

Genesis: "In the Beginning God — Growing In Our Awe and Worship of God"
Genesis 1:1-2; Psalm 148:1-14

- The Word of God confirms the Genesis 1-2 Creation Account:
 - *"For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy." (Exodus 20:11) "You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their hosts, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and You preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships You." (Nehemiah 9:6) "He answered, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female..." (Matthew 19:4) "For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:6).*
 - *"The Hebrew word for "day" (yom) is used 2,304 times in the Old Testament (of these, it is used in the singular 1,452 times). When used as a singular noun "yom" always refers to a literal 24 hour day. Furthermore, since "yom" is often modified in Genesis 1:1-2:3 by a numerical qualifier [as in "the second day"], each day must be a literal day....When "yom" is used with a numerical qualifier in the Old Testament, it is always used to describe a literal 24 hour day (Numbers 7:12-78)." (John Whitcomb)*
 - There are three different "heavens" that the Bible refers to. The first heaven is the atmosphere, the clouds, and where birds and planes fly. The second heaven is outer space. The third heaven is the dwelling place of God and where the angels are (2 Corinthians 12:1-4).
- Autonomy from God and His Word: The rejection of the Creator. (Hebrews 11:3)
 - **Autonomy:** The state of existing or acting apart from the authority of Scripture. **Authority:** The power or right of God to direct and control things. He is worthy of trust and submission. **Submission:** Joyfully and lovingly submitting to the authority and direction of God through His Word and providence. **Truth:** The Word of God.

"When we come to the Scriptures, we can do one of two things....you can accept it or reject it but you have no right to change or edit it." (John MacArthur)

 - *"Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful CREATOR while doing good." (1 Peter 4:19) "Although He (Jesus) was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered." (Hebrews 5:8). "Because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature (men, birds, animals, and insects) rather than the CREATOR, who is blessed forever! Amen." (Romans 1:25) "Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called "knowledge," for by professing it some have swerved from the faith...." (1 Timothy 6:20-21)*
 - Weakness can lead to vulnerability (physical, emotional, spiritual) (1 Peter 5:8). Vulnerability without the encouragement of God's Word leads to doubting what is true (Hebrews 3:12-14). Doubt leads to compromise and the desire for comfort (Hebrews 10:23-24).
- We don't tell God how Creation happened: (Job 38-41)
 - *"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurement - surely you know!" (Job 38:4-5)*
 - Science makes zero contribution to an understanding of creation. Creation was supernatural, not natural. All science is based on OBSERVATION and all science is based on VERIFICATION by REPETITION.

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Worship: Rock of Ages (The Modern Post) This is Amazing Grace (Phil Wickham)
Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me (City Alight) **Closing Song:** His Mercy is More (Matt Boswell)

Service Times: Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;

Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- Believing the revelation of the Creator leads to the enjoyment of the Creator. Creation, the miraculous, the resurrection, the Trinity, Jesus being both *fully* God and *fully* man, the Second coming of Christ, and salvation are all supernatural and believed by faith in the reliability of God and His Word. (Lazarus)
 - Just like this universe was spoken into existence instantaneously so will this universe be dissolved instantaneously by the Word of God and a New heaven and new earth instantaneously created by the Word of God (2 Peter 3:10-13; Revelation 21:1).
- All of Creation is about Redemption: (Ephesians 1:3-14)
 - *“For You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” (Revelation 5:9-10) “He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” (Colossians 1:13-14) “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, so that we may receive adoption as sons.” (Galatians 4:4-5) “Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you.” (1 Peter 1:18-20) “who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.” (2 Timothy 1:9)*

“It was on this planet that God placed man, created in His image to exercise dominion and to worship Him. It was to this planet that God came in the person of His Son two thousand years ago to become a permanent member of the human race and to die for sinful mankind upon a rugged cross. And it will be to this same planet that this great God and Savior will return again to establish His kingdom. Because of earth’s positional superiority in the spiritual order of things, therefore, the earth was formed first, and then the solar and stellar systems.” (John Whitcomb)

Announcements:

★ *Thank you for your generosity in giving to Heartbeats throughout this past month!*

★ **DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of February we will be collecting donations for Vertical 196. They are in need of the following non-perishable food items: fruit cups, pudding cups, slim jims, chips, soft granola bars, and powdered drink mixes for bottled water (these items are used to pack lunches for guests to take with them). They are also in need of coffee to serve the guests during operating hours. Please put your donations into the tote in front of the back table.

★ **FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner TONIGHT immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

★ **NEW MEMBERS MEETING:** We will be having a New Members Meeting NEXT WEEK, Sunday, February 6th, immediately following the worship service. If you have any questions about church membership or are interested in becoming a member, please plan to stay for that meeting.

★ **COMMUNION:** Also NEXT Sunday, February 6th, we will be partaking of and celebrating Communion together.