



# THE FRIEND

11AM | 17 NOVEMBER 2024

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Hello! We are glad you could join us for today's worship service at Lygon Street Christian Chapel. We are a friendly, evangelical church in the city of Melbourne. As those seeking to love and follow Jesus Christ, we welcome people from all walks of life and all parts of the world.

In this bulletin, you will find our vision statement, the order of today's service, and other information you may find helpful. It is our prayer that you are blessed worshipping with us today. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the leadership (or anyone who looks like they would know).



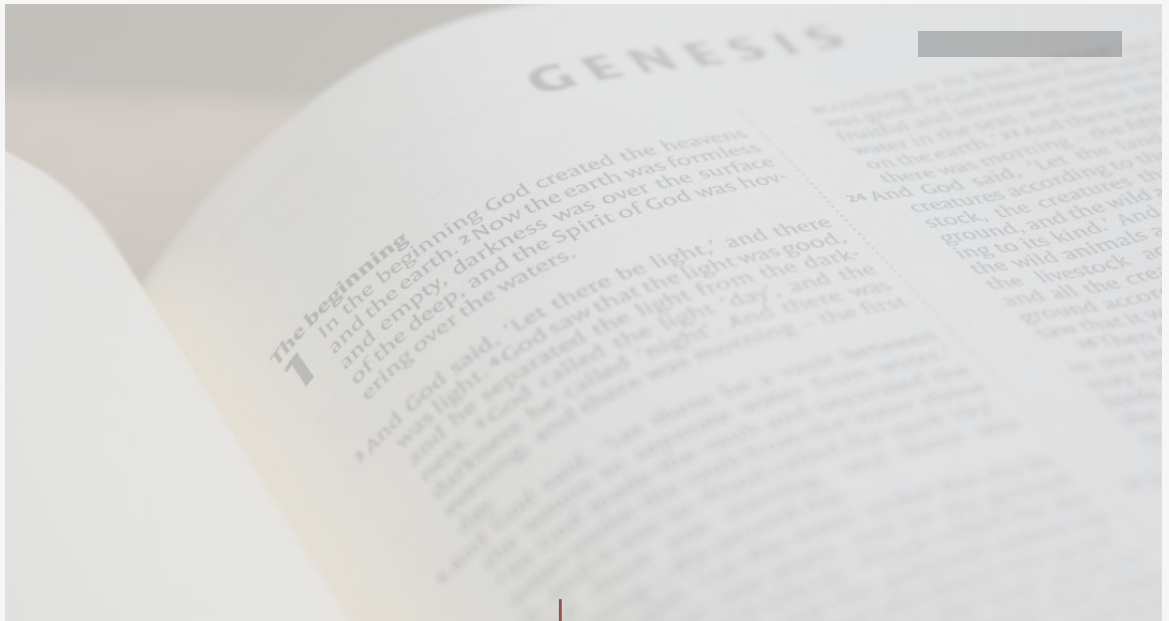
## OUR VISION & MISSION

*We are a Bible-centered church that exists to bring glory to God.*

*We believe what the Bible says – that it is God’s perfect word to us.*

*We seek to teach from His Word faithfully so that every member will build a deep and lasting personal relationship with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and be equipped to share the Good News of God’s free salvation to everyone.*

*It is our mission to love one another passionately, serve selflessly and reach out lovingly so that those who are far away from God may find new life in Jesus.*



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# WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

## — 11AM

Praising God in songs

Welcome

Announcements

Offering & Prayer

Prayer

Bible reading: Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

Message: God the Creator

Closing song: How Great Thou Art

Closing

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# CONNECT

Hello! If you are joining for us for the first time, we welcome you to Lygon Street Christian Chapel. Here are some ways you can connect with us!

For newcomers:

[CONNECT FORM](#)

To view our Sunday service online:

[VIEW LSCC  
LIVESTREAM](#)

Subscribe to our mailing list for important updates and announcements:

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **THE ARRIVAL OF Elliot Tze Xiang Lee**

Congratulations to Yung Tyng and Jon on the safe arrival of baby Elliot. Elliot was born on Friday, 1st November. We praise God that the baby and mum are doing well.

## **CHRISTMAS:**

Christmas service will be held on the 25th Dec 2024, 10 AM. Please invite friends and family to share and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

## **ITEMS TO BE DONATED:**

The board and the kitchen team are in the process of cleaning up the kitchen. The items on the table next to the door leading to the backhall are looking for a new home. If you are interested in anything placed on the table, feel free to take them.

## **GROWTH GROUPS (Home bible study ministry):**

We highly encourage all members of our congregation to be a part of our church's Bible study groups. This will not only encourage our personal walk with Jesus, but also foster a greater church community which serves to build each other up in Christ. If you're not part of a Bible study group and would like to be a part of one, please get in touch with pastor Melvin (Mob: 0402 227506)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **CHURCH PRAYER MEET**

Lygon church prayer meeting started on the 14th February 2024. It is held every Wednesday evening from 8 pm - 9 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Melvin Lo for the link. (Melvin: 0402227506)

## **CHURCH CARPARK DURING THE WEEK:**

We have available weekday parking spots for monthly rental at very competitive pricing. If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be interested, please reach out to Percival Wong (Mob: 0421 281 417) for more information.

## **AFTERNOON SERVICE - EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH:**

Emmanuel Baptist Church, a gospel-centred Indonesian speaking service, begins at 4pm every Sunday. All are welcome.

## **CHURCH HALL USAGE:**

We kindly request that church users submit a request for the use of the church halls before hosting any events or gatherings. This will help us to avoid any clash of events and ensure a smooth experience for everyone. To make a request, simply contact the church secretary at [lygonstcc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:lygonstcc.secretary@gmail.com).

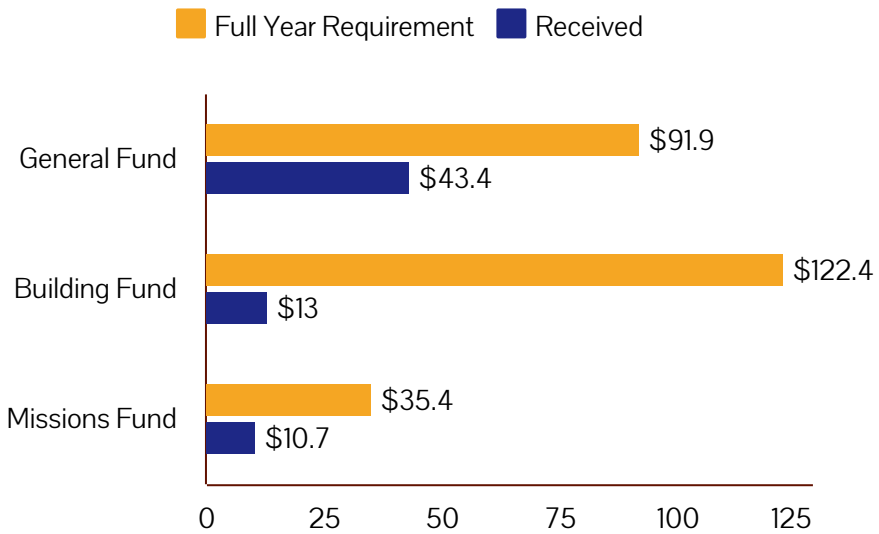
# CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

## DGR - Building Fund Update

The South-Side-Garden Project is underway and targeted for completion by 31 December 2024. An estimated \$80K project-related payment will be due in January 2025, therefore we encourage you to consider the following:

- i) We will be reducing the minimum contribution to the tax-deductible Building Fund from \$200 to \$50 for the foreseeable future. If you would like to take the opportunity to make a tax-deductible contribution, kindly consider allocating a portion of your regular financial contribution to the Building Fund;
- ii) If you have planned regular contributions to the Building fund, kindly consider advancing these contributions to November or December 2024. This will allow us to address the bulk of the payment needed for this project, which is our main Building Fund project for 2024/25. Should you have any queries regarding the above, please feel free to approach the finance team.

**FY2025 Budget vs Actuals ('000)**  
**YTD 31st October 2024**



Financial Tracker - 1st July 2024 to 31 October 2024					
	Avg. Weekly Required	Avg. Weekly Received	Total Period Required	Total Period Received	Total Surplus/(Shortfall)
<b>General Fund</b>	\$1,767	\$2,468	\$31,054	\$43,373	<b>\$12,319</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$2,354	\$739	\$41,364	\$12,980	<b>(\$28,384)</b>
<b>Missions Fund</b>	\$681	\$610	\$11,962	\$10,710	<b>(\$1,252)</b>

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# GIVINGS



## **GIVINGS**

There are a number of ways in which you can give financially to the work of the church. We have resumed the passing of offering bags during our church services. You may also continue to make your offering online. If you would like to contribute using online banking, transfers can be made directly to LSCC using the following account details:

**General Fund** – For all our day-to-day ministry & administration costs.

Account Name: Lygon St Church of Christ General Fund

BSB: 033-000

Account Number: 593302

**Mission Fund** – For mission partners, engaging in evangelism, discipleship, compassion, etc

Account Name: Lygon St Church of Christ Mission Fund

BSB: 033-000

Account Number: 593310

**Building Fund** – For all our building-related costs.

Account Name: Lygon St Church of Christ Building Fund

BSB: 033-009

Account Number: 805316

\*Givings to the Building fund are considered as tax-deductible donations and donors will be issued with a tax receipt for each donation. We kindly ask that you keep the Building Fund contributions to a minimum of \$200. This will allow our team to better manage the administrative requirements for issuing tax receipts. For all first-time donors, please kindly email [lsc54@gmail.com](mailto:lsc54@gmail.com) with your full name and amount contributed.



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**NEXT SERMON SERIES**

# **GOSPEL IN THE BEGINNING**

**GENESIS**

**17.11.2024/ GENESIS 1: 1 - 2:3/ GOD THE CREATOR**

**24.11.2024/ GENESIS 2: 4-25/ MADE TO RELATE AND SERVE**

**01.12.2024/ GENESIS 3: 1-24/ PARADISE LOST!**

**08.12.2024/ GENESIS 4:1-16/ CURSE, SIN AND GRACE**

**15.12.2024/ GENESIS 4:17 - 5:32/ THE LEGACY**

**22.12.2024/ GENESIS 6:1 - 7:24/ GOD OF THE STORM**

**25.12.2024/ CHRISTMAS DAY**

**29.12/2024/ GENESIS 8:1 - 9:29/ GOD'S GRACIOUS PROMISE**

Lygon Street Christian Church  
54 Lygon Street, Carlton, VIC  
Live Broadcast at: <http://lsc.org.au/live>  
11 am (Melbourne Time)



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# GETTING INVOLVED

## **SENIORS' MINISTRY**

Senior ministry is taking well deserved break. Meeting will resume again in the new year. Please stay tune. For more information, contact Melvin.

M: 0402 227 506 | E: [melvinwyllo@gmail.com](mailto:melvinwyllo@gmail.com)

## **CARLTON GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP (CGF)**

Carlton Gospel Fellowship (CGF):

University (local and international), post grad, fresh graduates meets every Friday evening 7 pm at the back hall of Lygon Street Christian Chapel:

54 Lygon Street, Carlton.

Feel free to visit our site: [bit.ly/carltongf](http://bit.ly/carltongf)

For more information, you can follow us on:

<https://lsc.org.au/about-us/university-students/>

<https://www.facebook.com/carltongf>

## **YOUTH GROUP**

Year 7 to Year 12 high schoolers meet fortnightly at the back hall of Lygon Street Christian Chapel on Sunday morning for bible study and fellowship.

Time: 10am

For more information, contact Cindy Lee at [clsy147@gmail.com](mailto:clsy147@gmail.com); or Swee Yue Tan at [sweeyuetan@gmail.com](mailto:sweeyuetan@gmail.com)

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (SUNDAY SCHOOL)**

There is a Children's ministry and program every Sunday at 11am.

For more information, contact Vut Wong at [vut.wong@gmail.com](mailto:vut.wong@gmail.com) or 0425 299 804.

## **PRAYER MEETING**

The church prayer meeting is held online on Wednesdays via Zoom.

Time: **8pm - 9pm**

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# GETTING INVOLVED

## **GROWTH GROUPS**

Men and women of all ages from different walks in life meet in different areas during the week to study the Bible.

For more information about the groups and the ministry please contact Melvin at [melvinwylo@gmail.com](mailto:melvinwylo@gmail.com) or 0402 227 506

## ***KINDNESS GROUP***

Meets in the Eastern suburbs on Friday evenings

## ***PATIENCE GROUP - Jonathan Yu***

Meets fortnightly in-person/online (alternating fortnights) in Moonee Ponds on Friday evenings

## ***SELF CONTROL GROUP - Micky Low***

Meets in Maribyrnong on Wednesday evenings weekly

## ***PEACE GROUP- Chris Tan & Grace Wong***

Meets in Mont Albert/ Doncaster on Friday evenings weekly

## ***JOY GROUP - Joel Tan & Jason Lau***

Meets on Zoom Friday evenings

## ***FAITHFULNESS GROUP - Melvin Lo & Swee Yue Tan***

Meets on Brunswick West/ Doncaster/ Essendon on Friday evenings weekly

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# LOVE IN ACTION

## **THE ARRIVAL OF Elliot Tze Xiang Lee**

*Praise God that baby Elliot arrived safely through emergency C-section on Friday 1st November, 5:18 AM.*

- Despite experiencing haemorrhage just 4 hours ahead of schedule, the medical team responded swiftly and effectively to deliver Elliot. We thank God His gracious protection and timing.
- Thank God that both mother and baby are well.
- We are thankful to God for answering our prayers in granting Joy a safe pregnancy.
- Please pray that Elliot would grow up as someone who knows and loves Jesus.
- Please for Yung Tyng and Joy as they seek to be a godly influence to baby Elliot.



## **SENIORS MINISTRY:**

- Praise God for the safe arrival (1st Nov.2024) of **Lily Lim's** granddaughter, **Victoria Bethel Ang**. We thank God that both the mum (Nicole) and baby are doing well. Pray for the parents, Shaun and Nicole to adapt well to the new arrival of Victoria. Pray that Victoria will grow up knowing Jesus as her Lord and Saviour.
- Please pray for **Jeanette Gan's** recovery as she was admitted to Sunshine hospital last week.
- Pray for **Edwin Tai** as he goes for his dialysis three times a week. Pray that our Lord will continue to provide for his needs and look after him. Praise God for Edwin and Emily's joyful outlook and their thankfulness to our good Lord. Pray for **Emily Tai** as she continues to recover from the recent mild heart attack.
- Pray for **Neil Hawthorn** that our Lord will continue to watch over him and protect him. He seen the surgeon in Alfred hospital earlier today as part of the pre-surgery preparation. Pray that our Lord will continue to provide Neil with the best medical staff to look after him. Pray that our Lord to prepare Neil well for the upcoming surgery and that everything will go well.
- Please pray for **Garry and Joyce** as they are travelling in Malaysia. Pray for safety and a restful trip. Pray for **Jenny Loo** would be visiting her son, Gabriel and his family in Hong Kong. Pray for **Wai Leng** would be travelling to China in the coming week. Pray for **Min Thong** and **Cheng** too who are away. Pray for **Qing** who is now in Malaysia. Pray for **Don McCall** who is spending time in Perth catching up with friends.
- Pray for the planning of the next social that our Lord will lead and provide ideas.

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# LOVE IN ACTION

- Pray for their bible studies that are held on the first Sunday and also on the 3rd week of each month. Praise God for **Don McCall, Emma Tan** and **Min Thong Lee** as some of the leaders who have led the bible discussions. We thank God for their availability. Pray for their preparation and that they would be enriched in their study of God's word. Pray that they would be faithful and clear.

## **CROSS CULTURE MISSION PARTNERS**

### **Yoke Ling Wong | Malaysia**

- We have Rev William Taylor with us this week. He is the rector of St Helen's Bishopsgate, London, and he will be preaching at our services and also conducting a couple of seminars for us. Please pray for those of us who will be attending his seminars on work, and also one-to-one Bible reading, that we will have a fruitful time of learning from him.
- Please also pray for Rev William Taylor's wife, Janet Taylor, who will be conducting a seminar for the women of the Cathedral this week. Please pray that we will find much encouragement from her talk on how to stay faithful to Christ as we wait for his return.
- Please pray for the Girls' Christian Camp. Signups have been low so far, as the timing of the school holidays are not in our favour this year. Please pray for wisdom for the committee as we consider what to do if the signups continue to remain low as we approach the month of December.

### **Kelvin & Yen Ping Loo | Chiang Mai, Thailand**

There has been two major floods in CM the last few weeks. The one two weekends ago was the worst in 50 years. People have just finished cleaning up the first flood, and two weeks later this second major flood came along. Our family is fine as our neighborhood is not in the flood zone. But our church here is flooded, and also a number of our friends and our boys' teachers and classmates have their houses flooded. The flood water has receded by now, but the clean up work is still ongoing.

Pray:

- For strength for the city here to finish cleaning up (again). Our Language teacher has her car under water and she is sick after all the tiredness in cleaning up. We have been cleaning up all the mud and muck in our church here and friend's place. Our church has been online for the last few Sunday's.
- Thank God that our family is well. We do feel bad for those whose houses are flooded. Nobody expected the water to reach so high this time.
- Pray for wisdom for the authorities in preventing future floods. The river level has receded, but all it takes is another major rain and we will be at risk of flooding again.
- Thank God for the display of unity and love among the believers as they help each other in this time. One of the churches has been giving out food packages with the gospel track.

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# LOVE IN ACTION

## David & Cathy Walter | Queensland, Australia (AFES)

Dear friends,

Spring is very much travel and conference season for us. We've attended the Fiji Annual Student Conference (which was held for the first time since 2019), and visited Tonga to see how ministry planting efforts have gone there. We spent time back in Fiji, having meetings, doing some training and planning ahead with the Fiji team. And then, while I was back home doing some preparation for NTE (National Training Event) and engaging with the intricacies of the NZ immigration system for South Pacific colleagues, Cathy was at the AFES Wives Conference on the Gold Coast and at the AFES National Leadership Team Retreat at St Andrews Hall in Melbourne.

These have all been important. There are so many small but exciting ministry developments in Fiji, everything is coming together for a full launch in Tonga in 2025, Cathy says that many wise and essential decisions are being made within AFES, and I'm ready to send my Revelation talk outlines to the organisers of NTE in Qld.

So, it must be time for more travel and conferences. Here's what's coming up....

- Nov 4-8 in NZ - We both attend, and I help run, our first IFES South Pacific staff training conference. I'm excited about investing in the wonderful cohort of young staff that God has given us.
- Nov 11-12 in Tas - Cathy attends and, along with Richard Chin, runs a day conference for the Tasmanian-based AFES staff.
- Nov 13 in Melb - Cathy attends and, along with Richard Chin, runs a day conference for the Victorian-based AFES staff.
- Nov 11-15 in SL - I attend an inter-regional IFES series of meetings for select Regional Secretaries, in Sri Lanka.

Please pray...

- Thanking God for valuable time in Fiji, Tonga, the Gold Coast and Melbourne.
- For health and safety as we travel. We're recovering from a nasty bug and we're only just (we hope) healthy enough to travel.
- For the Young Staff conference in NZ, especially for Tim & Cat Patrick, our main presenters, and for staff to bond well.
- Asking God to keep our eyes on Jesus, and keep convincing our hearts that He is worthy. (By David & Cathy Walter)



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# LOVE IN ACTION

## **GROWTH GROUPS:**

- Pray for the new parents **Tim and Evelyn Fong, Matthew & Nicole Tan** that they will continue to adapt to the new arrival of their baby. Pray that our Lord will strengthen them as they seek to look after the baby. Pray for **Renhaw** and **Doen Ming Lim** will enjoy a successful and safe pregnancy.
- Pray for those who are experiencing deep personal suffering that our Lord will strengthen them to cope. Pray for wisdom as they make decisions and that our Lord will continue to use them as witness for his glory.
- Pray for those who are traveling that our Lord will watch over them and provide them with safety in their travels.
- Pray for wisdom as group leaders plan for next year.
- Please pray for wisdom upon parents as they continue to help their children navigate through the world. Pray for protection upon their children and pray that the parents would make godly wise decisions for their family.
- Pray for those who are singles that they will continue to be content in Jesus. Praise God that many of them serve our Lord with such joy and enthusiasm.
- Please pray that Growth Groups will grow spiritually and numerically.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL – CHILDREN AND YOUTH:**

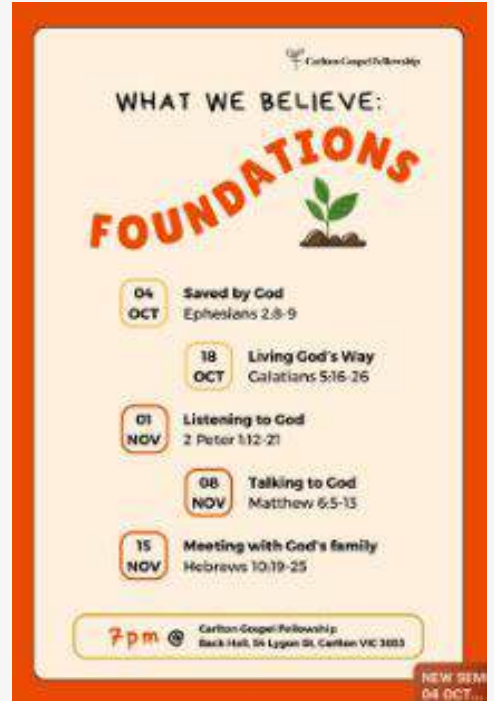
- It was so encouraging to see interest expressed in the Youth social picnic last Sunday. Praise God for Godfrey Ong, Zhi Kai Chua and Swee Yue Tan who organised the afternoon for the kids.
- Praise God for the youth who invited friends to come along not just for the event but also for the church service. Pray that they will come to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour.
- Pray for Sunday school team that they our Lord will continue to equip them as they plan programs for the children.
- Praise God for all our Sunday school teachers and helpers for their willing hearts to serve the children. Pray that the lessons would help the children be drawn closer to Jesus.



# LOVE IN ACTION

## CARLTON GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP (CGF)

- CGF is starting a series of talks focussing on a set of talks called, 'What we believe: Foundations". The series of mini talks will walk the CGFers through some of the basic doctrines that every Christian needs to understand. Praise God for the opportunity to listen to His Word again and pray that His word will encourage the hearts of the CGFers.
- Pray for Melvin Lo as he's leading these talks on Friday evenings that God will help him in his preparation. Pray that he will be faithful and clear.
- Pray that the non believers will also benefit from this series of talks and God will use it to help them place rest their faith in Jesus.
- A simple dinner will be provided before the talks. Pray for Ken Thong and team who are preparing the meals that our Lord will strengthen their service. Pray that God will use the meal them to help bond the people closer to one another.
- Pray for the student's exams preparation that they will rest in God and prepare well.
- Pray for students who have stopped coming that our Lord will help them see the importance and need to meet with one another physically to spur each other on in Jesus.
- Pray that our Lord will bring help grow CGF spiritually and numerically.



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# BIBLE READING

## GENESIS 1:1 - 2:3

**1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. **3** And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. **4** God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning-the first day. **6** And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." **7** So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. **8** God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning-the second day. **9** And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. **10** God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. **11** Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so.

**12** The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening, and there was morning-the third day. **14** And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, **15** and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. **16** God made two great lights-the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. **17** God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, **18** to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. **19** And there was evening, and there was morning-the fourth day. **20** And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." **21** So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

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# BIBLE READING

## GENESIS 1:1 - 2:3

**22**God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth."

**23**And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

**24**And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. **25**God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. **26**Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." **27**So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. **28**God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

**29**Then God said, "I give you every seedbearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. **30**And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so. **31**God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

**2** Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. **2**By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. **3** And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.