

Dean Road church of Christ

WELCOME GUESTS!

We are honored that you are with us this morning! Please fill out a white or green card and place it in the collection plate when it is passed around. We invite you to stick around after the assembly, so we can get a chance to know you!

REMINDER: Please silence or turn off any electronic device the may disturb the Assembly!

Announcements

● Prayer Requests/Updates:

- Former member *Shirley Peck requests prayers after she was diagnosed with liver cancer in September. She is currently undergoing treatments at the Mayo Clinic and may need to have a liver transplant.
- CONTINUED PRAYERS: *Barbara Abbandola; *Steve Berg (Myasthenia gravis); *Belinda Bryant (recovery from procedure to remove mass from the back of her neck April 30); *Louise Cauthen (rehab); *Dutch Dekker (breathing issues); *Nancy Godwin (medical issues); *Connie Kersey (stroke suffered September 18th); *Joyce Maier; *Lamar Marjenhoff (rehab); *Charles Oliver; *Marion & Elsie Pylant; *Sharon Salisbury (cancer treatments); *Athel Webb; *Our Elders.
- Others to keep in prayers: Theron Golleher's friend, *David Benedict (cancer); frequent visitor *Bobbye Donaroma; Reata Dunlavy's husband, *George Dunlavy (recent stroke & leukemia treatments); Nancy Godwin's son, *Brandon Godwin (personal issues); Theron Golleher's friend, *Stephanie Hinson (brain swelling); Belinda Bryant's son and his wife, *Caleb & Heather Kitchings (expecting, December); Hirt Family friend, *Tony Layman (bladder cancer); *Terry Lewis (Stage 2 bone cancer); Steve & Nancy Berg's daughter's mother-in-law, *Linda Nichols (re-diagnosed with cancer); DeeAnna Durden's niece, *Lori Potter (cancer).

● General Announcements:

- This afternoon, we will be holding our monthly service for those at the Taylor Care Center at 2:00PM. If you are interested in attending, please see *Scott Shifferd!
- Tonight for our PM Assembly, we will be holding a special singing service. Our hope is to devote most of the hour to singing. If you have any songs you would like sung, please write the song number on the easel near the front of the auditorium. If you have any questions, see *Justin Hirt!
- Reminder that we will be holding a holiday dinner **THIS Thursday, December 6th**, from 6:30-8:00PM at the Cracker Barrel off of Butler Boulevard (4680 Lenoir Avenue). All are invited and encouraged to attend! We will be holding an ornament exchange as part of the event and if you are interested in participating, please bring a wrapped ornament!
- On **Saturday, December 15th** we will be holding a "Going Away" Fellowship for the Shifferd Family from 11:00AM to 2:00PM here at the church building. If you are able to help with the fellowship or for more information, please see *Nancy Berg or *Teresa Golleher.
- Our *Pantry Item of the Month* for the month of December is rolls of toilet paper! Our goal is to collect 125 rolls by the end of the month!

2018 Theme

Bind Us Together

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

~Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

This Quarter's Focus:

Salvation Together

Memory Passage for the Quarter

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

~I Thessalonians 4:17 (ESV)

Why the Genesis Account of Creation is Essential

All Christians are creationists meaning that they believe God created the universe (Heb 11:3). However, some have differing beliefs about creation. Many believe in God and yet perceive that the earth is billions of years old.

Along with billions of years, some believers accept the assumption of a "singularity" as a very dense starting point of the expansion of the universe. They also perceive that God created the universe via the expansion from this singularity and then the earth formed 9 billion years later. The obvious conflict with this idea is that Genesis 1:1 declares, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (ESV). The text does not say that God created the heavens in the beginning, and then thousands of millennia later God formed the earth through natural processes.

Attempts to reconcile secular theories of science with biblical perspectives of science have many difficulties. Secular scientists do not consider God. Reasoning and research without recognizing God is scientifically flawed. Such atheistic "science" ignores the first cause of the universe and of life.

Genesis reveals that God created all life and human life within days of "in the beginning" and within an actual six days (Exod 20:11). Jesus attested, "But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'" (Mark 10:6). Jesus and His apostles taught that God created humans "from the beginning of creation" (Rom 1:20). God's creation of a mature heavens and earth explains any perception of age, and the Flood accounts for rock layers laid down by water all over the earth. Believers do not need to accept billions of years. Without faith in God's great miracle of creation, one has little reason to accept Jesus's miracles especially His resurrection.

Without the Bible, those who believe God and macroevolution undermine the Bible as a moral corrective for the value, rights, and morals of humanity. Genesis teaches great human value as God made humanity in His likeness — His image (Gen 1:26–27). Historically, applied science without the value of human life is dismissive if not harmful and destructive of human life. Furthermore, science without the Bible cannot distinguish the value of human life apart from animal life. Atheistic moral values come from either self, society, or survival instinct. Such standards are not necessarily respectful of other societies and nationalities. Without the Genesis account, believers have no standard to respect marriage as God created man and woman for each other (Gen 2:24). Therefore, values are often sexually permissive without an objective moral standard for sexuality.

The Genesis account of creation is essential to the Christian faith, human value, marriage, and understanding the cause and order of the universe. Those who trust Christ should trust His words attesting to God's creation of all things "from the beginning of creation."

~Scott Shiffert

Last Weeks Stats - 11/25: DBR ~ 22; Classes ~ 44/38; Assembly ~ 66/39; Contribution ~ \$1,325.30

Calendar of Events

December

- 2 - Services at Taylor Care Center, 2:00PM
- 6 - Holiday Dinner, 6:30-8:00PM
- 9 - Birthday & Anniversary Celebration following PM Assembly
- 15 - Going Away Fellowship for Shifferts, 11AM to 2PM
- 29 - Area Wide Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 30 - "Friends & Family Day" with Fellowship following AM Assembly

January

- 6 - Services at Taylor Care Center, 2:00PM

December Birthdays

- 4 - Theron Golleher
- 6 - Georgana Dekker
- 10 - Emmett Shiffert
- 12 - Marissa Rhodes
- 15 - Lamar Marjenhoff
- 16 - Ken Adams
- 17 - Craig Kelly
- 20 - Anna Mashburn
- 20 - Devon Mashburn
- 24 - Samira Mashburn

December Anniversaries

- 29 - Justin & Ashley Hirt

Schedule of Services

Sunday

- Morning Bible Study9:30 AM
- AM Assembly10:30 AM
- PM Assembly6:00 PM

Wednesday

- Bible Study7:00 PM

*Have an item or information that needs to go into next week's bulletin? Let *Justin Hirt know by 5:00 PM Thursday!*