

The Heavens and the Earth

By Kevin Cauley

The Bible begins with this simple statement: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). This verse reminds us that 1) there was a beginning, 2) there is a God, 3) God is powerful, 4) the heavens and the earth are the result of His creative efforts.

All physical things have a beginning and have an end. The universe is a physical thing. So, it had a beginning and will have an end. Some deny that the universe ever had a beginning. They believe that it has existed for all eternity. Recent science has disagreed with the endless universe hypothesis. Science teaches us that all things "wind down" as potential energy is converted to kinetic energy, and, just like a spring-powered clock, the universe will stop. But if it has such an end, it must have had a beginning! How did it begin? God began it.

The power that is in the universe is estimated to be 2×10^{80} watts per second. That is a billion times a billion times a billion times a billion times a billion times a billion times a billion times a billion more energy than the sun every second. That's more 100 watt light bulbs than there are grains of sand on the earth and mars combined. Where did such great power originate? It could only have come from an infinite source of power: God!

From nothing comes nothing! But something exists, and not only is there something, there is an amazing, incredible, and astounding amount and complexity of something. What accounts for it all? The only rational explanation for the universe's existence is God. The heavens and the earth were put here by God for a purpose. They are His creation.

Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	September 17, 2023 AM	September 17, 2023 PM	September 24, 2023 AM
Greeter	Dustin Desarro	Rick Ferris	Jerry Thompson
Announcements	Tom Muter	Tim Bang	Duane Kemp
Song Leading	Duane Kemp	Jason Bang	Mike Illinik
Opening Prayer/Usher Left	Tim Bang	Tom Muter	Tom Muter
Lord's Supper Comments	Jason Bang	Tim Bang	Tim Bang
Scripture Reading	Rick Ferris	Judah Gasper	Seth Arrell
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Jerry Thompson	Duane Kemp	Chris McGiffin

Things you should know about...

We are sending donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. If you'd like to contribute, mark it as "DRF" or give the money to Jason. The next donation will be sent after the end of September.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Laura McGiffin 9/29	Jackson Allen 10/5	Addy Bang 10/21
Tom Muter 9/29	Tim Bang 10/5	Dianna Bang 10/27
Rick Ferris 9/30	Joyce Metcalf 10/9	

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You can watch our updated livestream online via Facebook or at www.greenvillecoc.org

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Chili cook-off potluck TODAY! Please plan to stay and join us!
If you want to be a tasting judge, let Chelsea or Stephanie know.

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Brief Men's Meeting after AM services today

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Ladies Bible Study - The Crown
 Thursday, September 28th @ 6:45pm

See Stephanie to get your Bible study book and weekly breakdown list.
 There are extra books if you would like to participate!

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Men's Meeting, Saturday October 21st

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House to House, Heart to Heart Workshop:
 Training the Saved to Teach the Lost
 October 25th-27th @ 6:30pm each evening

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Fall Harvest Party @ the Thompson's
Saturday, October 28th

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This week's Bible Verse

“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.”
John 15:18

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Lord's Supper Reflection

To Secure Our Resurrection From the Dead

“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.” Romans 8:9-11

Offering Meditation

Our gifts to God will not compare to the Gifts God Gives us

“Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he *receives them*, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.” Hebrews 7:4-8

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Phyllis Caldwell - recovering from a fall
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- *Larry Bey - dealing with Parkinson's
- *Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - health
- *Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - dementia and health
- *Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- *Pamela Illnick (Amie Allen's mom) - health
- *Terry McGiffin (John McGiffin's dad) - health & stability/balance issues, also keep Doreen in prayer as his caregiver
- *Bill Wallace (brother at Tipp City Church of Christ) - undergoing new cancer treatments
- *Lori Payne (friend of Michelle Buckingham) - is recovering from complications with a recent surgery and needing help managing family and day to day tasks

- *Luanne Listner (wife of Tim Bang's friend) - recovering from surgery for kidney stones
- *Wyatt (Lisa Miller's 9 yr old nephew) - had surgery on his eye due to a fall, no eyesight at this time, more surgeries to come
- *Karen Oyler (Stephanie Bang's friend) - upcoming tests

How can we be praying for YOU?

Please call or email John (jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com) with any prayer requests or announcements you have for the congregation.

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Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, September 10

Bible Classes 17
AM Attendance 24
PM Attendance 15

Wednesday, September 13

Bible Classes 19
Contribution \$891.50



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September 17, 2023

Worship Times:

Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am

Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

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