

# RELIGION

## God created man in his own image

### Genesis 1:26-2:7

The divine record of the "origin of the human race" is related to us in a simple and concise manner. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, So God created man in his own image." Genesis 1:25a, 26a. In spite of the divine record, fallen humanity has attempted to devise many different schemes, attempting to explain the appearance of humankind on our planet. As we read these man-made philosophies, extreme "faith" is required to accept these great errors.

The scriptural phrase, "And God said, Let us." (Genesis 1:26a) uses the divine name "Elohim," which is a plural word in the Hebrew language. This fact points to the fact of a triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As we study the structure and function of the human body, one can get a glimpse of the nature of our Heavenly Father, the creator of the universe. However, our best pictures are inaccurate,

since we can only see mankind after the entrance of sin into the world. There is no room for doubt, regarding the placement of gender, "male and female created he them." Genesis 1:27b.

The record gives the divine directive for the ideal relationship between mankind and all of nature, "and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." Genesis 1:26b, c.

As we continue to read the account, more details are given, regarding the actual process of the creation of humans. "And the Lord God formed (fashioned; shaped) man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Genesis 2:7. The Hebrew translated "life" is plural. The New Testament writers give us a clearer picture of this part of the creation.

### Sunday School Lesson

Rev. James Temples



The Greek language, of the New Testament, has three different words translated by our single word "life." One of these words is "bios." This shows the "life" that is in all created beings, plants, animals, and other "simplified" forms. Another word is "psuche," the word from which we get the word psychology, relating to the mind, and mental capacity, and thought processes of humans. The third word is "zoe," life on the highest plane; spiritual life. When our first parents sinned, the "zoe" was lost, and replaced with the "sin nature."

A divine responsibility was assigned to our race. "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful and multiple (increase), and replenish (fill) the

earth, and subdue (can mean 'tread upon it,' or 'bring into subjection,') it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." Genesis 1:28. Divine provision was made for the created race. "And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of the tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat (food)." Genesis 1:29. All other life forms came under the same divine care. "And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so." Genesis 1:30. The assessment of the creation is given, "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day." Genesis 1:31

There has been much

discussion regarding the continuation of the account. "Thus the heaven and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." Genesis 2:1-3. The thought of "sabbath" has been used by some teachers to indicate the number seven. The Hebrew word is from the root meaning "to rest." The record shows many uses of the word for days other than the seventh day. When we attempt to "force" scripture to conform to our ideas, we can wade into the murky waters of gross error. By simply using the word in the sense of "rest," we avoid many scriptural pitfalls.

The record continues to give us details, allowing us to understand some of the "means" by which the God-head carried out these mighty acts. "the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the Lord (Jehovah) God (Elohim) had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not man to till the ground. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground." Genesis

2:4b-6. The absence of one "to till the ground" resulted in the formation of the Adam, the first man. Genesis 2:7.

Our Heavenly Father, the creator of the universe, is "omniscient," "all knowing." Provision had already been made for the redemption of the human race, even before Adam was formed. The Apostle John wrote of Jesus Christ as "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Revelation 13:8b. This need for the human race was provided, even before the need existed.

There is no question, today, regarding our need for a Savior. The eternal provision is available to all who will accept. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast," Ephesians 2:8,9. If you have never accepted this "gift of God," please invite Jesus Christ into your heart and life, today.

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### OBITUARY

#### Owen Fussell Retired

Owen Lawrence Fussell, 89, passed away Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018.

The funeral service will be held at Southside Baptist Church on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, at 1 p.m. with Rev. Danny Brewer, Rev. Rick Smith and Rev. Yancey Hartman officiating. Burial will follow in the Blakely Cemetery with Stanley Houston, Thomas Hart,

Tyner Kilgore, David Wilson, Preston Holt and Jack Tedder serving as active pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Pat Carimachel and P.J. Patel. Visitation will be on Friday, Sept. 14, 2018, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Manry-Jordan-Hodges Funeral Home, Blakely, Ga.

Mr. Fussell was born Dec. 28, 1928, in Jacksonville, Ga., to the late Otis Lord Fussell and Flora Cook Fussell. He was a member of Southside Baptist Church and retired from Georgia Pacific as a

pulp mill supervisor. He was also a member of Masonic Lodge #86 in Blakely and served in the Navy Reserves.

Other than his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Ruth Sanders Fussell; and a son, Gene Fussell.

Survivors include a son, Larry Fussell and Lois of Monroe, Ga.; a sister, Montine Spillers of Fayetteville, Ga.; four grandchildren, Thomas and Traci Hart of Powder Springs, Ga., Staci and Brad Franklin of Lawrenceville, Ga., Lindsay Estep of

Leesburg, Ga., and Blake Fussell of Longwood, Fla.; and three great-grandchildren, Sebastian, Cara and Emma-Kay Hart; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to Southside Baptist Church, 22240 Lucile Road, Blakely, GA 39823 or to Blockhouse Baptist Church, P.O. Box 96, Jacksonville, GA 31544.

Manry-Jordan-Hodges Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### CHURCH NEWS

#### Evergreen

Evergreen Church will sponsor their Family and Friends Day Sunday, Sept. 16 at 11 a.m. Pastor R. Hallman will be the speaker of the day. All are invited.

#### Arms of Faith

Arms of Faith Missionary Baptist Church will have their annual Old Fashioned Meeting Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be Apostle Christine Kennedy. All are invited to dress in your old fashioned attire. A full old fashioned dinner with

all the trimmings served immediately after service.

#### Saint John

Saint John Pineview Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate their pastor's anniversary Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. Rev. Johnny Kegler will be the guest speakers. All are invited.

#### Mount Olive

Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church will hold their annual missionary program Sept. 16 at 3 p.m. Guest minister is Dianne Hensley Powell.

All are invited. **New Zion**

New Zion Baptist Church will have their second annual missionary program Sunday, Sept. 23 at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Pryce Battle of First Missionary Baptist Church, Georgetown, will be the speaker. Dinner will be served.

#### Stephen Chapel

Everyone is invited to help celebrate the first Pastor's Anniversary of Pastor and First Lady Sealey of Stephen Chapel Missionary

Baptist Church Sept. 23 at 3 p.m. Bishop Michael Williams of New Believers will be the guest speaker. Dinner will be served.

#### Cedar Springs Cemetery

Cedar Springs Cemetery is seeking donations for upkeep of the cemetery. Please make your donations payable to Cedar Springs Cemetery and mail to Martin Evans, 1245 Mayhaw Rd., Blakely, GA 39823.

### THANKS

Our hearts are full of gratitude and gratefulness when we say many thanks to everyone for all the acts of comfort, caring and sympathy. The outpouring of visits, food, flowers, cards, messages, prayers and kind words spoken to the family have shown so much love to us.

The world has lost someone very special and he will be greatly missed. We request your prayers for the

days ahead.

The Charlie Burch Family \*\*\*\*\*

I, Pastor P. Blackmon Sr., would like to take this time to say thank you to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, my family and friends, Rosinick and New St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church families, the surrounding pastors and their congregations, Principal Donnie Yarbrough and

the Early County High School faculty, Debra Smith and **Early County News** staff, and Jerry's Catering. A special thank you to Rev. Jeffrey Haynes, Rev. Eddie B. Robinson, Rev. Darrell Alexander, Dea. Eddie Johnson, Dea. Frank Echols, Sis. Annette Summerset, Sis. Dainor Williams, Sis. Charita Hooks, Sis. Latoya Webb, Sis. Janice Carter, Sis. Earnerstein Brackins,

Bro. Gregory Webb, Bro. Vincent Holmes and Bro. Willie Fred Wimberly ... For an eighth Pastoral Celebration of "EXCELLENCY." Your dedication to detail, display of love, labor and hospitality was nothing short of first class and for that, I thank you. My prayer for you going forward is that our God's richest blessings rest upon you always. Be blessed!

### Letter

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City council members who are against the mayor boycotted budget hearings, wrote their own budget, voted his budget down and voted theirs in. The mayor had not included a cost of living wage increase for employees because our monetary resources

are modest.

Their budget included a raise for all employees — whether their work was up to par or not.

The mayor's budget included monies only for training which was mandated. Their budget includes funds for training for all department heads and all council

members.

The mayor stipulated monies to be spent hiring a professional company to replace our non-functioning fire hydrants. They contend that our maintenance supervisor is capable of repairing them, notwithstanding some of these hydrants have

been unusable for over five years.

The fact their budget is almost \$25,000 more than the mayor's budget is not as concerning as the way the taxpayers' money is being spent.

To be continued!

Janece Poe,  
Citizens for Better Government

## Blakely Senior Center

310 Meadowbrook Drive  
Daily Events

**Sept. 17 - 9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.** TaiChi  
Beg. 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Tai-Chi Adv.  
11 a.m. Drumming. Lunch: Meatballs w/gravy, English peas, steamed cabbage, brown rice, fruited gelatin.

**Sept. 18 - 10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m.**  
Physical fitness. 11 a.m. Medicare Minutes. Lunch: chili w/beans, salad, baby carrots, fresh fruit.

**Sept. 19 - 9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.** TaiChi  
Beg. 9:45-10:30 a.m. Tai-Chi Adv. 10:30 a.m. Bingo. Lunch: Smoked sausage w/onions and peppers or chef salad, creamed potatoes, cole slaw, fruit crisp.

**Sept. 20 - 10 a.m.** Movie Day. Lunch: BBQ chicken, macaroni and cheese, okra and tomatoes, heavenly delight.

**Sept. 21 - 10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m.** Physical fitness. 11 a.m. - Rev. Ronald Waters, devotion and singing. Lunch: Cold cut sandwich, baked chips, beets, fresh fruit.

*Anyone 60 and over is invited to join us for activities and/ or lunch. One day notice is needed for lunch. Call 229-207-2506. Arlington Senior Center offers the same daily meals.*