October 29, 2023



Pastor Note:

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 (ESV)

Stop! Before you read on, go online or find a copy of the Bible and read Genesis 1:1-2:3. Nothing substitutes for reading the Bible, God's word, God's written revelation, yourself. Now, you're ready to read on.

God gives us His account of the creation of the universe, the earth, and life in the space of thirty-four verses, and in these verses, the entire work of creation is placed within a span of seven days, a week, six workdays and a day of rest. There is no telling how many books have been written and how many interpretations and opinions have been argued and fought over regarding those thirty-four verses. To this day the science, type of literature, grammar, and theology, and validity of these scriptures are hotly debated. What can be stated with certainty from these thirty-four verses of God's word is:

- God existed before there was a universe and us.
- God is the reason there is a universe, life, and us.
- God created the universe out of himself, all of the universe is God's creation.
- God's will, word, wisdom, imagination, power, and activity caused the existence of the universe and all living things.
- God created and ordered the universe and life on our planet sequentially and over a period of time.
- God's crowning act of creation is the creation of mankind.
- God made men and women, mankind, in His image, unique among all other creatures.
- God created mankind, you and me, to be able and live in a relationship with Him.
- God commanded mankind to fill, rule, and exercise dominion over the earth and its creatures.
- God's evaluation of His creation is that all He made was very good.
- God's creation of the universe, our planet, life on earth, and mankind, is a completed work.

And then God rested, "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.

So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation" Genesis 1:31-2:3 (ESV). Just as with the first six days of creation, there are things for us to observe with the seventh day.

- God finished His work of creation in six days and rested on the seventh day.
- God made the seventh day a day of rest from work.
- God put a special blessing on the seventh day.
- God declared the seventh day holy.
- God established a pattern of six days of work and one day of rest. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. 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 20:8-11 (ESV).
- God's Sabbath rest is longer than twenty-four hours, it has an eternal dimension, "So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God" Hebrews 4:9 (ESV).
- God created us to live within a rhythm of six days of work and one day of rest, keeping a weekly "holy day" pattern.

 I have a confession to make, "I am terrible when it comes to the seventh day, at following God's weekly pattern." My work as a pastor and the frantic 24/7 rhythm of our culture are of no help.

The daily rhythm of night and day, morning and evening, activity and sleep, is hard to escape and ignore, but the weekly pattern of work and rest requires discipline, obedience, and faith. We need both time for rest and the holy. Without rest our bodies break down and our minds become dull. Without time for the holy our spirits and souls become godless and idolatrous, worshippers of greed, self, pleasure, anything but the only living God, who gives us life and breath.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



PRAYER REQUEST

Health: Mabel Mayes, Cherlyann (health), Judy Ingalls, Patricia (Health), Aunt Anita (Health), Elena Sauceda, Matt Bradford (Tumor) And that we do "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 Rachel Aratin - (209)206-5236

Prayer Request 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 . Chuck Arndt

Sermon Notes:

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

October Announcements

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 P.M.

Deacon Board Meeting every 4th Sunday after service

Fellowship Time Snacks were provided By - "Beverly's Class & Youth"

Thank you

Next week Merle's Class is up!!

Don't forget to check out the sermon on our website: Idpbaptistchurch.com for you and your whole family.

Maybe even a neighbor;

A Bit of Humor Corner



Giving

October 22, 2023

Offering: \$3,778.00

Food: \$30.00

Facilities: \$20.00

Attendance: 69

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



October 30th - November 5th

DAY 1 - James 3	DAY 4 - 1 Tim. 3
(Prov. 30)	(Ps. 120)
DAY 2 - 1 Tim. 1	DAY 5 - 1 Tim. 4
(Prov. 31	(Ps. 121)
DAY 3 - 1 Tim. 2	DAY 6 - (Ps. 122)
(Ps. 119)	DAY 7 - (Ps. 123)

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1 Timothy 6:18

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.