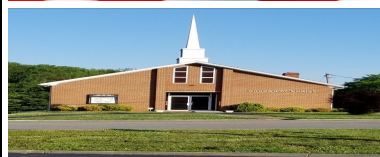




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An Amazing God Made the Amazing Earth

I went to the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens recently and had a wonderful time. I probably saw several dozen species of animals and plants. I stood in amazement at the variety and the uniqueness of each.

This got me to thinking, and so I did a quick Google search. According to Science.org there are between 1.2 and 2 million known species upon the earth today (note: this does not count extinct species and species not yet discovered). This caused me to marvel even more at the awesome knowledge and power of God, who created it all.

God could have made a bland earth to live on with not much diversity, but instead He made a place teeming with an amazing assortment of flora and fauna – all for His glory and for our enjoyment and benefit.

Just take a look again at God's incredible creation and stand in awe of the One who made it all! You don't have to travel far at all – your back yard will do. If you will examine things closely, you will see incredible diversity that speaks of incredible Divinity!

Give Psalm 104 a read sometime and notice how the Psalmist marveled at God's creation. "O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures" (Psa. 104:24, ESV)

—Edd Sterchi

No One Can Do It for You

Are you busy? If you're like me, the answer is yes—always somewhere to go, something to do, and people to see. And when life gets full, time with God is usually what gets pushed to the side. Sometimes we even think we can let someone else spend time with God and His word for us, then ask them what God is saying. Isn't this why we pay preachers?

But think about it: we don't let someone else go on vacation, eat our meals, or sleep for us, do we?

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There are some things no one can do in our place. And one of those is our relationship with God. No one can repent and be baptized for you, nor can anyone praise God for you. No one can draw near to Him for you.

James 4:8 says, "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you..." Preachers and Bible teachers have their place, but God wants you!

Today, take the step—open His Word, spend time in prayer, and draw near to God. Because after all, no one else can do it for you. —Mark T. Tonkery

Love and Grace

Many years ago, a couple entered into an old-fashioned, arranged marriage. There was no love between the husband and wife. The husband was very strict. He barked orders at his wife, as if she were a slave and not his beloved. He even drew up a list of rules for her to follow (such as when she would arise in the morning, when she would prepare and serve breakfast, how the housework should be done, etc.).

After several years, the husband died. A year later, the widow fell in love with another man who loved her with all his heart. This time, she married out of love. Her husband treated her with the respect she deserved and God commanded (Ephesians 5:25). Her life was filled with joy. One day, as the woman was cleaning her house, she found the list of rules her first husband had written down. She realized that she was doing the same things he had demanded. But, with her second husband, she was doing them out of love and not compulsion.

This little story illustrates the salvation relationship we have with our Lord. Out of love, Jesus gave his life to save us from our sins. This is saving grace (Ephesians 2:8-9). It is the action of a God who loves us. We obey Him, not out of obligation, but because we love Him back (John 14:15, 21). —Larry Fitzgerald

Seeing By Faith, Not By Sight

Paul's description of how saints see the world explains so much about how differently we look at all that is happening when compared to most of those around us. He said, "We do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Cor. 4:18). We are truly different from those in the world.

There is so much change in all that is happening. Because our citizenship is in heaven (Phil. 3:20), we view the world and political situations in a different way. The contrast between Daniel and King Nebuchadnezzar is so striking.

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Bible Quiz: Matthew 26:69-75

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 4 !

1. A servant girl said to Peter, "You also were with Jesus of _."
2. Peter answered, "I do not know what you are _."
3. True or False: Peter denied knowing Jesus only twice before the rooster crowed.
4. Jesus had said, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me _ times."
5. Peter went out and wept _.

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While the king thought he was so important, Daniel told him, "The Most High rules in the affairs of men..." (Dan. 4:17). Our citizenship is in heaven, and God is in charge of all things.

We look at our workplace in a way the world will not understand. The world says, "Get a job, make your career the most important aspect of life and enjoy life." That view of life was expressed by the man who said to himself, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink and be merry" (Luke 12:19). Read this story, meditate on it and you will understand why Jesus said that this view of life is the view of those who are fools.

The world says, "Labor with your hands that you may have." God commands us to work for a far different reason. He says, "Labor with your hands that you may have something to give him who has need" (Eph. 4:28). The judgment scene describes those failed to help Jesus who lived in their world and was a stranger, naked, unclothed, sick and in prison. Jesus said that the way they treated the least of His brethren was the way they were treating Him (Matt. 25:31-41).

Finally, we look at life, especially as we approach death, so differently. Look first at the ungodly who watched Stephen as he was dying. They were hurling stones at him and were glad to see him taking his last breath. Paul was there and shared the hearts of those who were happy to see it happen (Acts 7:54-60). They were so wrong.

Now look at how Stephen viewed his death. He saw Jesus standing in heaven and watching as he was crying out to God, "Lord Jesus, receive my soul." While we may not die as martyrs, we can view our death in this same way, with hearts that do not walk by sight, but by faith. The world views death as an end. We do not see it as the end, but as the beginning of what we have lived for every day.

Thank God that He helps us see the world in a far different way! We truly walk by faith and not by sight.

—Dan Jenkins

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Happiness grows when it is shared.

The happiest people don't have the best of everything—they make the best of everything.



Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Debbie Brooks. Issues with back & hip.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Lisha Cassell. Friend of the Patrick's. In need of kidney transplant.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Tony Cockram. Upcoming GI surgery.

Randy Gauldin. Having issues with his heart.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Upcoming surgery.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Carol Pace. Treatment for colon cancer.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

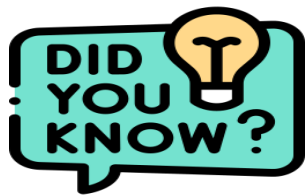
Diana Smith. Alzheimer's Disease is getting worse.

Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Thomas Turner. Young child. Cancer.

Caregivers.

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To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew or Jonathan.

Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received. You may also submit names for our prayer list in Lightpost.



August Birthdays!

10TH WALTER BEAVERS
12TH JACK BEAVERS
18TH NORMAN W. HILL
20TH JONATHAN BEAVERS
23RD DONN SHUMATE
25TH COOKIE SPENCER



August Anniversaries!

20TH GARY & JAN HOLLANDSWORTH
20TH DAVID & LORI PALMER



Men's Breakfast!

August 22nd! Join us at 9:00a.m. at Clarence's Steakhouse for food and fellowship.



5th Sunday Potluck

We will be hosting our 5th Sunday Pot Luck Luncheon on Sunday, Aug. 30th following our Worship Gathering. Everyone please bring your favorite dishes and desserts to share.



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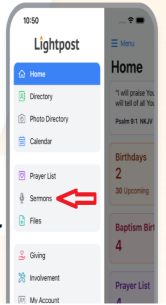


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