

Genesis: "In the Beginning God — Growing In Our Awe and Worship of God"

Genesis 1:2-8

"Thus shall you say to them: The gods who did not make the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under the heavens. It is He who made the earth by His power, who established the world by His wisdom, and by His understanding stretched out the heavens." (Jeremiah 10:11-12)

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable." (Isaiah 40:28)

- Genesis 1:2:
 - The earth was incomplete but good. God was completing the earth by filling it (*Isaiah 45:18*). The earth was made for man (Genesis 1:26) and man was made to glorify God (*Isaiah 43:1-2, 7*) and one of the ways that God is glorified is by redeeming man (1 Peter 1:18-20).
 - God created darkness and darkness, just like all things, has a providential purpose (*Psalm 104:19-20; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 45:7*) in God's creation.
 - The earth was a shoreless ocean; it was earth, water, and atmosphere. The Holy Spirit was superintending, ordering, or governing creation (*John 3:8; 16:13; Ephesians 1:13-14*). The Father plans (*Ephesians 1:3-6*) and the Son creates, accomplishes, or prepares (*John 1:1-3; Ephesians 1:7-12*).
 - We also know, according to Scripture, that Jesus created the angels on the first day (*Job 38:7; Colossians 1:16-17*), including Satan (*Ezekiel 28:12-17; Isaiah 14:12-14*).
- Genesis 1:3-5:
 - God created a temporary light. God was establishing that the sun is not needed for the sustaining of life. This is seen at both the beginning and the end of time (*Revelation 21:22-24*). Because of the significance of the sun, God wanted to establish He is the giver and sustainer of life (*Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:3; Acts 17:25*) and worthy of worship (*Revelation 4:11*), not the sun (*Job 31:26-28; Deuteronomy 4:19 & 17:1-7; Jeremiah 8:2-3*).
 - Worship is what we value as most important (*John 4:23-24*) and a response from the heart based on that knowledge (*Matthew 15:8-9*) leading to sacrifice (*Hebrews 13:15-16*).
 - We also see God laying out a pattern of how He creates inside of these verses:

1. God gives a command ("Let there be light.")	3. God gives an observation ("And God saw the light was good.")
2. God gives a report ("And there was light.")	4. God gives a chronological statement ("And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.")

 - In Science, all things fall into one of five categories: (*Genesis 1:1*)
→ Time: "In the beginning"; Force: "God"; Action: "Created"; Space: "the heavens"; Matter: "the earth"
- Genesis 1:6-8:
 - Earth is distinct from all other planets because of the oceans of water (330,000,000 cubic miles of water). The water "canopy" that God created above the earth was used as one of the means in which God flooded the earth (*Genesis 7:17-20*). There is a great possibility that this water "canopy" created an environment in which rain was not needed (*Genesis 2:5-6; Hebrews 11:7*) which could have manifested itself in an environment that was tropical over the whole earth contributing to longer life, larger plants and animals, and warm weather patterns.

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Worship: God is For Us (City Alight) Jesus Thank You (Sovereign Grace Music)
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) (By: Chris Tomlin)

Closing Song: What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Various Artists)

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

- “From darkness to light...”
 - *“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 people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.” (Isaiah 9:2) “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” (1 Peter 2:9) “I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.” (Acts 26:18) “for at one time you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of the light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord....Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” (Ephesians 5:8-10, 14)*

Account Balance: \$42,460.68 December Balance: \$47,639.64	Weekly Budget: \$3,157
Total Giving: January 2	\$2,969
Total Giving: January 9	\$2,977
Total Giving: January 16	\$728
Total Giving: January 23	\$1,480
Total Giving: January 30	\$1,408

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of February we are collecting donations for Vertical 196. They are in need of the following non-perishable food items: fruit cups, pudding cups, slim jims, individual bags of 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.

★**NEW MEMBERS MEETING:** We will be having a New Members Meeting *TONIGHT* 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.

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner NEXT Sunday, February 13th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

★**MEMBERS MEETING:** We will be having a short Members Meeting on Sunday, February 20th, immediately following the worship service. This meeting is anticipated to last no more than 30 minutes. If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for that meeting!