

2022
STANDING FIRM IN THE LORD

Created in the Image of God
Genesis 1:24-31

Introduction: What makes us different from the animals? The Genesis account of creation gives us so much insight in to the character of God and gives us the very foundation of all we understand about our God and His salvation plan for us. Genesis 1:26, 27

1. He Gives Us Abilities
 - a. Psalm 139:13-16 We are fearfully and wonderfully made
 - b. John 4:24 God is Spirit

2. He Gives Us Value
 - a. John 3:16 The King of kings loves us!
 - b. God has given us a sanctity of life. Life that is not just existing, but a life that has value and a life that has purpose

3. He Gives Us Purpose
 - a. Being made in the image of God is less about us and more about Him
 - b. Psalm 145:10-13 All His works shall praise Him
 - c. When God created us in His image, He made people who can point back to Him! A people who are meant to reflect His image by imitating Him and showing others who He is!

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SCHEDULE

Sunday
Bible Classes for all ages 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday
Bible Classes for all ages 6:30 p.m.

ELDERS AND STAFF

Elders
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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Bible Hour
Cheryl Bliss

ELDER for September Eric Bliss
LADIES COMMITTEE for September Kim Bower



SEPTEMBER 4TH 2022

Order Of Worship
Song Leader: Russell Capshaw

Welcome.....Eric Bliss

68 Because He Lives
7 Abide With Me

Prayer.....David House

752 When My Love To Christ Grows Weak

Lord's Supper.....Jerry Hopkins

17 All People That On Earth Do Dwell

Offering.....Brian Donaghe

436 Nearer Still Nearer

Scripture Reading.....Jimmy Williams

Morning Service....."Created in the Image of God"with Eric Bliss

255 I Am Resolved
170 God Be With You

Closing Prayer.....Dale Donaghe

Evening Services.....@ 5 PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK	
Sept. 4th	Morning Class @ 9:30 AM Worship @ 10:30 AM Evening worship @ 5 PM
5th	Labor Day
6th	Eric Bliss's birthday
7th	Evening Service @ 6:30 PM
8th	Polly Baldwin's birthday
10th	Men's Breakfast @ Tom's @ 8:30



NEW CELL PHONE NUMBER

Alora Cottam has a new cell phone number. It is:
805-717-0817
Please update your phone list accordingly.

2023 BUDGET

The Elders are preparing the budget for the upcoming year 2023. If you have anything you would like to add, please see one of the elders with your request.



PRAYER IS IMPORTANT

- David House** remains in Cottage hospital. Please continue to keep him in your prayers as well as Buzz & his concern for him.
- Dennis Grimm** saw the doctor & he drained off the fluid from his elbow. He is doing much better & sees the doctor in 6 wks. Please keep him, **Barbara & Mary** in your prayers.
- Alora Cottam** asked for prayers for **Sherry Gaitan** & family. God know their needs.
- Jennifer Steele** has been worshipping with us for a while. She is moving to Santa Cruise to care for her mother. God's speed to her as she takes on this responsibility.
- Pam Mathos's** shot in her back gave her some relief. She will have another in a few weeks. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Tracy Bower** left for Italy last Sunday. Please keep her in your prayers as she get acclimated to her new surroundings and adjusts to life abroad. Please keep **Loretta & Kim** in your prayers as they will miss her.
- Shawn Brown** starts his next round of treatment soon. Please keep him & his family in your in your prayers as they move into this next phase of treatment.
- David Senior** requested prayers for **Mike Edmonds**. He had back surgery & was air lifted to a specialty hospital in Arizona to better treat him following complications coming out of anesthesia.
- Jerry Kendall** has been in the hospital & will remain for a couple more days, dealing with health issues. Please keep he & **Judy** in your prayers.
- Please continue to keep **Bill & Dorothy Cunningham** in your prayers as they continue to deal with health & life challenges.
- Please keep **Carol Quesnel** in your prayers as she resides in the CCC. Visitors are welcome.
- Please keep those traveling home from the **Men's Retreat** in your prayers for safe passage.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

It may feel like things will never change in your life – but they will. - You will not be stuck forever in your current circumstances. - The Lord can and will work in your situation and bring about change. - Do not look backwards but look ahead and expect His intervention

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

'Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.'
~Isaiah 43:18

ENCOURAGING WORDS

What's In It for God?

The word "obey" is found over 170 times in both the Old and New Testaments which raises the question, why does God place such importance on our obedience. What exactly does God receive from our faithfulness and obedience? We say that we want to please God and do so by avoiding sin or making a sacrifice in our service to others, but how does our improved morality or increased service advantage God? He doesn't need anything nor does our goodness add any advantage to Him—He's above it all anyways so what's in it for Him?

The first clue lies in His character of love which is the defining element of His nature. (1 John 4:16) God is therefore pleased as our obedience stems from our love for Him.

The second clue is found in Genesis where Moses writes that humans have been created in the image of God. (Genesis 1:26)

The final insight is the fact that disobedience is the cause that now separates man from God and alters his original God-like nature. (Genesis 2:15-17)

When we put these together, we realize that when man obeys God it means that he is seeking to become like God as he was first created to be before sinful disobedience marred his likeness of the Divine. This, in turn, pleases God because it means that man is positioning himself (through faithful obedience) for blessings which God, in His love, is eager to provide for those who believe and obey Him. (Ephesians 1:1-14)

So, what's in it for God when we obey Him? The short answer is that our obedience gives Him the opportunity to bless us in love and blessing us pleases Him.

R. Senior