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"Choosing the Proper World Story"

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth..." Genesis 1:1

In our Sunday evening Bible study recently we have been viewing a video series that focuses on the escape of the Hebrews from Egypt some 3500 years ago. The host has explained that the Hebrews encountered a culture that had a creation story that was in conflict with the Biblical view. Their story involved multiple Egyptian gods and the Nile River and the sun. The Egyptians believed that it was the responsibility of the Pharaoh and his supporting priests to bring order out of chaos. The concept was known as ma'at. The Egyptian people had a responsibility to support the pharaoh, who himself was a god, in his effort to promote ma'at in the world.

Anthropologists have discovered that most civilizations have creation stories. Often these stories have similarities with the Biblical record. When the Jews were taken into captivity to Babylon, Daniel #1 describes how Daniel and his friends were required to study the language and the literature of the Chaldeans. We know that this literature included a creation story called the Gilgamesh Epic. It describes a hero who saves people in an ark in the midst of a flood.

God's people have often found themselves living in cultures with competing world views, complete with creation stories and ideas about what is necessary to preserve ma'at in the created order, to bring order out of chaos. In our society the competing creation story is evolution. According to this story, the world around us is the result of time plus chance plus immutable physical laws of the universe. The story begins not with the God of the Bible but with the Big Bang. The priests of this creation story and world view are scientists.

The threat to order in this world is global warming and climate change. In order to preserve ma'at, citizens must support efforts to limit carbon emissions and promote renewable resources. Power and money must go to the priests of this effort and their global efforts to influence world governments and save our world from an Armageddon of rising ocean levels and world droughts and worsening storms and deadly heat that will bring destruction to the planet. [To be fair, there are evangelical Christians who believe that the scientific evidence points to the need to do many of these things to prevent future catastrophes.]

The climate is always changing. The issue is whether human beings are contributing significantly to that change. Meanwhile, polar bear populations are growing. Two new studies show that deaths around the world related to heat are declining and that people are between 20 and 42 times more likely to die from cold temperatures than heat. (NoTricksZone, Oct. 22, 2018) Sea levels have been rising between 1-3 millimeters per year since before the industrial revolution with no significant acceleration, despite computer models which have consistently proven to be inaccurate. (cfact.org, 7/20/2018) People who raise doubts about the climate change narrative are treated as deniers and blasphemers.

Ultimately the Christian responsibility is to accept the world view described in the Bible. Our faith is to rest in God and His story. We are responsible to be proper guardians of our world, but we can trust in a sovereign God who will determine that this planet and its residents will follow His plan that He has laid out for us.

- Pastor Kurt

CHURCH INFO AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

On Sunday, Nov. 4, at 6 PM the church will have the opportunity to examine the proposed 2019 budget. The church treasurer and elders will answer questions and interact with any concerns that may be expressed. Copies will be available in the church foyer on the Sunday before that. The annual business meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 12:15 PM, in the church auditorium. We will vote on new members, nominations for 2019 and the budget for 2019.

TOWN THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Boulder City Ministerial Association is promoting a Thanksgiving service at Calvary Chapel on Wednesday evening, Nov. 21, at 6:00 PM. Join Christians from other churches in town as we give thanks to God for the blessings in our lives.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5th Shirley Thomas
 7th Cathy Braithwaite
 9th Jim Hatch
 9th Lois Wood
 10th Carl Carstensen
 15th Butch Smith
 18th Betty Moberger
 19th Debbie Barth
 23rd Ernie Eskam
 26th Dave Legler
 30th Pastor Kurt Hedlund
 30th Sue Savage

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8th Dave & Val Legler
 8th George & Jenny Fletcher



Church-wide Decorating

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 25th, 11:15AM
 Brunch provided by Deaconesses.

Ladies Craft Day

Saturday, November 17th

9:00AM—1:00PM

\$7.00 to cover supplies.

Soup & Salad lunch will be served.

Please sign up.

**Operation
 Christmas Child
 Shoebox
 Collection Week:**
 November 12-19

Shoeboxes available
 in church sanctuary:
 November
 4, 11 and 18.



Bethany Ladies Field Trip

Walter Moving Home

Saturday, December 15th—Dinner Hour

We are providing lasagna, salad, breadsticks,
 and fellowship for the residents.

XYZ Potluck

Our XYZ Potluck will take place
 on Tuesday, the 20th. Over 50?
 Bring a dish to share and come to
 the 12PM event. Stay for the event that will take place
 following the meal. It's a time of fun and fellowship!



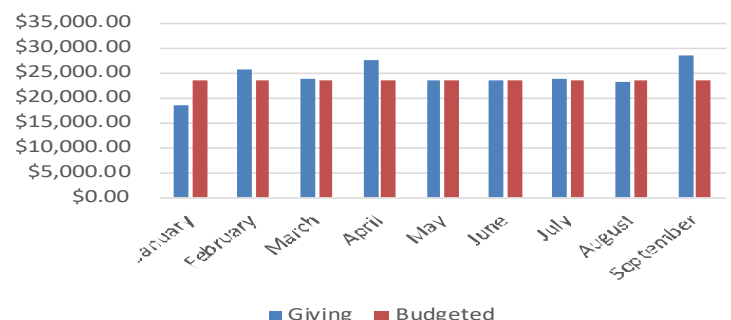
Church Business Meeting 12:15 a.m. on Sunday, 11/11

All members are encouraged to attend this
 meeting. We will vote on new members,
 proposed nominees and the budget for 2019.

Bethany's 2018 budget was based on receiving
 offerings averaging \$23,700.74 each month.

Year to date budget requirement was
 \$213,306.66. Year to date giving, through
 September, totaled \$214,895.50. The
 difference was \$1,588.84.

Bethany Financials



NOVEMBER 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Care Center Visit 9:45 am
4 Biz info meeting 6p 	5	6 Ladies Bible Study 9a & 6p	7	8	9
11 Baptism Church Business Meeting 12:15 a.m.	12 Observed Veterans' Day Office Closed	13 Ladies Bible Study 9a & 6p	14	15	16
18	19	20 Ladies Bible Study 9a & 6p XYZ Potluck noon-2pm	21 BCMA Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:00 pm	22  Thanksgiving	23 Office Closed
25 Decorate Church day 11:15 am	26	27 Ladies Bible Study 9a & 6p	28	29	30

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday: Prayer Time - 9:15 a.m.

Worship Service - 10 a.m.

Sunday School - 11:15 a.m.

Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Women's Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.

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Wednesday: Prayer Meeting - 7:30 a.m.

Praise Team Practice - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: Men's Group - 7:00 a.m.



CARE CENTER VISIT

Our next Care Center & Hospital Long Term Area Visit will be on Saturday, the 3rd. Meet at 9:45 AM. Come share some time and sing some songs with the residents.

Spend a small amount of time with those not able to attend a Sunday service!



Bethany Baptist Church
210 Wyoming Street
Boulder City, NV 89005

2018 Boards

Board of Elders

- *Mike Barth, Chairman*

Board of Deacons

- *Lary Street, Chairman*

Board of Deaconesses

- *Sue Wilbur, Chairwoman*

Christian Education Board

- *Jenny Fletcher, Chairwoman*

Property Maintenance Board

- *Dave Legler, Chairperson*

Missions Board

- *Kathleen Hill, Chairman*

Service Time: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.

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Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

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