March 31, 2013

Worship in Song

**Announcements & Greetings** 

Worship in Tithes & Doxology

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper** 

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Reading of the Word Romans 6:1-11

Worship in Teaching BELIEF Pastor Bill Butler

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*Everyone is invited to enjoy fellowship and refreshment following the service.* 





## The Miraculous Seed

1 Corinthians 15:35-38

Can the dead come back to life? While many scientists assure us that they cannot, the empty grave of Christ assures us that in Him everyone who trusts in His saving

work on the cross of Calvary will live bodily with Him forever. When modern science tries to raise doubts about the bodily resurrection of Christ, just keep in mind that science cannot even explain the miracle of the seed.

Any seed, whether an ordinary bean seed, an acorn or a coconut, is a marvel of life. Consider the oak tree. Within the acorn, weighing less than an ounce, is a tiny embryonic oak tree, enough nutrition to get the young tree started on its own and all of the coded information needed not only to direct the start of growth, but to also guide the design and development of tons and tons of tree! Lotus seeds can remain alive and sprout for up to 1,000 years!

If it had been up to the first plant to figure out how to accomplish this miracle by trial and error, we would still be waiting for the first seed to develop! But Scripture solves this problem for us by clearly stating that God is the author of all life! Besides Scripture's clear statement on the matter, it seems most unscientific to say that the tiny, packaged bundle of life we call a seed was not carefully designed and created but came about by chance.

And as the seed in the ground shakes off its old, dry coat to burst forth in vibrant new life, let each of us look to Christ to shake off the old and decayed and allow Him to place on us the vibrant new life He gives us through His resurrection.

Prayer: Lord, Your empty grave speaks louder than all the words of doubters. Let me truly show forth the new life You have given me so that the hearts of doubters may be opened to You. Amen.

Notes: Pope, Jon Cedar. 1979. Carrying an immature plant through time and space. **Science Digest**, May. p 60. Photo: Lotus seeds.

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+ + +	Day of Prayer and Fasting for CBC: Wisdom for leadership direction and decisions Godly leadership and submission in the church and home Right relationship and godly influence with the community Protection and advancement of the Kingdom in the midst of spiritual warfare 5:30-7:00 pm @ Burger Boy
Wed, 4/3 –	The Pastor Is In 5:30-6:30 pm at MCC Music Practice 6:30-8:30pm at MCC Meal & Bible Study-The Tabernacle (Look for an email sign-up for a dish to bring.)
Thurs, 4/4 –	1:00-3:00 pm at MCC Women's & Children's Bible Study—The Names of God, Chap 16, "The Name"
Fri, 4/5 –	3:00-4:00 pm @ Tijeras Senior Center Senior Book Club—The Names of God, Chap 7, "Adonay"
Sat, 4/6—	8:00-9:00 am <b>Business Meeting</b> @ the Smith's home
Sun, 4/7 –	10:00 am Sunday Service

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Rick Mitchell has entered into a time of testing for ordination as an elder of Canyon Bible Church. Please communicate your input regarding this consideration to Pastor Bill Butler by April 7, 2013.

