

Bulletin - January 7, 2024



Searching for God

Week 2: 'Why'

Genesis 1:26-31

26 Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground."

27 So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

29 Then God said, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. 30 And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life." And that is what happened.

31 Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.

New Years time often brings with it a time of reflection and consideration. We ponder life's meaning, look forward to a "blank slate" of sorts, and we consider what habits we'd like to break and what new ones we'd like to begin and we even ponder life's greatest question – "Why are we here?"

It sounds like a complicated question, but what if the answer was actually quite simple? I believe the answer to that question is easy enough – we are here because God wanted us to be here. After all, it was God who, in the beginning created us to live with us, and even when we rebelled against him, he sent his son Jesus to redeem us so that the relationship could be restored/sustained.

This week at New Heights, we'll talk about why God created us, and what he expects of us in return. This will be the first of a series of sermons where we look at our most basic Christian beliefs, and as such, not only will it be a great foundation for us to start from as we look to "soar to New Heights", but will also be a great series for anyone outside the faith who is simply looking to learn more about what we believe and why.

If you have any friends/neighbors who are looking to learn more about what we believe, I would encourage you to invite them to join you as we take this look into why God created us.

Prayer Requests



Eddie Peters (Bea Burgdoerfer's friend) Eddie Kerr Lynne Wilhelm Robert Chalker Ron & Teresa Scott Lori Higgs Donita Willis - Allen McDonald's cousin

**A weekly updated long term prayer list can be picked up in the lobby.









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Vitals for December 31

Weekly Need: \$3,200 Actual Given: \$4,676

Sunday School - 34 Morning Service - 67

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