



October 1, 2023

Pastor Note:

Thankfully, when I swung my legs out of bed this morning they touched solid ground, and when I turned on the bathroom faucet water came out. When I let the dogs out, the moon and stars were still shining in the night sky. Susie walked out of the bedroom, kissed me, and joined me for a first cup of coffee and reading the Bible while the sun was giving the night the boot.

Solid ground, water, animals, night and day, sun, moon, and stars, Susie – all of them are because of God. All of them are creations of God, have their beginning and existence in the mind and power of God. Every day is full of reminders that our entire existence and being, our senses and all we perceive, our bodies and minds, are not the product of random chance, but rather the work of God.

- **“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”** Genesis 1:1 (NASB). Those are the first important truths God wants everyone to know. The universe finds its existence in Him, the singular, eternal, living, self-existent, almighty, personal Creator God. He is the only reason you and I exist, have life and breath, have today. Our lives come from God; we are His creations. Knowing this should cause us to acknowledge and honor Him.
- **“The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters”** Genesis 1:2 (NASB). God is responsible for the order in the universe and on earth. He is the source of matter, nature (its laws, variety, and beauty), and life. Without the Spirit of God, there is no escaping darkness, formlessness, emptiness, and chaos. Our lives depend on God, the activity of the Spirit of God, apart from Him we return to chaos. Knowing this should cause us to seek Him and thank Him.
- **“Then God said, “Let there be light ... firmament ... sea and land ... vegetation ... sun, moon and stars ... birds and creatures of the sea, ... animals on land ... men and women formed in my image” - “... and it was so”** Genesis 1:3-27. . A word, just a few words spoken by God is responsible for all the galaxies, every star, and our planet.

- Just a word from God formed the land we live on, the seas, the sky, and the cycles and seasons. Just a word uttered by God brought to life every living thing, including us, on the face of the earth. That is power we cannot imagine; God was not taxed in creating the heavens and the earth. Knowing this should cause us to fear and worship God, taking every word of God seriously.
- **“... God saw that it was good.” ... “God saw all that he had made, and behold, it was very good”** Genesis 1:4,10,12,18,21,25,31 (NASB). God has a lot of critics, the devil being first in line, but all of creation testifies not only to the existence and power of God but also to His wisdom and goodness. God has far more exacting standards than you and me (another thing His critics don’t like). The truth is He knows more about what is good, how to make things good, and how to be good through and through than anyone of us. Knowing this should cause us to trust God and order our lives according to what He calls good.

After acknowledging the truths about God, the Creator, Genesis chapter one teaches us, the most obvious questions to ask ourselves are, “Where do I stand regarding my Creator? Critic or subject?” “What is my relationship with my creator? Adversary or worshipper?” “Do I trust in the wisdom, order, and goodness of God? Rebel or believer?”

Life, goodness, and eternity are in the Creator’s hands, that’s why putting our lives in our Creator’s hands is the best and wisest thing we will ever do.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

Sermon Notes:

PRAYER REQUEST

Health: Mabel Mayes, Lori Newton,
Cherlyann (health), Colton & Olivia (car accident), Judy Ingalls,
Rose Powers, Elena Saucedo, Carolyn Jeffers, Rachel Aratin,
And that we SHARE.

If you notice someone has been absent from Small Group or
Worship Services for awhile, why not call them or stop by to
let him/her know that they have been missed. A kindness that
cost you nothing could mean everything to someone who is
suffering in the silence of self-exile.

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing,
Noah Martin, John Michael Chavez,
Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Brian Sula,
Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen,
Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski,
Christopher Sula

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us
know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862
and/or an e-mail to: **Judy Mahar** ldpbcprayer@gmail.com

Church Board Members:

Hans Frei - Pastor . Richard Mayes - Head Deacon
Russ Young . Dan Hankemeier . Sue Kluding .
Gabi Cox . Chuch Arndt

October Announcements

Ministry Opportunity

Our children's department is seeking help for our Wednesday night class to assist the teacher. No teaching or prep is required - just show up to help as needed.

For more information, contact Susie Frei

(phone: 209-247-9234) or skfrei@gmail.com).

Where are you uniquely wired to serve??

- Multimedia
 - Music
- Prayer Team
- Facility & Grounds
 - Youth
 - Kitchen
 - Food
 - Missions

Let us know. There's a place for you

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
- Women's Morning Bible Study— Wed. @ 10:00 AM
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 P.M.
- Food Ministry - 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M.
- Grief Share - Wed. @ 630 PM
- Communion Sunday - September 24th
Deacon Board Meeting every 4th Sunday after service

Fellowship Time Snacks
were provided

By - "Beverly's & Youth Class"

Thank you

Next week Merle's Class is up!!

A Bit of
Humor
Corner



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© 2014 by Kevin Keane
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"Which do you think got to Noah's ark last — turtles or snails?"

Giving

September 24th

Offering:
\$ 2,606.37

Food:
\$65.00

Books:
\$80.00

Missions:
\$54.37

Attendance:
65

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:

9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:

10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:

6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday

Food Ministry:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM
Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM
Grief Share - 6:30 PM

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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1 Timothy 6:18



October 2nd - October 8th

DAY 1 - Heb. 7
(Prov. 2)

DAY 2 - Heb. 8
(Prov. 3)

DAY 3 - Heb. 9
(Prov. 4)

DAY 4 - Heb. 10
(Prov. 5)

DAY 5 - Heb. 11
(Prov. 6)

DAY 6- (Prov. 7)
DAY 7- (Prov. 8)

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.