

**IN THE BEGINNING—GOD MADE A WEEK**  
**Genesis 1:1-2:2**

**In the beginning—God.** Yup. God was, is, and will be forever throughout eternity. Wrap your cerebral lobes around that! The last verse of the Bible says, *The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen!* Everything in between is instructional—everything. There is no filler there—just meat for the hungry. Everything in between is about God and Us.

Let's begin back in Genesis 1:1-5. The first day of the week is the story of how God changed chaos into meaningful order. On the first day He created light to separate the darkness. The first day of the week is when the Saints of God gather as the light of God and the gatherings of "God's People" from all over the planet shine on the darkness as they lift their hearts to God in joyful praise as they contemplate grace given and grace received and as they prepare to minister on the second day. We call this the "children of the day" separated from the children of darkness. Paul would say to the church at Thessalonica, *You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness* (5:5). On Sunday we prepare to "create with God" as we go into the world to bring order to chaos.

Day 2 (vss. 6-8). God set in motion time as he separated sky from the waters thus creating vertical direction. He created a window to the heavens above which would cause mankind to wonder about the vast beyond and to contemplate his finiteness. On Mondays we can be God's compass for people who are lost in the maze of directions.

Day 3 (vss. 9-13). God made a bridge across the waters and called it land. On Tuesday we can see ourselves as bridges across which fellow workers/students can span the distance between guilt and grace, between belief and unbelief, and between chaos and order. Our lives must be fruitful and bring many sons to glory as we intermingle in work or education. Tuesdays can be our day where we are used by God in a wonderful way to pluck the drowning person from the grasp of Satan. The fruits of the Spirit will be quite attractive to person who is hungry for spiritual food.

Day 4 (vss. 14-19). God set the lights (stars) in the heavens and made two great lights to rule the day and the night. "Tempus Fugit" is Latin for "Time Flies." On Wednesdays we can help the lost to realize that time rules our lives. Proverbs 90:10 teaches us that our time on earth is limited to 70 or 80 years. When folks become aware of the fact that they have less time to spend on earth than they have already been here, they usually react in one of two ways. They go crazy trying to enjoy life with all the gusto or they get serious about "after life." On Wednesdays we can be the guides to the people in the second category and pray for the people in the first. Some people just count days between flights of fear—others make time count.

Day 5 (vss. 20-23). On the 5<sup>th</sup> Day God created diversity of the living creatures. On Thursdays we can learn to celebrate diversity in the work place and the worship place. Diversity is good—God made it good. How boring it would be if all the animals looked like donkeys. What if they all looked like an armadillo—THANK YOU LORD for not doing that to us! When you go into your school or workplace, be thankful for diversity in people. Love people where they are!

Day 6 (vss. 24-31). On the 6<sup>th</sup> Day God was really busy—Whew! Fridays are "catch up and get it done days!" God made man and woman on Friday! THANK YOU LORD. He created us with potential to be like Him! Think of that. We all had original potential to be like God—IN HIS IMAGE. On Friday, try your best to act like God would act. Initiate contact, Speak the word, Emulate and Imitate the love and grace of Jesus. End the work week on a positive note!

Day 7 (2:1-3). God rested on the Sabbath. Plan Saturdays to get some rest at some point if you can. Remember to allocate time to focus on God's creation and find some sort of re-creation for yourself and family. vc

**PRAYER LIST**

- ♥ Donnie Price may have prostate cancer.
- ♥ Joy Courtney, Yale & Betsy's friend, has cancer.
- ♥ Sam & Jackie Estes, Nancy Head's parents. Sam is in Baptist East in Horn Lake with fluid on his heart and difficulty breathing. He's had a bad year; the trips to the hospital are more difficult to cope with as his heart gets steadily weaker.\*\*
- ♥ Betty Burton, friend of Jim & Nancy Head, is struggling with chemo treatments for cancer. The cancer is very stubborn; pray for her and her family.\*\*
- ♥ Ann Mobley is back in the hospital.

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER**

Howard Farrar, Mary Louise Gipson, Beverly Graham, Beverly Hufstetler, Charlotte Hunter, Larry Mittlestat, Joe Saia, and Mart Salley.

**SINGING**

There will be a singing at the Clinton Church of Christ on Saturday, September 29. They will begin at 6:00 p.m. and continue until 8:00 p.m. More information will be forthcoming as the date draws closer.

**LEADERSHIP MEETING**

We will have our next Leadership Meeting on Sunday, August 26 at 7:30 a.m.

**SENIOR MEMO**

The Senior Events Director of Pearl and the Pearl Police Department are getting together a SALT (Senior and Law Enforcement Together) Program. This program will enable seniors to stay up-to-date on all of the scams and other corrupt individuals. They would like 2 representatives from each Senior Adult Group in Pearl to participate in their meeting on Thursday, September 6 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Pearl Community Center. To get more information, see the letter posted on the bulletin board.

**CRAFTER'S MEETING**

Joy Wells is opening her home to anyone who would like to come and be a part of a crafting prayer quilts on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Don't know what this is about, show up and find out if this is something you would like to be a part of. Have questions? Give Joy a call, she would love to hear from you and answer your questions about the Prayer Quilts. Come by and give it a try.

**WORSHIP WITH COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

We have been invited to join the Community Christian Church on El Dorado Street for their evening worship on Sept. 9 at 6:00 p.m. This worship will serve as our Life Group Gathering for the month of September. Watch for more information as the date draws nearer.

**PANTRY**

The pantry is VERY bare. Try to remember to pick up your groups items. If you are not in a group, pick up any item on the list. We can never have too much. If you would like to donate money just drop you donation into the contribution plate with a note or memo that it is for the pantry.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Do you know that Yale is teaching a class in the auditorium during Sunday School on the Pentateuch, the first five books of the OT. There is a class in the Family Life Center for Young Professionals. There is also a ladies class in the Women's Ministry room, they are studying "American Idols", a study that examines where our priorities are. There are classes for children of all ages. Come and see what you have been missing.

**SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS**

Contact Tim Nelson if unable to serve at 601-853-3704.

**8/26/07**

Greeters ..... Sweeney Life Group  
 Song Leader ..... Tim Farrar  
 Call to Worship ..... Glynn McMillen  
 Prayer ..... Jim Head  
 Presiding ..... Jerry Mitchell  
 Closing Prayer ..... Lonnie Livingston

*Serving*

Dusty Reynolds	Al Ellis
Terry Claunch	Justin McCoy
Danny Dendy	Ken Salley

Evening Worship ..... Life Groups  
 Nursery ..... Nancy Head  
 Children's Worship ..... Jenny Farrar

**9/2/07**

Greeters ..... Rogers Life Group  
 Song Leader ..... Tim Farrar  
 Call to Worship ..... Allen Rogers  
 Prayer ..... Tim Farrar  
 Presiding ..... Alvin McMillen  
 Closing Prayer ..... Jeff Sweeney

*Serving*

LaRan Kilpatrick	Al Ellis
Ryan Hamrick	Todd Lott
Tvrone Oliver	Dan Ellis

Evening Worship ..... Life Groups  
 Nursery ..... Helga Mittlestat  
 Children's Worship ..... Cancelled

**THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR**

Aug. 26– Ps. 128-131; 1 Cor. 7:25-40  
 Aug 27- Ps. 132-135; 1 Cor. 8  
 Aug. 28- Ps. 136-138; 1 Cor. 9  
 Aug. 29- Ps. 139-141; 1 Cor. 10:1-13  
 Aug. 30- Ps. 142-144; 1 Cor. 10:14-33  
 Aug. 31– Ps. 145-147; 1 Cor. 11:1-15  
 Sept. 1– Ps. 148-150; 1 Cor. 11:16-34

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

August 26 – Leadership Meeting  
 September 6 – SALT Meeting  
 September 9 – Worship with  
 Community Christian  
 Church  
 September 15 – Crafter's Meeting  
 September 29 – Singing at Clinton  
 Church of Christ

*See ya Sunday!*

LIFE GROUPS		
Area	Location	Leaders
South Brandon	Rotated	Paul McManaway
		Glynn McMillen
Pearl	Building	David Blevins
		Lonnie Livingston
Florence/Star	Rotated	Yale Canfield
		Allen McDaniel
Brandon	Sweeney Home	Jeff Sweeney
		Tim Farrar
Reservoir	Rogers Home	Jim Head
		Allen Rogers
Teens	Varies	Ken Salley

**Mission Statement for Heart Matters**  
 To enhance the mission of the Skyway Hills church of Christ and to build a sense of community among the members of the body of Christ through an accurate and quality communication of 1) ministries and activities of the church 2) the opportunities for each member to find fulfillment as disciples of Jesus and 3) the scriptural application of God's Word to life relevant issues today.

**YOUTH**  
 (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades)

**Heart Matters**

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**Schedule of Service**  
 Sunday Bible Class.....9:00 am  
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 am  
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 pm  
 Wednesday..... 7:00 pm

**YAKS**  
 (K-5<sup>th</sup> grades)

*“Since then,  
 you have  
 been raised  
 with  
 Christ,  
 set your  
 hearts  
 on things  
 above.”*  
 Colossians 3:1

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# Heartbeat

**Guilt and Grace**  
by Max Lucado

Sometime ago I read a story of a youngster who was shooting rocks with a slingshot. He could never hit his target. As he returned to Grandma's backyard, he spied her pet duck. On impulse he took aim and let fly. The stone hit, and the duck was dead. The boy panicked and hid the bird in the woodpile, only to look up and see his sister watching.

After lunch that day, Grandma told Sally to help with the dishes. Sally responded, "Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen today. Didn't you Johnny?" And she whispered to him, "Remember the duck!" So, Johnny did the dishes.

What choice did he have? For the next several weeks he was at the sink often. Sometimes for his duty, sometimes for his sin. "Remember the duck," Sally'd whisper when he objected.

So weary of the chore, he decided that any punishment would be better than washing more dishes, so he confessed to killing the duck. "I know, Johnny," his grandma said, giving him a hug. "I was standing at the window and saw the whole thing. Because I love you, I forgave you. I wondered how long you would let Sally make a slave out of you." (*Steven Cole, "Forgiveness," Leadership Magazine, 1983, 86.*)

He'd been pardoned, but he thought he was guilty. Why? He had listened to the words of his accuser.

You have been accused as well. You have been accused of dishonesty. You've been accused of immorality. You've been accused of greed, anger, and arrogance.

Every moment of your life, your accuser is filing charges against you. Even his name, Diabolos, means "slanderer." Who is he? The devil.

As he speaks, you hang your head. You have no defense. His charges are fair. "I plead guilty, your honor," you mumble.

"The sentence?" Satan asks.

"The wages of sin is death," explains the judge, "but in this case the death has already occurred. For this one died with Christ."

Satan is suddenly silent. And you are suddenly jubilant. You realize that Satan cannot accuse you. No one can accuse you! Fingers may point and voices may demand, but the charges glance off like arrows hitting a shield. No more dirty dishwater. No more penance. No more nagging sisters. You have stood before the judge and heard him declare, "Not guilty."

**Deacons**

David Blevins,  
Education

Tim Nelson,  
Calls/Visitor/  
Greeters

Jim Head,  
Life Groups

Allen Rogers,  
YAKS