



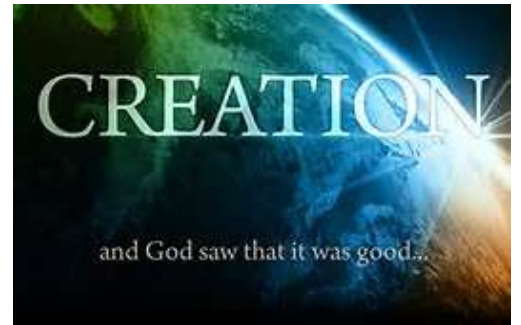
REFLECTIONS

March - April 2017

4019 Central Ave. Charlotte, NC 28205

On Sundays in March, April and May, a **13 week VIDEO class by Answers in Genesis** will be presented that looks at the scientific and the Biblical teaching about creation.

From the Leader's Guide for this series: "The aim of this series is to provide Biblical answers for real life by enabling Christians to answer the questions the world is asking about the authority and accuracy of the Bible: What about natural selection? Don't radiometric dating methods prove the earth is millions of years old? Hasn't science proven there is no God?"



"During these 13 VIDEO lessons, participants will discover WHY it is important to provide Biblical answers to these kinds of questions and HOW to provide these answers. Students will learn that, contrary to popular belief, much of science actually confirms what the Bible teaches and runs counter to much that is taught by evolutionary and 'millions of years' ideas. This VIDEO series will enable you to share answers with others who don't know what to believe anymore."

From the introduction to the first lesson: "According to an ongoing study conducted by the Cooperative Institutional Research Program at UCLA, 59% of college freshman described themselves as 'Christian,' but who by their senior year, only 31% continue to describe themselves as 'Christian.' One of the major reasons for this decline was that students were being indoctrinated by the evolutionary, naturalistic philosophy that pervades media, museums, libraries, schools and the culture as a whole. Millions of people have been taught that science has disproved the Bible."

With this battle ongoing for the minds of not just our children, but every single person, is it any wonder that there is widespread rejection of what were once basic Christian doctrines? No longer do most people believe that God created everything in 6 days and rested on the 7th; or that all of mankind, not just Adam and Eve, was created in the image of God; or Noah and a worldwide flood even happened.

Why are these basic Biblical teachings no longer accepted? Because there is the widespread belief that evolution has disproved the Bible. If evolution has disproved Biblical teachings on these things, then why believe the Bible about anything else? That is what people are asking.

And quite honestly, it is a very good question. If the Bible is proven to be wrong on creation issues, what is the point of believing any of its teachings? We Christians need to learn to defend the faith we hold dear. Maybe, we should just remember the song we were all taught in Sunday school: "The B.I.B.L.E. Yes, that's the book for me. I stand alone on the word of God. The B.I.B.L.E."



I encourage all church members to give these classes a shot--To expose yourselves to Biblical teachings that are actually supported by science. Science and religion need not be adversaries. Bless yourselves and receive Biblical teachings and scientific discoveries that will edify your faith and help you be able to guide others as they seek after God.

"In Christ, Always Praising, Serving, Growing"

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT BY SONNY CONNELL

Receipts	\$13,104	Year to Date Receipts	\$13,104
Disbursements	<u>12,383</u>	Year to Date Disbursements	<u>12,383</u>
Monthly Gain/Loss	\$ + 722	Year to Date Gain/ Loss	+722

NETWORK MINISTRY TEAM – BY NANCY SELBY

It is with love, encouragement and prayers that we as a ministry team meet each month to discuss the needs of our network members. Each member of the team makes numerous telephone calls (I have made as many as a dozen in one day) and visits (I have made as many as a dozen a month). We do this because we love our network members and we do this because we love Third Church. We do not want to see them separated. But we are getting older just like everyone else and we could use your help to make this program stronger.



PLEASE help us by including our network members in your daily prayers. Ask GOD to give them days of peace, without pain. Ask HIM to encourage them and sustain them. Ask HIM to let them know they are loved by members of Third Church. We have not forgotten them. Make a telephone call to someone on the list. Start with someone you know or once knew. You have no idea how much they enjoy and appreciate telephone calls. They tell us so when we visit. After you feel more comfortable, pick someone you barely know or don't know. It is definitely not as hard as it sounds and you will definitely be blessed. Send a card for a special occasion. Easter is coming up, send an Easter Card to as many as possible and just sign your name and Third Church. They WILL appreciate it. Share the love, pass it around. GOD WILL bless you in ways you will never understand. This is a mission of LOVE ! Dr. A. J. Cook is still at Willow Grove Retirement Residence; BUT he has moved from Apt 223 to Apt 325. Send him a card for Easter.

Please remember Joyce McKeta in your prayers. She is going to have heart surgery in the near future and she has requested our prayers.



If you know a church member who has a problem, been hospitalized, had a fall, been sick, needs someone to encourage them or help them, please let Rev. Jay, the church office or any member of the ministry team know. We love to help. We love to love our members.

The Earth is Full of Love and Goodness By Clinton Jordan



While traveling through this Earth, experiencing many difficult situations in life, we often forget how good & loving our God is. He understands all our circumstances. God is an all knowing, all powerful and ever-present God. On the other side, we humans, are sometimes loving, kind, compassionate and merciful. However, God wants us to become more like Him. As we experience life's trials, such as pain, emptiness, loneliness, financial worries, loss of loved ones, let's remember God is always with us building us up in faith. It is not by analyzing and trying to understand God but simply by trusting in what He says. As we look around at the wonder of His creation the more we experience His goodness and love. So we continue in praise. Palms 89:1, "I will sing of Your steadfast love, O Lord, forever: with my mouth I will proclaim Your faithfulness to all generations."

MARCH --- TIME AND TALENT COMMITMENTS

Bible Book: Hebrews

Ushers: Jane Parham, Margaret Payne

Collection Counter: Bob Stroup

Children's Message: 5- Jane Pyles, 12- Kay, 19- Jennifer, 26- Rev Jay

Nursery: 5-Lisa, 12-Lynne, 19- Michelle, 26 –Margaret,

Elders on Call: Barry Cook, Kathi Rich, Joe Payne

Children's Church: 5-J. Parham, 12- Tammy, 19- Kay, 26- Meg



APRIL --- TIME AND TALENT COMMITMENTS

Bible Books for February: James, I & II Peter

Ushers: Melvin, Jim, Bill Hale

Collection Counter: Charles Ledford

Children's Message

Nursery: 2-Lisa, 9-Lynne, 16- Michelle, 23 –Margaret, 30- Kim

Children's Church: 2-J Parham, 9- Tammy, 16- Kay 23- Meg

Elders on Call: Len Hull, Bethany Johnson, Meg Arnold, Jane Pyles



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

5- Whitney Fulton, 7- Edna Herman,

8- Mary Ann Cathey, 8- Bob Stroup,

11- Kayla Sullivan, 13- Darleen Weinziel,

20- Jane Parham, 24- Ruby Fulton, 29- Cody Winchester

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4- Tim Connell, 4, Will Fulton, 5- Bennie Starnes,

5- Rachael Arnold 7- Dr. A.J. Cook.

9- Marie Maynor 9- Jennifer Smith, 11- Wayne Setzer,

15- Mary Davis, 17- Beth Whitlow,

20- Dave Weinzierl



March HAPPENINGS at THIRD All Sundays: Sunday School at 10:00 AM & Worship at 11:00 AM

- 1 6:00 PM Third Time Meal
- 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday service
- 5 10:00 AM Answers Academy Class – Library
- 7 10:00 AM Circle 1
- 8 12:00 PM Lenten Service Amity PC
- 9 7:00 PM Temple Beth El Series
- 12 10:00 AM Answers Academy Class – Library
- 14 10:00 AM Network Team Meeting
- 15 12:00 PM Lenten Service Amity PC
- 19 10:00 AM Answers Academy Class – Library
- 11:00 AM **“4 for the Poor”** offering
- 12:10 PM Session Meeting
- 5:00 PM Church Spaghetti Supper with NA group
- 22 12:00 PM Lenten Service Amity PC
- 26 10:00 AM Answers Academy Class – Library
- 29 12:00 PM Lenten Service Amity PC



April HAPPENINGS at THIRD

- 2 10:00 AM Answers Academy Class – Library
- 3 6:00 PM Circle 2
- 4 10:00 AM Circle 1
- 5 12:00 PM Lenten Service Amity PC
- 9 10:00 AM Answers Academy Class – Library
- 11 10:00 AM Network Team Meeting
- 12 12:00 PM Lenten Service Amity PC
- 13 6:00 PM Third Time Meal
- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday service
- 16 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service and flowering of the Cross
- 7:45 AM Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Answers Academy Class – Library
- 11:00 AM Easter Worship service, Holy Communion and “4 for the Poor” offering
- 19 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 23 10:00 AM Answers Academy Class – Library
- 26 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 30 10:00 AM Answers Academy Class – Library

