

CREATION MOMENTS

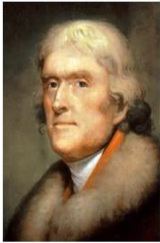
Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Thomas Jefferson Speaks Out

Psalm 139:15

"My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, [and] curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth."



The theory of evolution did not begin with Charles Darwin. The Greek philosophers who chose not to believe that there is a Creator God tried to explain the origin of everything by time and chance.

That great Statesman, Thomas Jefferson, lived in the generation before Charles Darwin and had been influenced by the writings of some of the German and the English philosophical writers. Jefferson was at home in six languages, had three earned doctorates and was well versed in the sciences, yet he pointedly rejected the idea of evolution.

Jefferson was not a believing Christian, but he wrote in defense of the Creator. Here are some of his words: "I hold – without appeal to revelation – that when we take a view of the universe in its parts, general or particular, it is impossible for the human mind not to perceive and feel a conviction of design, consummate skill, and indefinite power in every atom of its composition... It is impossible... for the human mind not to believe that there is, in all this, design, cause, and effect, up to an ultimate cause, a Fabricator of all things."

We might add, that the creation testifies abundantly to the Creator, or Fabricator, as Thomas Jefferson calls Him. Moreover, this Creator has a deep love for His creation and especially for you and me, through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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This Week at Memorial

Sunday, December 26, 2021

8:00am - Worship
9:30am - Discipleship Groups
10:40am - Worship
12/29 - No Service
12/31 - Youth Lock-in

A Look Ahead

1/2 - Breakfast following 8:00am Svc.
1/3 - Upward Begins
1/9 - VM Deacon Ordination - Bobby Herron
1/11 - Yesterday's Kids
1/12 - Business Meeting
1/30 - Deacon Ordination - Ryan Gerling, Chris Smith. Lunch following 10:40am Svc.

Week of December 26, 2021

Joy Junction

9:30am Sunday School - Laycie K.
10:40am Svc. - Rachel & Lydia S.
Wednesday - 12/29 - No Svc.

Junior Church

Chris S. - Laura S.
Wed. 12/29 - Kids' Connection
No Svc.

Usher Ministry

8:00am - Dave G., Ben S.
Sunday School- Dave G.
10:40am - Jim S., Chris S., Sue R.
Wednesday - 12/29 - No Svc.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Please pray about giving generously to support our almost 4,000 international missionaries and their ministries. \$3,465 has been given so far.

Bible Reading Plan

Starting January 1st we will begin year two of our "Two-Year Bible Reading Plan." Please join us on the You Version bible App by scanning the QR below or pick up a paper copy of the plan at the Welcome Center.



Discipleship Study Groups

New adult discipleship groups begin January 2 at 9:30am. Here are the topics:

- Don't Waste Your Life*.....Chris Smith (Room 109)
- What Baptists Believe*.....Erik Houston & Pastor Tim (Room 213)
- Who Am I*.....Ryan Gerling (Room 214)
- Master Works Quarterly*.....Kyle Kruse (Room 110)

VITAL SIGNS

December 19, 2021

Sunday School	80
Sunday AM Worship	237
Last Year	163
Virginia Mines Campus	38
Last Year	42

Weekly Budget

Needed weekly	\$	6,976.15
Received	\$	6,517.90
Over (Under)	\$	(458.25)
Y-T-D Over (Under)	\$	38,900.59
International Missions	\$	960.00
Missions/FPG	\$	10.00
B.T.I.F.	\$	50.00

Week of January 2, 2022

Joy Junction

9:30am Sunday School - Brenda K.
10:40am Svc. - Cindy S. & Mark S.
Wednesday - January 5 - Chris S.

Junior Church

Rachel S. - Mariah R.
Wed. 1/5 - Kids' Connection
Wendi N. - Linda W.

Usher Ministry

8:00am - Kevin M., Jim H., Anderson M.
Sunday School- Kevin M.
10:40am - Matt S., Ed S.
Wednesday - 1/5 - Dave M., Juanita H.

Upward Basketball

Please be in prayer for our Upward Basketball season. Practices begin January 3rd and games start on January 22nd. We could still use a few assistant coaches/encouragers, referees, and devotion givers. Please let us know if you are willing to help!

Deacon Ordination

Please mark your calendars for upcoming deacon ordinations. Bobby Herron will be ordained on January 9th at 1:00pm at Virginia Mines. Ryan Gerling and Chris Smith will be ordained on January 30th at 1:00pm in New Haven.

Yesterday's Kids

Our first meeting of the new year will be on January 11 at 11:30 in the Family Life Center. Please let Linda Warner know if you will be attending and plan to bring a sack lunch. We will be planning activities for the upcoming year. The more the merrier, hope to see you there!