



THE LYTLE LIGHT

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

— Matthew 5:14a (NKJV)

The believer is appointed to be a lighthouse to others;
a cheering lamp, a shining star, a loving guide.

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Current Sunday Schedule: 9:45AM - Bible Study | 10:45AM - Worship

~12:00PM—Every 4th Sunday (Except For Months With 5 Sundays)—Potluck Fellowship Meal

~ 12:00PM—Every 5th Sunday—Potluck Fellowship Meal & Games Following Meal

Current Wednesday Schedule: 5:00PM—Bible Study

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If you're searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help; then we may be the place for you.

ABOUT GENESIS — FROM ANSWERSINGENESIS.ORG [PART TWO]

Last week, in our study of Genesis, we looked at several points: (1) we provided an extremely brief overview of that book; (2) we looked at the fact that Genesis is foundational to our understanding of reality by explaining how we got here, where stars, oceans, animals, and trees come from. It tells us there is sin and death in the world and why; (3) we covered the fact that all major biblical doctrines such as sin, God's plan for gender, marriage, and the gospel are founded in Genesis; (4) we talked about who wrote Genesis and when; (5) we looked at the structure of Genesis and (6) the key themes of Genesis - creation, corruption, catastrophe, confusion, and Abraham's family and their importance.

This week we'll take a look at issues with Genesis and we'll conclude briefly with the journey from Genesis to the gospel.

Issue: Is the Genesis Account Another Creation Myth? — The first two chapters of Genesis tell a straightforward account of the creation of the earth, the universe, and even
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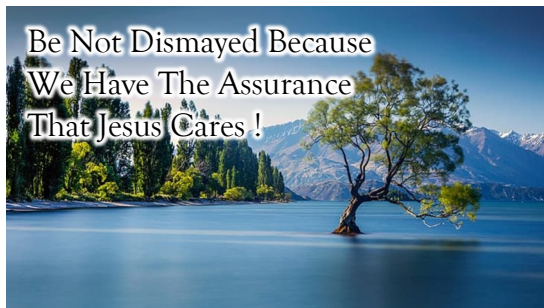
WELCOME VISITOR!

We *Welcome* Each & Every One Of You To Our Worship Services today! We Hope You Will Stay After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! And Be Sure To Join Us For Our Monthly Fellowship Meal After Worship Services On The 4th or 5th Sunday Of Every Month!

Be Sure To Pick Up A Visitor Pamphlet From The Table Under The Mirror In The Front Hall.

And Please Fill Out A Visitor Card (We *PROMISE* Not To Sell Your Information!) From The Back Of The Pew In Front Of You And Place It In The Collection Plate Located On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium.

ORDER OF SERVICE



Be Not Dismayed Because
We Have The Assurance
That Jesus Cares!

- ENTER TO WORSHIP •
- ANNOUNCEMENTS •
- SCRIPTURE READING •
- OPENING PRAYER •

Song No. 116—O, Worship The King & Psalm 104

Song No. 291—Does Jesus Care?

Song No. 39—Be Not Dismayed

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 61—Blessed Assurance

Song No. 174—The Lord's Supper

• LORD'S SUPPER •

- SERMON — *SEE RIGHT COLUMN* •

Invitation Song No. 617—In Sorrow I Wandered

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 389—Take The Name Of Jesus . . .

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE

SERMON



— DON'T DO THAT —

- *SCRIPTURE REFERENCES* •

Romans 14:1-12; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Mark 9:42;
1 Corinthians 8:9-13; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8;
Philippians 2:4; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Proverbs 27:5-6;
Psalm 141:5; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

- *SERMON OUTLINE* •

REVIEW & INTRODUCTION — (1) There Are Different Levels Of Christian Maturity | (2) Many Are Aware Of Their Freedom And Their Liberty | (3) Many Have Not Reached That Maturity

- I. Avoid Foolish Judgment
 - A. Recognize Our Christian Brother
 - B. Receive Our Christian Brother
 - C. Respect Our Christian Brother
- II. Aspire To Faithful Judgment
 - A. Matters Of Convictions
 - B. Matters Of Consecration
 - C. Matters Of Consequences
- III. Anticipate Future Judgment
 - A. Judgment Is Restricted Here
 - B. Judgment Is Rendered There

CONCLUSION — (1) Judge Your Own Life First | (2) Be A Blessing To Christian Family | (3) Put Others First

- *INVITATION* •

WED NIGHT STUDY

JANUARY 17 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us When Possible! (Use Rear Doors)

— *1 Corinthians 7:16-33* —



OUR FUTURE
"TABLE" FELLOWSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES

— MARCH 17 —

3rd Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship
ANNUAL CHURCH "PICNIC"

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rything in them. There are no legends or folklore in the historical narrative account of Genesis, which are hallmarks of other cultures' creation sagas. The existence of other creation myths actually lends strength to the Christian case rather than weakening it. It shows that other cultures knew the truth of creation, but their stories have been altered from the correct biblical version over the centuries.



Issue: Does Genesis Support a “Gap Theory”?

— Proponents of the gap theory have reinterpreted Scripture to try to make it fit the idea of millions of years. But adding a gap between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2, or any other place in Genesis, is unwarranted. It also adds death and suffering before the sin and requires a recreation or restoration of the earth before Adam was created, an idea you can't find in the text. The gap theory does not rest upon the impregnable rock of Holy Scripture; it is founded upon the shifting sands of the ideas of those who want to believe the evolutionary teaching of billions of years as the age of the universe and earth.

Issue: What Are the “Days” in Genesis 1? — When we look carefully at Genesis 1, in Hebrew or even in English, it is clear that God created everything in six literal (24-hour) days. First, we are told that he created the earth in darkness and then created light. Then he called the light “day” and he called the darkness “night.” And then we read (in the original Hebrew) “and [there] was evening and [there] was morning, one day.” The same statement is repeated at the end of the second day through the sixth day.

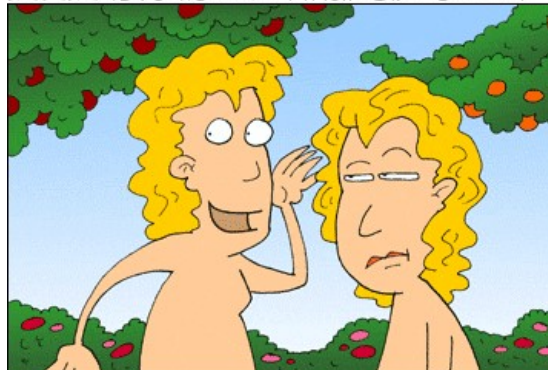
Issue: Genealogies in Genesis — A common argument against young-earth creationism is that gaps exist in the genealogies listed in the fifth and tenth chapters of Genesis. The old-earth proponent assumes that if gaps exist, then one cannot

claim to know an approximate age of the earth based on biblical data. But the Genesis 5 text does not allow for any gaps, since it contains the father's age when his son was born, and then his lifespan. Additionally, other scriptures bear out the truth of the genealogies. Jude 1:14 tells us that Enoch was the seventh from Adam, just as Genesis 5 states. The genealogies in Genesis 10 do not give us father/son ages, but we know from Genesis 5-8 when Noah was born and when the flood occurred, and we know that Abraham was born c. 2000 BC, meaning that about 350 years passed between the flood and the generations listed in Genesis 10 — therefore there can be no gaps in the Genesis 10 genealogies.



Conclusion: Genesis to the Gospel — The temptation of Eve by Satan, the fall of mankind, the entrance of sin, and the curse on the entire creation all originated in Genesis 3. So too did the beginning of the plan of redemption. While Adam and Eve hid, God sought them out. When they tried and failed to cover their nakedness, God initiated the first blood sacrifice and clothed them with animal skins. While cursing the Serpent, God promised a future “seed of woman” who would crush Satan. This promise was fulfilled in the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. **E**

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HEY EVE, I HAVE A GREAT SECRET BUT YOU GOTTA PROMISE NOT TO TELL ANYBODY ELSE



CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE & MERCY, And RIGHTEOUS Be Done
- *People Affected By Natural Disasters In The U.S.A. And Around The World*
- Our Local, State & Federal Government Officials, Military, First Responders & Teachers
- Nourishing & Life-giving Rain
- Coronavirus, Flu & Other Deadly Sickesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

JANUARY 21

PEOPLE FOR WHOM & SITUATIONS FOR WHICH TO PRAY, ADDITIONS:

ALL FOLLOWING ENTRIES ARE BY DATE ORDER AND ARE ALPHABETICAL BY LAST NAME A SUPERSCRIPED NUMBER IN BRACKETS, I.E., ^[1], AT THE END OF AN ENTRY DENOTES HOW MANY WEEK(S) THE ENTRY HAS BEEN PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN

- ◇ Brown, Hunter [Ronda Brown’s grandson] – He’s suffering from an upper respiratory infection.
- ◇ Brown, Stephanie [Ronda Brown’s daughter-in-law] – She fell off a trailer while working with Ronnie. Unfortunately, she sustained a concussion.^[NEW]

JANUARY 14

- ◇ Alderman, Roy [Ronda Brown’s brother] – He’s been falling recently – not sure exactly why – He does have fluid at the base of his skull. He’ll have tests to see if a shunt may be required as well as check to see if a brain tumor has returned. ^[1]
- ◇ Geehan, Kieran [Roger & Deborah Smoot’s son-in-law] – He’s contracted Covid again. ^[1]
- ◇ Green, Sonia [Tom Woodard’s great granddaughter] – She has to have an ear-tube implant procedure performed to help with her ears. ^[1]
- ◇ Smith, Zachary [Ronda’s daughter-in-law, Barbara’s 29-year-old nephew] – He passed into eternity Tuesday night, January 9. ^[1]
- ◇ Segura, Gilbert Family [Gilbert is Tom Woodard’s football friend] – Gilbert passed into eternity last week. ^[1]
- ◇ Spicer, Ronda – She’s had a sore throat, congestion, a bad cough and is generally feeling miserable. ^[1]
- ◇ Welsby, Chris [Vierlings’ friend from Georgia] – He’s to have back surgery. ^[1]

JANUARY 7

- ◇ Brown, Phoenix [Ronda Spicer’s great granddaughter] – *Praise To GOD*, she is much better after having had Hand, Foot & Mouth disease. ^[2]
- ◇ Dear, Katherine [Deborah Smoot’s sister] –

Praise To GOD, she's now well, having just had Covid. ^[2]

- ◇ Evans, Steve [Tom Woodard's brother-in-law] – He underwent shoulder replacement surgery and *Praise To GOD*, he's doing well. ^[2]
- ◇ Smoot, Troy & Family [Roger & Deborah Smoot's son & family] – They were to fly to Hawaii today, January 7 to enroll Bailey and Dan'iel at YWAM (Youth With A Mission) Ships where the girls will spend the next six months preparing for the mission field. ^[2]
- ◇ Vela, Cheryl & John [Ruane Renninger's daughter & son-in-law] – They are flying to and from Florida. ^[2]

DECEMBER 31

- ◇ Burris, Cody & Spouse [Joyce Burris' grandson and wife] – *Praise To GOD*, Cody & Spouse are the proud new parents of Hayes Thomas (see below). ^[3]
- ◇ Burris, Hayes Thomas [Joyce Burris' great grandson] – *Praise To GOD* & Congratulations! Hayes was born on Dec 26 and weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 21 inches long. ^[3]
- ◇ Corren, Jan [Betty Smith's sister] – She is still ailing. ^[3]
- ◇ Norris Family [David Norris, husband of Ruth Norris, a friend of Carol Vierling's since 7th grade] – David passed into eternity recently. ^[3]
- ◇ Shaw, Nancy [Betsy Watkins' friend for the past 56 years] – She's started another round of chemo for her breast and liver cancers. ^[3]

DECEMBER 24

- ◇ Delaney, Sophie [Elaine Turnbow's mother (Elaine is Deborah Smoot's friend)] – She passed into eternity when she had a reaction to a flu shot. ^[4]
- ◇ Green, Marvin [Visitor] – He is asking for us to pray for: God's forgiveness of his sins, God's comfort during times of sorrow, help to be a better person at serving God. ^[4]

DECEMBER 17

- ◇ Davis, Preston [Tom Woodard's friend] – He's travelling "around the country," here and there, hither and yon, mostly between New Jersey, Virginia, and Texas. ^[5]
- ◇ Mays, Alice [Melanie McMeans aunt] – She passed into eternity Saturday, December 9. Her funeral is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20. ^[5]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane – She's been feeling poorly and has developed a bad cough. ^[5]
- ◇ Smith, Betty – She drove up to Marble Falls to visit her ailing sister. ^[5]
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah – *Praise GOD!* Her hand surgery this past Tuesday, December 12 went well! ^[5]
- ◇ Smoot, Randy [Roger Smoot's brother] – Unfortunately, his Parkinson's is worse but Praise GOD! His back surgery on Thursday, December 14 went well! ^[5]

DECEMBER 10 & OLDER

NOTE: As Of January 14, 2024 And Afterwards, All Individuals Or Families Who Have Been On The List Below For 20+ Weeks Have Been Removed. If You Know Of Anyone Who Needs To Be Back On The List, Please Let Mitch Know.

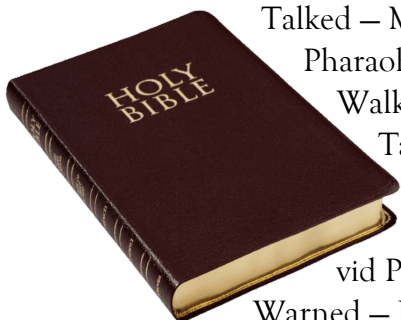
Bippert, Cheryl ^[10]; Bippert Family ^[10]; Boldt, Sandy ^[10]; Brown, Scott ^[15]; Buchheit Family ^[16]; Burris, Joyce ^[16]; Davis, R. Family ^[10]; Davis, P. Family ^[16]; Dye, Joyce ^[10]; Fintel, Pam ^[10]; Halverson Family ^[16]; LeFluer, Miranda ^[9]; McMeans, Velma ^[6]; Montalvo, Louie ^[12]; Moore, Michael & Michele ^[10]; Nancy (Last Name Unknown) ^[10]; Noble Family ^[14]; Orr & Burris Families ^[19]; Parra, Rudy ^[16]; Sensat, Miriam ^[17]; Slaughter, Ron ^[15]; Smith, Betty ^[14]; Spicer, Ronda ^[19]; Torres, Donna ^[7]; Turnbow, Elaine ^[6]; Turnbow, Gary ^[6]; Vierling, Carol ^[19]; Villarreal, Nick ^[19]; Wentrcek Family ^[6]; Woodard, Sue ^[11]



THE BIBLE IN 50 WORDS

If you had to remember/memorize the gist of the whole Bible and you were only allowed to use 50 words, could you? Well, never fear because here it is (feel free to count them for yourself):

God Made – Adam Bit – Noah Arked – Abraham Split – Joseph Ruled – Jacob Fooled – Bush Talked – Moses Balked – Pharaoh Plagued – People Walked – Sea Divided – Tablets Guided – Promise Landed – Saul Freaked – David Peaked – Prophets Warned – Jesus Born – God Walked – Love Talked – Anger Crucified – Hope Died – Love Rose – Spirit Flamed – Word Spread – God Remains **E**



LAUGHTER – REALLY GOOD MEDICINE

Whenever your children are out of control, you can take comfort from the thought that even God's omnipotence did not extend to His own children. After creating heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve. The first thing he said was "DON'T!"

"Don't what?" Adam replied. "Don't eat the forbidden fruit." God said.

"Forbidden fruit? We have forbidden fruit? Hey Eve...we have Forbidden fruit!!!!" "No Way!" she exclaimed. "Yes way!" replied Adam.

"Listen to me, do NOT eat the fruit!" said God. "Why?" the two chorused nearly simultaneously. "Because I am your Father and I said so!" God replied, wondering why He hadn't stopped creating after making the elephants. A few minutes later, God saw His children having an apple break and boy, was He mad!

"Didn't I tell you not to eat the fruit?" God asked. "Uh huh," Adam replied. "Then why did you?" asked the Father. "Don't know," the two

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

LUKE 3:21-22

²¹ When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. ²² And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

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replied. "Well, SHE started it!" Adam accused. "Did not!" screamed Eve. "Did too!" Adam screamed a little louder. "DID NOT!" screamed Eve at such a high squeal that only God and dogs could hear her.

Having had it with the two of them, God's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own. Thus the pattern was set and thus has it ever been. **E**

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS







Dan Orr	January 11	Birthday
Billy Strunk	January 26	Birthday
Jim Gardner	January 30	Birthday
Rick Fintel	February 16	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And February 16, 2024
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

— Church Stuff —

4th OR 5th Sundays	 <p>"Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch – <i>After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM</i> Either The 4th Sunday Or 5th Sunday Of Every Month (Except When On Hiatus)</p>
Every Monday	 <p>Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) – Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM To 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew Stuff (Lap Quilts, Bibs, Etc.) For The Needy Or Just To Do Things Together.</p>
Sun–Jan 28	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>But He Lied</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–Feb 4	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Who Is Jesus</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–Feb 11	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Examine Yourself</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–Feb 18	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>A Sin-Sick Soul</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>

— Non Church Stuff —

Every Tuesday	 <p>Lytle Friendship Art Club – Fellowship Room From 9:30AM To 1:00PM Plus, Every 2nd Tuesday Of Each Month, The Club Meets For A Business Meeting, Lunch & Demonstration(s)</p>
3rd Mondays	 <p>VFW Auxiliary – Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM</p>
4th Tuesdays	 <p>Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) – Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM</p>
Sun–Jan 21	Granola Bar, New England Clam Chowder, National Sanctity Of Life Days
Mon–Jan 22	Blonde Brownie, Southern Fried Chicken Days
Wed–Jan 24	Lobster Thermidor, Peanut Butter, Chocolate-Covered Vanilla Ice Cream Bar Days
Fri–Jan 26	Peanut Brittle, Spouse's Days
Sat–Jan 27	Chocolate Cake, Vietnam Peace, Commemoration In Memory Of The Victims Of The Holocaust Days
Sun–Jan 28	Blueberry Pancake, Gift Of The Lady Bug, Leprosy Awareness Days

GOD'S PLAN For Saving Man —

- ◇ *God's Grace* — Ephesians 2:8;
- ◇ *Christ's Blood* — Romans 5:9;
- ◇ *The Spirit's Gospel* — Romans 1:16;
- ◇ *Sinner's Faith* — Acts 16:31;
- ◇ *Sinner's Repentance* — Luke 13:3;
- ◇ *Sinner's Confession* — Romans 10:10;
- ◇ *Sinner's Baptism* — 1 Peter 3:21;
- ◇ *Our Work* — James 2:24;
- ◇ *Our Hope* — Romans 8:24;
- ◇ *Our Endurance* — Revelation 2:10

ARE YOU SAVED BY GOD?
ASK HOW IF YOU'RE UNSURE!

INTERACTIVE

Daily Bible Reading Plan —

To open and/or download the interactive PDF file go to: video.wvbs.org/spotlight

DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



Chronological — Date Order — Biblical Events When Believed To Have Occurred

SUN	Jan 21 — Gen 27-29
MON	Jan 22 — Gen 30-31
TUE	Jan 23 — Gen 32-34
WED	Jan 24 — Gen 35-37
THU	Jan 25 — Gen 38-40
FRI	Jan 26 — Gen 41-42
SAT	Jan 27 — Gen 43-45

Gen = Genesis

WANT TO BE

Part Of Our Local Family?

To be identified as part of our Congregation (aka “place membership”): Fill out a Visitor’s Card with all your family information, making sure to check the box on front that says, **Wish To Serve In this Congregation**, then place the card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

MEMORIZE Scripture —

SELECTED VERSES FROM LUKE

Luke 5:27-31 — ²⁷ After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “Follow Me.” ²⁸ So he left all, rose up, and followed Him. ²⁹ Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them. ³⁰ And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, “Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” ³¹ Jesus answered and said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

Luke 6:37 — ³⁷ “Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Luke 7:31-35 — ³¹ And the Lord said, “To what then shall I liken the men of this generation, and what are they like? ³² They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, saying: ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we mourned to you, and you did not weep.’ ³³ For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’ ³⁴ The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ ³⁵ But wisdom is justified by all her children.”