

Prayer Requests

People To Remember

Susan Anderson	Wilma Gibson	Kevin Stanley
Andy Brown	Samuel Murpree	Reatha Tilley
Lisa Evans	Hazel Shepherd	Mathis Family



Upcoming Events

Check Your Calendar

JAN 07 Life Groups Resume (see Kelly)

JAN 09 Ladies Bible Class (10:30 am)

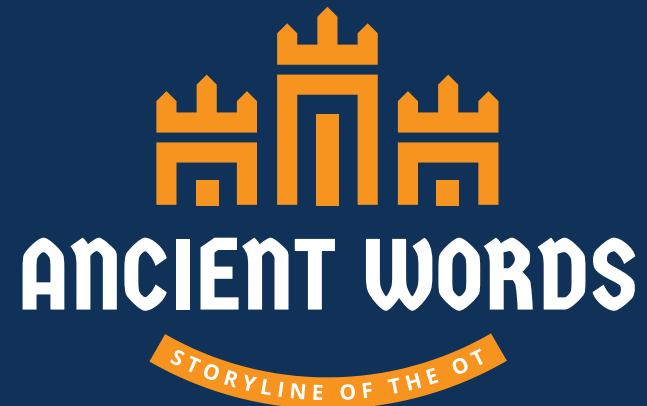
JAN 09 Financial Peace Class (6:30-8:30 pm)

JAN 10 Mid-Week Bible Study (6:30-8:30 pm)

JAN 14 L2L Puppet Practice (see Ross)



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CREATION (1)

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Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:26-30

“Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food”; and it was so.” (Genesis 1:26–30, NKJV)



Digging Deeper

For Further Study



The sections below contain “starting points” for biblical and historical discussions that cannot be discussed at length in the sermon. Technical terms are used to help look for specific information.

CREATION & THE EARTH

Imagio Dei (the image of God)

CREATION & HUMANKIND

Complementarian (roles of men and women)

CREATION & THE GARDEN

The Garden of Eden as a Temple (as the first archetypal temple and model for all subsequent temples)



CREATION

The Beginning of Humanity

CREATION & THE EARTH

- The first verse in the Bible reminds us that the Bible, as a whole, tells a true story of the origin of the universe (Gen. 1:1; Ps. 19:1; 24:1; Isa. 66:1-2).
- Designated as “Primal History,” the events recorded in Genesis 1-11 cannot be precisely dated in a modern historical time frame (e.g., Gen. 5:1-5).
- Following six days of ordering and arranging life on this planet, God declared it was “very good” (Gen. 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31).

CREATION & HUMANKIND

- While created from the same material and with the same “breath,” humans are different from other creatures made on the 6th day (Gen. 1:30; 2:7; 7:22).
- Humankind bears the image of God. Thus, everyone should be treated with equal dignity, respect, value, and worth (Gen. 1:26-28).
- Humans are uniquely relational and, according to God’s created order, complement one another while working and caring for God’s good world (Gen. 1:28; 2:15, 20).

CREATION & THE GARDEN

- The Garden of Eden was the birthplace of marital intimacy (Gen. 2:20-25). This sacred relationship is monogamous, heterosexual, and complementary (Eph. 5:23-32).
- God placed His image bearers in the garden to rule, serve, and cooperate on His behalf (cp. Gen. 2:4-7; 2:15; Num 3:5-9; see also Ex. 19:6; Num. 8:26; 18:7).
- God’s original temple garden was a place of beauty and bounty, utterly unmarred by sin and shame (Gen. 1:28; 2:8-16, 25; 3:8).