

### Genesis 1

- 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering (*moving*) over the face of the waters.
- 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
- 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided (*separated*) the light from the darkness.
- 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So (*there was*) the evening and (*there was*) the morning were the first day.

Isn't it interesting that the first thing God made was the 24 hour day – night time and day time – the measurements of life on this earth?

### Psalm 74

- 16 The day is Yours, the night also is Yours; You have prepared the light and the sun.
- 17 You have set all the borders of the earth; You have made summer and winter.

Along with the day and the night, He also made the summer and the winter – seasons – and set in motion the life cycle as we know it today.

We know from the Book of Genesis that birthdays were tracked, if not celebrated, because we have chronicles of the ages of the patriarchs at their death – Adam lived to 130.

There is nothing religiously significant about the way we recognized time today with the Gregorian calendar. The days of the week are named after gods. The months aren't marked by the moon as they were. The year 2006 will have passed with the stroke of midnight tomorrow night and 2007 will begin. It does give us a marking for remembrances.

### Review 2006

#### Religion

- The middle east
  - Sunnis vs Shiites
  - Hezbollah vs Israelis
- Strife in the Episcopal church
- The Da Vinci Code
- Danish cartoons about Muslims cause riots in Nigeria
- Pope Benedict XVI angers Muslims by a quote that linked Muslims to violence
- Stem cell research debate
- Same-sex marriage debate
- Catholic majority in the Supreme Court

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- Catholic priest sex abuse scandals

### Major Events

- Amish girls killed
- Jason McElwain, 17, scored 20 points in 4 minutes of a high school basketball game – autistic and 5' 6" tall – Disney movie to follow
- Kyle MacDonald – trades paper clip for a doorknob – trades up to a house
- Wright Amendment agreement
- Anousheh Ansari of Plano – 1<sup>st</sup> female space tourist – paid \$20 million
- Mavericks made it to the NBA finals

### Obituaries

- Lou Rawls
- Shelley Winters, 85
- Wilson Pickett, 64
- Tony Franciosa, 77
- Curt Gowdy, 86
- Coretta Scott King, 78
- Al Lewis, 82
- Peter Benchley, 65
- Don Knotts, 81
- Dennis Weaver, 81
- Darrin McGavin, 83
- Kirby Puckett, 45
- Dana Reeve, 44
- Maureen Stapleton, 80
- Oleg Cassini, 92
- Buck Owens, 76
- Caspar Weinberger, 88
- Gene Pitney, 65
- Steve Howe, 48
- John Kenneth Galbraith, 88
- Floyd Patterson, 71
- Lew Anderson, 84 (Clarabell)
- Lloyd Bentsen, 85
- Aaron Spelling, 83
- Patsy Ramsey, 49
- Ken Lay, 64
- June Allyson, 88
- Syd Barrett, 60
- Red Buttons, 87
- Mickey Spillane, 88
- Jack Warden, 85
- Mike Douglas, 81

- **Glenn Ford, 90**
- **Bob Matthias, 75**
- **Steve Irwin, 44**
- **Ann Richards, 73**
- **Mickey Hargitay, 96**
- **Patricia Lawford, 82**
- **Byron Nelson, 94**
- **Freddy Fender, 69**
- **Jane Wyatt, 96**
- **Trevor Berbick**
- **Red Auerbach, 89**
- **Ed Bradley, 65**
- **Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi, 40**
- **Jack Palance, 87**
- **Bo Schembeckler, 77**
- **Jeanne Kirkpatrick, 80**
- **Peter Boyle, 71**
- **Lamar Hunt, 74**
- **James Brown, 73**
- **Gerald Ford, 93**
- **Saddam Hussein, 69**

#### **What's New?**

- Nancy Pelosi – 1<sup>st</sup> woman Speaker of the House
- Keith Ellison – 1<sup>st</sup> Muslim elected to Senate
- War on Terror continues

#### **What's Old?**

- **Scripture:**
- **John 5**
  - 39 "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.
- **John 10**
  - 34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods"'?"
  - 35 "If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the **Scripture cannot be broken**),
  - 36 "do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?"
- **Luke 24**
  - 13 Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem.
  - 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.
  - 15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself **drew**

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near and went with them.

- 16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.
- 17 And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?"
- 18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?"
- 19 And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,
- 20 "and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him.
- 21 "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.
- 22 "Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us.
- 23 "When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive.
- 24 "And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see."
- 25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!
- 26 "Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"
- 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.
- 28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther.
- 29 But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them.
- 30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
- 31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.
- 32 And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"
- **2 Peter 1**
  - 16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.
  - 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
  - 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

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- 19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;
- 20 knowing this first, that **no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,**
- 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.
- **2 Timothy 3**
  - 10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,
  - 11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra--what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me.
  - 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.
  - 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.
  - 14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,
  - 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
  - 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
  - 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**Tomorrow night many will be saying**  
**“Out with the Old; In with the New”**

**I say:**  
**“Out With the New, In With the Old!!!”**