

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Worship Service	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.
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StoneRidge Church of Christ

where CHRIST is the chief cornerstone

1 Peter 2:7



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How Much Higher Is God Than Us?

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts” (Isa 55:8,9).

How high is that?

We’re told that God made man *“a little lower than the angels”* (Ps 8:4,5; Heb 2:7). Angels are a “cut above” man. Angels can fall away and they will be judged the same as we (Jude 6). So, is God a “cut above” angels? We’re never told that, but we’re told how much higher God’s ways and thoughts are higher than ours: *“as the heavens are higher than the earth.”* How high is that? When you consider how HUGE the universe is... Well, our telescopes have not found the end of the universe, so there is more beyond those limits. How big is the universe? *“While the spatial size of the entire universe is unknown, it is possible to measure the size of the **observable** universe, which is approximately 93 billion light-years in diameter at the present day”* (Wikipedia.org).

Does that give us an idea of how much higher God’s ways and thoughts are than ours? So why did God make the universe so big that the earth just looks like a speck in the pictures we see? Why is all that other “space” needed? Perhaps to reflect the glory of God and just to give us an idea of how much higher his ways and thoughts are than ours!

But how did all of that get “out there?” God spoke it into existence! →

from front page

“By THE WORD OF THE LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the BREATH OF HIS MOUTH.... Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For HE SPAKE, AND IT WAS DONE; HE COMMANDED, AND IT STOOD FAST” (Ps 33:6-9). “Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed BY THE WORD OF GOD, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear” (Heb 11:3).

He created it out of nothing by speaking it into existence!!! Does that give us an idea of how much higher God’s ways and thoughts are than ours?

I’m glad we have that kind of God! We should be glad to serve Him. “...With God all things are possible.” (Mt 19:26)

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! 34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?.....36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen! (Rom 11:33-36). -db

A gentle reminder.



News/Notes/Quotes.

THE SICK. **Joyce Riley** can now have visitors... **Pat Spencer** is continuing with chemo treatment.**Karen Livsay** has been in St. Bernard Hospital with low blood pressure and severe abdominal muscle spasms...**Lynissa Davis** is dealing with some ongoing issues. Remember our shut-ins: **Madonna Vines** is confined at home.. **Betty Shrable** is now confined to home and is on oxygen...**Bob** and **Jean Evans** are also confined at home...**Rhea Vines**, at Roger’s house...**Gail Brooks** and **Rita Kieffer** are both at St. Bernard Village...**Shirley Coots** at Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... **Joyce Riley** is at St. Elizabeth’s Place... Pray for these!

This bulletin was prepared early so some info may not be up-to-date.

BEREAVED. We extend our sympathy to **Amy Cooper** on the death of her father-in-law, who passed away week before last..

YOUTH TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP! The next meeting will be July 13 at the Weavers at 6 pm to work on learning to pray. What a great opportunity!

GOSPEL MEETINGS

August 3-4 - 10th Annual Ladies Bible Study - Hwy 5 Mountain Home

PODCAST! Hear a lesson from God’s word each morning from John Mundy on Facebook & YouTube, 8 am.



There are three ways to get something done: Do it yourself, hire someone to do it, or forbid your children to do it.

If you can get past Genesis 1:1, you’ll never have trouble with any of the miracles.

How to understand a Bible passage: Read it through. Think it clear. Write it down. Pray it in. Live it out. Pass it on.

