

SERIES: URGENT WORDS FOR URGENT TIMES

DATE: Saturday - Sunday, August 12-13, 2023

SERMON: The Truth About Us

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1;1, 26-31 NIV

[1:1] In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

[26] Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

[27] So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; 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 in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

[29] Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing 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 in the sky and all the creatures that move along 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.

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1. We are _____ of God's wonderful _____.

- **Psalm 19:1** *The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*
- *"When God speaks, something happens."*

2. We are _____ in God's _____.

3. We were _____ for God's _____.

- _____.
- God does have a _____ for your life.

4. We were made to _____ God.

5. We are _____ by God's care.

- **1 Peter 5:7** *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*
- **Acts 17:28** *'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'*

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Last week we had *Promotion Sunday* for our preschool, children and youth. The excitement in these departments was tangible as the kids “*moved up*” to the next level. With this excitement we are also blessed with volunteers who come along beside our pastors to show and teach these kids about Jesus. We feel the urgency and need for these kids to be prepared to “*move up*” to the next level in their relationship with Christ.

We see the results of these labors in both children and adults as we celebrate with families through baptism this weekend. Please join with me in praying for these new believers and their families as they grow in their faith and Christian walk.

As families get settled back into their school routine, we look forward to continuing in the sermon series ***Urgent Words for Urgent Times***. This week I will be preaching *The Truth About Us* from Genesis 1. We will ask who we are and how we fit in God’s creation.

I also want to let you know about some dates and things that are coming up:

Discovery Class, Sunday, August 27 @ 12:00PM, A great place to learn more about who we are at First Baptist Covington. Sign up online or in the Hospitality Room after service.

Baptism September 3rd - Labor Day Weekend at the Bogue Falaya River @ 4:00PM.

Renovation of Central Hall. We are excited to get started with the renovation of Central Hall. We are hopeful this will begin sometime this fall and be concluded by the spring. We are thankful for your faithfulness in giving to the *Anchored* campaign, as well as your tithes and offerings for the ministries of First Baptist Church.

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