

Greater *Things*

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“Genesis In History”

by Jeff Marner, Minister of Administration & Youth

The high school recently finished a Bible study and series of videos considering the origins of creation. “Is Genesis History?” looks to the Biblical account in Genesis to help understand what happened in Earth’s history. It pays special attention to geology and the implications of the stratified layers of the Grand Canyon and what those layers might tell us about a global flood.

While initially starting with just a movie, afterwards we went deeper into the Bible study doctrinal topics.

We looked at Revelation; how God has revealed himself generally and in special ways throughout history. “The heavens declare the glory of God.” General revelation can be seen all around us and we need not go to scripture to find the handiwork of God in the world. The Bible is God’s special revelation to man specifically teaching us who and how he is.

In the doctrine of creation we learned of God’s immanence and omnipotence. God exists outside of time and space and has power to create anything he desires.

We learned about the image of God and how Cain’s murder of his brother was a direct attack on that image. We learned that God created us for relationship with him, each other, and the rest of creation. God created Earth to be filled with people who are valued with great dignity - for we all carry his image.

We discussed the fall of man and judgement. God created all things very good and all was corrupted by Adam’s sin. The requirements of a just god requires judgement and ultimately, the remaking and destruction of the face of the earth was brought through the global flood. In the end all will be consumed in fire to be replaced by a new heaven and earth.

Finally, we learned of God’s providence. He holds all of creation together guiding history to his ends.

It was a faith building study that reinforced the authority of scripture. In a world and culture that find belief in God as inconvenient and an affront to one’s own sense of authority, this study presents a world view that shows the Bible to be trustworthy.

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Senior Spotlight



Olivia Gingerich

1. In high school, I participated in American Field Services, National Honors Society, and did community service in a pre-K classroom.
2. I currently work at Graham Vet Clinic in Arthur as a Veterinary Assistant.
3. Since graduating in December, I have been working at the vet clinic, but I plan to attend Parkland College in the fall.
4. I will always remember most fondly all the homecoming weeks. We would dress up in the theme for that day. On Friday, we wouldn't go to any classes and we would decorate our floats, have a tailgate, play yard games, and just hang out.
5. My advice to incoming high school freshman is to be your own person. Don't be afraid to wear or do what you want just because it's not the "popular" thing to do. Just be you!
6. My favorite Bible verse is 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 which says, "Be on your guard; stand firm in your faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."

Get ready! Tickets are going on sale for the next three weeks and you don't want to miss getting your seats to this year's "remixed" Cruise Night event.

The evening will be full of fun, laughter, a catered meal, and special family-friendly entertainment by "Ryan and Friends."

Tickets are \$15 each, but we want everyone to be able to attend! If finances are an issue, please reach out to Vera Yoder.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

and ANNIVERSARIES

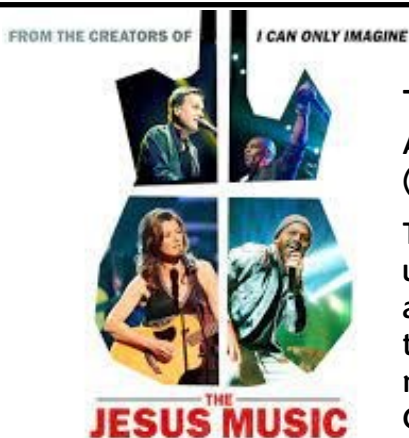
Lamar (N) Miller	1st
Carol Yoder	2nd
Mike Taylor	5th
Kat Burdick	6th
Chris Mast	7th
Lester Schrock	9th
Karen Litteral	13th
Shelbey Grimsley	14th
Jaxson Plank	18th
Lamar & Nadine Miller	18th
Judy Beachey	19th
Marla Kauffman	23rd
Bradley Taylor	24th
Caleb Lane	24th
Drew Gingerich	27th
Marlon Miller	28th
Sondra Gingerich	28th
Zeb & Kendra Hughes	28th
Joanna Yoder	29th
Kenny (E) Schrock	30th
Erica Schrock	31st

DOCUMENTARY SPOTLIGHT

The Jesus Music

Available right now on Hulu (rated PG-13)

This documentary reveals Jesus Music's untold story - from its humble beginnings at the Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, CA through its transformation into the multi-billion-dollar industry of Christian Contemporary Music today.



FIRST FRUITS - Giving God Our Best

Stewardship

4.03.22 - \$5,526 | 4.10.22 - \$15,613 | 4.17.22 - \$4,210 | 4.24.22 - \$1,530

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Please include your envelope so your number can be recorded.