

## The Heavens and the Earth

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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  $2 \times 10^{80}$  watts per second. That is 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 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.

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You are the God who works wonders;  
you have made known your might  
among the peoples.  
Psalm 77:14



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**All the Churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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### WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

**Today’s Sermon: Wineskins, Clay Jars and Tents**

**Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:1-5**

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

Bulletins are archived on the website.

Notes for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes are available on the website.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm September 20, on Zoom, Arthur will be continuing a study from G.R.O.W. We will be in the 6th chapter on R (Repent).
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** – October 15.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class** –Tuesday, September 19. We will continue with the study of Hosea.
- ❖ **Next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing** – October 29, at Wellsboro.
- ❖ **Camp Hunt Men's Retreat-** September 22-23. Finding Mount Nebo. Speaker: Don English.



- ✚ **Steve and Amy are visiting their family in VA.**
- ✚ **Camp Hunt Ladies' Retreat- 2023 was a time of wonderful encouragement. Sandy shared the topic "This World is Not My Home" with Martha Coletta from Albany.**

## PRAYERS

- **Ruthie** needs a replacement for her trailer home. Pray that she can find a way to get a new home.
- **Sandy** will be visiting a neurosurgeon this Thursday to see what she can do to relieve her neck pain. Please pray that there is a simple solution.
- **Paulette Frycek** is recovering nicely from her knee surgery. She is on limited duty at work and Dan is serving as her chauffeur. Pray that she heals well.
- Prayers for the people of **Morocco** who suffered or lost loved ones in the terrible **earthquake** near Marakesh. Also pray for the people in **Libya** who experienced catastrophic **flooding**.
- **Darlene** will be having an upper endoscopy with chip on Friday, November 17.
- **Molly and José Rivera and their family now own their own home. Praise God!**

### Continue to pray for these people:

- **Bonnie-** babesia
- **Bob** (Judy Burger's brother)- lung and rectal cancers
- **Greg (Bonnie's brother)-** long recovery from cancer surgery.
- **Monique (Miki's friend)-** waiting to hear when they can go in and fix the catheter and pump to administer morphine for pain relief.
- **Pat Guthrie-**he has lung cancer, stage 4. Also pray for his wife Robin who cares for him.
- **Sue Barry-** Pray that she stays in remission. She has a low red blood cell count. Pray that she doesn't need another transfusion.
- **Mike Walls,** frontal lobe dementia, and pray for his wife Carrie who has the hard job of caring for him.
- **Jim Sexton,** esophageal cancer, on chemo.
- **Tresa Shirrell's mom, April,** terminal cancer, salvation
- **Brian,** who was injured by a falling log and is now in rehab near Albany, NY.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at [barncat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barncat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.