



**NSD**

# NEWSLETTER

**Sunday, October 12, 2008**

**BIBLE STUDY**..... 10 a.m.  
"Gospel of Luke"

*... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Col 3:16*

**MORNING WORSHIP**..... 11 a.m.  
Speaker: Dan Austin

Why should the Gentiles say, "So where is their God?" But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.

**EVENING SERVICE**.... 6 p.m.  
Speaker: Dan Austin

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they do not speak; eyes they have, but they do not see; They have ears, but they do not hear; noses they have, but they do not smell; They have hands, but they do not handle; feet they have, but they do not walk; nor do they mutter through their throat.

**WEDNESDAY MEETING**..... 7 p.m.  
"The Parables of Jesus"

Those who make them are like them; so is everyone who trusts in them.

## News & Notes

**Welcome Visitors.** If you are a visitor in our congregation today we would like to welcome you and hope you will stay for a while after service.

**Mark Harris** is in South Carolina for Drill Instructor training. Please continue to keep Mark and his family in your prayers.

**Matt Wells** will be away for a couple of weeks. Please keep Matt and his family in your prayers.

Please continue to keep **Dema Franklin, Martha** and **Ken Holloway** in your prayers.

The **Hamiltons** are in New Jersey visiting their daughter, Summer, and plan to return on Monday. Please pray for their safe return.

WELCOME HOME **Sam Barton!**

O Israel, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield. O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield.

The LORD has been mindful of us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron. He will bless those who fear the LORD, both small and great.

May the LORD give you increase more and more, you and your children.

May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

**Psalm 115:2-15**

I walk with the Savior each step of the way  
I trust Him to guide me by night and by day  
Not dreading tomorrow nor what it may bring  
I'm safe in the keeping of Jesus the King

**Thelma M. Jordon**

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## 20 Books of the Bible

Someone showed me this story and remarked that there were twenty books of the Bible hidden here. He challenged me to find them. Still, this things a lulu, kept me looking so hard for the longest time. Some of you will get bogged down with facts, others are hit by them like they are some kind of revelation or something. You may get in a jam, especially since the names are not capitalized and often leap the spaces between words. This makes it a real job to find them, but it'll provide a most fascinating few minutes for you.

Yes, there are some really easy ones to spot, but don't get a big head because truthfully you'll soon figure that it takes most federal judges and preachers numbers of hours to find them all. I will admit that it usually takes a minister to find one of them and that is not uncommon for there are two loud lamentations when it is pointed out.

One lady says that when she is confronted with puzzles like this, she brews a cup of tea to help her concentrate better, but this gals a real pro! Verbs, noun, and all that stuff are her thing.

See how well you can compete. Relax! There really are twenty names of Bible books in this story. If you fail to find them, there's a penalty. You have to go fly a kite, sit on a banana, hum the Battle Hymn of the Republic, or hose a dog (a mean one). Get to it!

There were loud lamentations over the twentieth book. I am reminded that the name Ecclesiastes meant clergyman and the story lists both preacher and minister.

**Answer next week.**

**Good Luck!**

# “In The Beginning God...”

Frank Himmel

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. (Gen. 1:1)*

So begins the Bible. God's existence is not argued, it is assumed. In subsequent pages of Scripture numerous evidences for God's existence are suggested. At the top of page one, however, the fact is simply and boldly stated.

With this opening declaration, Almighty God immediately sets at naught numerous ideas about deity that have come to be prevalent among mankind. Among them are:

- Atheism, the belief that God does not exist. Genesis 1:1 begins with God.
- Polytheism, the belief that a number of different gods exist. It is interesting that Genesis was written in Moses' day, an era in which polytheism saturated the minds of the world's intellectuals. Yet Genesis 1:1 speaks of only one God.
- Materialism, the belief that physical matter is the only reality and everything that exists is made from or results from matter. Genesis 1.1 begins with a spiritual reality God, who created matter.
- Naturalism, the belief that everything came to be as it is only through natural processes (e.g. evolution), without any supernatural involvement. Genesis 1:1 says God created.
- Pantheism, a belief that blends God and His creation: God is all and all is God. In effect, "nature" or the "environment" becomes God. Genesis 1:1 says God is separate from His creation.

The first verse of the Bible also declares God's matchless power and wisdom. *"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made." (Rom. 1:20)* *"By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible." (Heb. 11:3)*

This initial statement of Scripture establishes one more vital truth: God's ownership and rule of all, and our obligation to submit to Him. See Ps. 24:1,2. As creator, God owns everything. Our "ownership" is but a stewardship of things entrusted to us during our lifetime. As creator, God has the right to impose His will on creation. We are all subject to that will, regardless of whether we consent to it.

Genesis 1:1 provides the framework for life. It explains how we got here and implies our purpose.

*Manslick Rd. Speaker, Louisville, Ky., Jan., 2007, Slightly edited for space.*