

Welcome
**YOU BELONG
HERE**

SUNDAY
January 14, 2024

Building Relationships That Lead to
Gospel Transformation

10:45 AM SERVICE

I Will Follow
Battle Belongs
I Speak Jesus
Turn Your Eyes

Message by
Pastor Chris Watson
"God's Plan For Marriage."
Genesis 1:26-31

NURSERY 01/14

Bed Babies: Greta Wood & Arianna McCann
Toddlers: Debbie Allen & Pat Carden
Childrens Church: Joan Hughey & Stormy Howard

WED. NIGHT MEALS

January 17th
First Come, First Serve Potluck Dinner

STEWARDSHIP GOALS

2024 Offering Goal (YTD)	\$5,117.39
2024 Offering Received (YTD)	\$5,170.53
Offerings +over/-short YTD	\$53.14

God's Plan for Marriage, Week 2

January 14, 2024

Genesis 1:26-31

Last week:

Mankind is God's prized possession.

It was/is not good for man to be alone.

There was no suitable helper for man, so God made woman.

The woman is man's helper/help meet.

The woman is not less than man but taken out of his side, hence helper.

*26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God **He created him; male and female He created them.** 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "**Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.**" 29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.*

Genesis 1:26-31

1) Jesus was from the beginning. (Genesis 1:20)

2) Marriage is between 1 man and 1 woman, nothing else. (Genesis 1:27 and 2:24)

Nothing more or nothing less. Where we are today we have not only changed (government) what marriage is, but have gone backwards.

Hebrew word for wife is gender specific and does not mean anything other than woman. There is no passage in Scripture that mentions a marriage involving any other, other than a man and woman.

3) God instructs those married to "be fruitful and multiply." (Genesis 1:28)

Intimacy

Children

Adoption

4) God instructed Adam and Eve (us too) to have dominions over the living things in which He created. (Genesis 1:28 - Responsibility)

5) God's desire and plan is for marriage to last a lifetime.

Divorce is hard!

Strong marriages (believers), strong families, strong churches, strong nation.

Prayer Focus:

I would walk with God as a husband/wife.

I would follow God's plan of "be fruitful and multiply" (adoption).

I would take my role as husband/wife (or future husband/wife) seriously.

I would seek to fulfill my commitment to God and my spouse.