



# THE MESSENGER

## APRIL 23, 2023

### NEWS AND NOTES

#### **Congregational Meeting**

May 7

#### **Our Next Gospel Meeting**

TBA

#### **Weekly Bible Studies**

Thursday at 1 on Zoom

Friday at 1 on Zoom

#### **Times of Service**

##### **Sunday**

Bible study: 9:45 AM

Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

##### **Wednesday**

Bible study: 7:30 PM

(Immediately followed by a  
short worship service)

#### **First Friday of Month**

##### **Singing**

February 3, 7:30

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### MORE THAN A MEMORY VERSE

Genesis 1:1 is probably the first Bible verse I committed to memory. I doubt there is any other opening line more recognizable than Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

But memorization is not the same as meditation, and these ten simple words contain a profound message, a message so profound that it sets the tone for the entire revelation from God to man. What makes it so profound? It is the very first statement God chose to communicate to man. Out of all of the pieces of information God could have begun His message with, Genesis 1:1 must be what God knew was most important for man to know right from the start.

The first person God chose to introduce mankind to was Himself. He knew He would be the most important person for man to get to know. And so, His revelation to man begins with God and ends with Jesus (also God) (see Revelation 22:21). God knew that everything He would reveal about Himself was vital for man. No one is better equipped to be content in all of life's circumstances than the one who begins reading Genesis 1:1 and is immediately captivated, eager to read on. Reading on he develops a hunger and thirst for righteousness (Matthew 5:6) and the eternal welfare of his soul becomes his primary goal in life.

Man, without God, is a lost being. Ephesians 2:12 equates being without God with hopelessness. Man has proven himself to be imaginative and innovative, inventing all sorts of designer gods. But these are not the God who introduces Himself in Genesis 1:1 and then proceeds to further describe Himself and tell what awesome deeds He has done for mankind. The first deed God describes is the creation of the

## **Members    Needing    Our Prayers**

John Thompson, Mary Weatherholt, Joyce Bolton, Julie Patton, Rick Small, Benny Poynter, Richard and Janet Brundige, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

## **Others Needing Prayer**

Patty Hill, Eli Kempton, Sophie Brown, Fay Thomas, Glen Perkins, Edra Bernard, Valari Jones-Butler (Valari is Gina Seabolt's former co-worker. Her daughter is undergoing chemo for breast cancer. Her 21 year old nephew was killed in a shooting), Charlie Hoy, Marc Nations, Janice Parsons, Veronica Bowman, Charles Bishop, Allison Walker, Mark Nickles, Dwayne Harrod, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon, Patty Hill

## **To Our Guests**

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heavens and the earth. When Moses recorded the events of the Pentateuch, God had already done many mighty works, any or all of which He could have used in Genesis 1:1. But He chose to begin with His creation. The Bible is filled with accounts of miracles, some of which seem more stupendous than others. But raising someone from the dead requires no more effort from God than walking on the Sea of Galilee. The God of Genesis 1:1 spoke into existence a complete, fully functioning universe intended to last as long as it suits the Creator. God said, "Let there be light" and instantly there it was: light existing where light had never been before; light itself never having existed before shining in an earth that had never existed before.

Meditating upon the first verse, accepting it as truth, starts us on a journey of discovery of God's will for His creation, a journey whose destination is heaven itself. Genesis 1:1 is so much more than a verse to memorize. John Thompson

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Troy Antle	Richard Brundige	Adam Litmer
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