

Worship Service for January 2010

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Morning Worship

Announcements	Larry Taylor	Brian Huffman	Larry Taylor	Brian Huffman	Larry Taylor
Prayer	Don Allison	Sam Arnold	Jim Clark	Kendall Clark	Rick Cox
Scripture Reading	Gary Reynolds	Richard Messer	Gunnar Taylor	Mark Stewart	Sam Arnold
Song Leader	Lowell Huffman	Jerry Hoyt	Dwayne Odle	Don Allison	Gary Reynolds
Closing Prayer	Todd Stults	Dwayne Odle	Don Allison	Sam Arnold	Jim Clark

Communion Table

Prayer	Richard Messer	Gary Reynolds	John Schock	Jim Smith	Mark Stewart
West side	Outside	Jim Clark	Jim Clark	Nick Q	Nick Q
	Inside	Jim Smith	Jim Smith	Todd Stults	Todd Stults
East side	Inside	Mark Stewart	Mark Stewart	Blade Taylor	Blade Taylor
	Outside	Jonah Stults	Jonah Stults	Clayton Parker	Clayton Parker

Evening Worship

Song Leader	Lowell Huffman	Jerry Hoyt	Dwayne Odle	Don Allison	Gary Reynolds
Prayer	Don Gaw	Howard Goodman	Jerry Hoyt	Lowell Huffman	Volker Jaromin
Scripture Reading	Blade Taylor	Kendall Clark	Jonah Stults	Drew Odle	Gunnar Taylor
Communion Table	Volker Jaromin	Lowell Huffman	Richard Messer	Gary Reynolds	John Schock
Closing Prayer	Kendall Clark	Rick Cox	Don Gaw	Howard Goodman	Jerry Hoyt

Ushers and Front Door Greeters: Jay, Clayton, Forrest

East Door Greeters: Tena & Tyann

Communion Prep: Lowell & Charlene Huffman Clean Up: Jane, Gail, MaryAnn

Please remember to call Kendall Clark at 741-8985 (cell 716-7411) if you cannot serve at your appointed time.

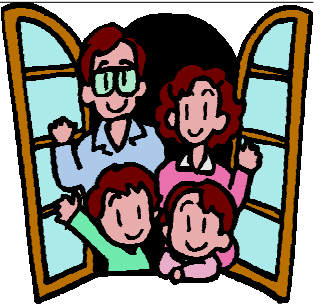
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“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” I Timothy 4:12.

WEST SIDE WINDOW

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FALLING INTO THE “GAP” TRAP

By Ted J. Clarke

NOTE: There will be articles to follow this one. Please keep these for future reference.

God’s Working in “Creating” and “Making”

Can the gap theory be sustained by the claim of distinctions between the words **create/created** and **make/made**, as they relate to God in His creation activities? I think not, but some brethren claim that these alleged distinctions prove that all of Genesis 1:1-31 cannot refer to a single six literal days creation such as that mentioned in Exodus 20:11. When giving the “day of rest” commandment, Moses referred to God’s rest on the seventh day, claiming “For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, **and all that is in them is...**(Exodus 20:11).

In commenting on the Exodus passage, on writer said:

If this passage were all that existed in the Bible about the creation, certainly we could conclude that the entire creation took place within six days, including everything that has ever existed on the Earth being formed during that time. This is a very shallow conclusion, however, and in the view of the writer is inconsistent with the Genesis record as well as other parts of the Bible...The passage of Exodus is a reference to the subjects of the creation week of Genesis—that which God made (asah), not that which God created (bara-Genesis 1:1).¹

Another writer basically takes the same view, stating:

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1). “Created” is the translation of the Hebrew word “bara,” the ultimate significance of which is to bring into existence something out of nothing. In Genesis 1 we have reference to both the original creation, and to renovation. Creation refers to bringing into existence; renovation refers to changing, making. The Hebrew word is “asah.” Renovating, making refers to the world as we know it. How much “time” (as men view time) elapsed [the so called “gap” -TJC] between the original creation and the renovation (the work of the six days) no one can say with certainty.²

1. Genesis 1:3, “And God said, **Let there be** light: and there was light.” It does not say that God “created” or “made” the light, but He did say, “Let there be.” You will see that God’s spoken word both “created” and “made” and that Moses and other biblical writers did not make distinctions in these words regarding god’s creative acts.
2. Genesis 1:6, “And God said, **Let there be** a firmament,” and in verse 7 Moses said, “And God **made** the firmament.” when God said, “Let there be,” He “made” the firmament; the same creative act expressed in two different words or phrases.

SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study —
9:30 am
Worship — 10:30 am &
6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study —
7:00 pm

MINISTER

Larry G. Reynolds

ELDERS

Brian Huffman
Larry G. Reynolds
Herb Smith
Larry Taylor

DEACONS

Don Allison, Youth
Bill Gaw, Building &
Grounds
Mike Haviland, Missions/
Evangelism & Fellowship
Jerry Hoyt, Benevolence
Lowell Huffman, Bible
Correspondence Course
and Widows/Widowers
Volker Jaromin, Building &
Grounds
Gary Reynolds, Seminars
Todd Stults, Finance
Jim Witty, Upon The Rock

MISSION WORKS

Cochran, Georgia
Willie Smith
South Central Church of
Christ
Robert Ray
Tanzania, Africa
Christopher Mwakabanje
plus two preaching school
students
Memphis School Of
Preaching
Andrey Kostine
David Dixon

**WORSHIP FOR
DECEMBER 27
MORNING WORSHIP**

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds
Opening Prayer: Mark Stewart
Scripture Reading: Clayton Parker
(Luke 14:34-35)
Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
Sermon Topic: "Tasteless Salt is
Worthless"
Announcements: Brian Huffman
Closing Prayer: Rick Cox

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side- Assist: Gunnar Taylor
Prayer: Volker Jaromin
East Side- Prayer: Richard Messer
Assist: Ira Chambers

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds
Opening Prayer: Kendall Clark
Scripture Reading: Drew Odle
(Luke 22:39-46)
Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
Sermon Topic: "The Prayer in the
Garden"
Communion Table: Todd Stults
Closing Prayer: Jim Smith

**PULPIT PREVIEW FOR
JANUARY 3, 2010**

AM: "Jesus-The Lamb Who is a
Lion" (Rev. 5:1-14)
PM: "Jesus-The Word Became
Flesh" (John 1:1-14)

JANUARY

GREETERS:

East Door: Tena & Tyann
Front Door + Ushers:
Jay, Clayton, Forrest

COMMUNION:

Prep: Lowell & Charlene Huffman
Clean-up: Jane, Gail, MaryAnn

BUILDING CLEANING: Lisa,
Cindy, Nancy, Kathy

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Janet Akins, friend of Debbie Perry and Cindy Taylor
Sally Anderson, her mother, and grandmother
Peggy Berry, friend/co-worker of Jim & Marjorie's son
Barbara Blaser, friend of Lisa
Ira Chambers has Bell's palsy
Tom & Susan Cloniger
Martina Conaster, Gail Parker's aunt
Ron Dunscomb, Pamela's father-in-law
Madeline Kortman, Debbie's mom—send encourage-
ment to 1833 Key Ave.; Madison, IN 47250
Delores Huffman
Mary Huffman, Lowell's mom broker her hip
Pat Hutson, 93-yr-old aunt of Cindy
Brandon Lee
Twyla Monroe
Wendy Murrell, good friend of Lowell and Charlene
Norma Norris, Grant's grandmother
Ryburn Perry
Mike Perry, Vada & Ralph's neighbor
Nora Lee Robbins, Gail Parker's mother
Maggie Roberts, Cindy & Nancy's sister-in-law—
undergoing chemo.

Kent Sanders
Kay Thomason, Howard Goodman's sister. Send encour-
agement to 1219 Kelly Dr., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.
David Witty
Everett & Ann Witty
Shut-Ins: **Virginia Ashley** - Westminster. **Juanita Brod-
erick** - The Woodlands. **Christine Daniels**—Elmcroft.
Twyla Monroe - The Woodlands. **Mary Norris** - The
Woodlands

Away in the Military: **Grant Kellow** - Iraq—see bulle-
tin board for change of address. **Brian Noonkester** - Ger-
many. **John Welker**—Ft. Benning

**ATTENDANCE FOR THE
WEEK OF
DECEMBER 20, 2009**

Sunday Bible Study	84
Sunday Worship am	115
Sunday Worship pm	79
Wednesday Bible Study	80

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

Dec 27—Carry-in lunch and
early evening services today.

Dec 27—Group 3 (Mike &
Herb) will meet after evening
services. This group is also
responsible for making sure
the building is secure and
lights are out after each ser-
vice.

Dec 29—Men's fellowship
breakfast at IHOP at 8 AM.

Dec 29 & 31 —Ladies exer-
cise at 9 AM at Debbie's
home.

Jan 3—Elders will meet.

Jan 3—Preacher's Pals be-
gins at 5:50 PM. Children of
all ages are welcome.

KEN UPCHURCH WRITES...

There are friends then there are folks who are family. We are con-
nected by the strongest bond possible, the Blood of Jesus Christ,
engaged in the noble work of teaching and telling the gospel story
to the lost of Tanzania.

You have been the most faithful, the most thoughtful, the most
dear, the most committed, the best examples, the greatest support-
ers of any mission work on the face of the planet bar none.

How is it that someone, anyone, especially me could be charged
with the responsibility of expressing to you how much you have
done, how much you mean to this work, the lost of Tanzania, the
missionaries who work on the ground and yes all of us who are not
in the front row but love you and are enriched by you every single
day?

How do you thank people who have continually done more than
what has been asked of them throughout these 11 years of this
work? What is it that you could tell them that would make them
understand the power and excellence that is in them for good, and
the good that they have done. Believe it or not I know the answer
to that question. It is because each of you are dedicated to serving
and it doesn't matter if you ever hear from someone like me or not
you are going to do what is right regardless, every time, all the
time. Thank you from our inside hearts to yours. YOU are the gift
that always gives what is right not what is left. God bless you. We
love you and thank God for you.

Just Ken

IMPERFECTION & SUFFERING

By Steve Higgenbotham

Why does God permit imperfection in His world? Why are babies allowed to be born handicapped? Why do
limbs not move, eyes not see, mouths not speak, and ears not hear? Why does God allow children to be born
with cerebral-palsy, down's syndrome, and spina bifida?

In the past week, we have experienced tragedies that have broken our hearts. So to broaden the question, we
also ask, "Why do people suffer? Why do people we love have to suffer? Why are lives derailed by a debilitat-
ing or terminal illness? Why do good people have to endure so many bad things?

Skeptics and Christians alike struggle with the answers to such questions. "Where is the perfection of God in
view of such imperfections?" Where is the God of all comfort amidst such discomfort? I don't pretend to have
all the answers to human suffering, but I do know there are some things that help me deal with such difficult
questions.

One such aid comes from a change in perspective. What if the perfection God is looking for is in us and not
the imperfect bodies of people? What if the greater perfection God desires is in our reaction to people who are
imperfect and who are suffering as a result?

How compassionate are you with the afflicted? How patient and understanding are you with their trials? Do
they have too many troubles to make getting involved with them worthwhile? Are we inconvenienced and re-
sentful of their demands on our time and lifestyle? Are we annoyed at their presence or at worse, embarrassed
by them?

Just maybe the perfection God is looking for is in our Christ-like response to imperfect and hurting people.
Instead of allowing people born with physical disabilities or enduring illness and death to shake our faith in
God, should we not rather allow them to challenge us to reach toward Christ-like perfection in our response to
these people?

From God's perspective, the imperfection He sees in this world may not be what we think it is. It may not be
in the physically and mentally disabled, but in a healthy person's uncompassionate response to these individu-
als. Give it some thought.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who
comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the com-
fort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." (2 Cor 1:3-4).