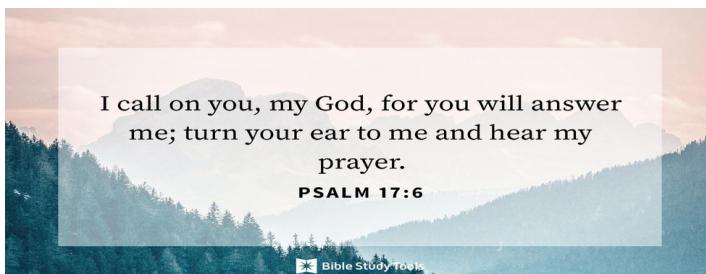
**—There will be no PM Services this evening.**

**—Gospel Meetings:** Check the bulletin board in the foyer for several upcoming Gospel Meetings happening in our area.

**—Fish Fry:** Our next Fish Fry is scheduled for Saturday, June 29th at 4 PM. Save the date! More details to come.

**—Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be June 30th. Give your questions to Don or bring them with you.

**—Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



## Please Pray For:

Brigg DeLukie, Charlotte Martin, Kathy Gilbert, Ruth Parks, Michael Grenfell, Junior Looney, Jeanie Hollis Taylor, Carolyn Jones, Tommy Franklin, Phillip Simmons, Ed Haltom, Roger Love, Louvenia Dickson, Shaquita Anderson.

**Bereaved:** Families of Robert Chisley, Barbara Traywick, Walt Henson, Nancy Marsh, Trisha Muse, Julie Williams, Ken Green, Marcille Matheny, Wallace Graves.

## Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Ronnie & Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Ronnie Tatum, Cindy Smith, Renee Gee, Bobby Simmons, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



### June birthdays

10 -Sharon Harris

12 -Rachel Rogers

15 -Jesse Sewell

16 -Victor Binford

16 -Janice Hayes

20 -Debbie Grice

21 -Ashton Richardson

22 -Kara Freeman

22 -Damien Miller

25 -Don Delukie

### June Anniversaries

17 -Brandon & Sydney Rogers

28 -Arthur & Cybil Binford

