

Greetings from Tyler,

Our visit to Nashville last Sabbath went very well, with 65 in attendance and a handful of new people. The crowd was very attentive, appreciative, and we had some terrific social interactions as well.

Back in Tyler, this week we completed the Feast brochure, and it is off to be printed and mailed. As you may remember, it was held up for some time until we were able to secure our contract with the Boardwalk Beach Resort in Panama City Beach. But everything is locked down, the brochure is complete and will be on its way to you in the coming days.

The monthly letter was also completed this week, and a rather lengthy one at that. There are so many developments of urgent importance, it seems it couldn't be helped. I hope it will meet with your approval.

To add insult to already numerous injuries, our House of Representatives is expected to pass global warming legislation, a so-called "carbon tax" on every form of energy we consume. It's all in the name of "saving the planet," an inappropriately arrogant slogan at best. You can hardly tune in to any form of media without a paid voice intoning, "Let's build a smarter planet." The best scientists are hard put to even understand the many natural forces God designed into our ecosystem, let alone "build a better planet." Neither Al Gore nor all the self-important bureaucrats on earth have the ability to do anything of the kind. But their slogans have numbed our population into slumber.

Who knew the nation would have the very same system that failed so spectacularly all over Europe foisted upon it with virtually no notice? Two days ago, word surfaced that there might be a hurried attempt to bring "cap and trade" legislation to the floor of the House today. Our attempts to verify that news via some respected news outlet failed. But sure enough, it's all over the news today, the very day the vote is scheduled to take place. By the time you get this update, you'll probably know the outcome. At present it is expected to pass this major hurdle toward becoming the law of the land.

Everything else is pretty much where we left it this time last week. Iran's brutal leadership has apparently succeeded in quieting the protests there, by going so far as to carry out a "massacre" of some of the demonstrators according to rumors and reports. As far as we know, we are still under military threat from North Korea. But our government leaders seem to be too intent on revoking our liberties under the guise of "saving the planet" to worry too much about the death and destruction our enemies are scheming.

The Garner Ted Armstrong program last week brought in 322 requests for the sermon Is Jesus God? and the brochure Only a Fool Says there is no God, This week the program was on the Trinity and brought in 350 requests. As you've seen, the number of first time responders generally runs between 40 and 60 percent of the total. We don't have exact numbers on first time contacts this week due to a computer glitch that we expect to have resolved by our next report.

In spite of all the unsettling news on domestic and international fronts, we are holding up well organizationally and we know that all of you are responsible for that bit of good news. Our thanks, prayers and best hopes go out to all of you.

Until next time,

Mark Armstrong