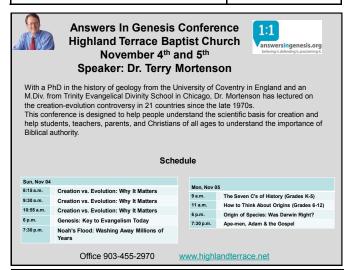
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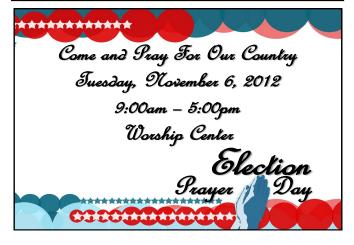


# To Every Nation Mission Trip - July 2013.

Informational Meeting November 11, 2012 @ 5:00pm Room C101

Please tell anyone you know that may be interested

Any questions, please call Scott Hudspeth (903)268-3958

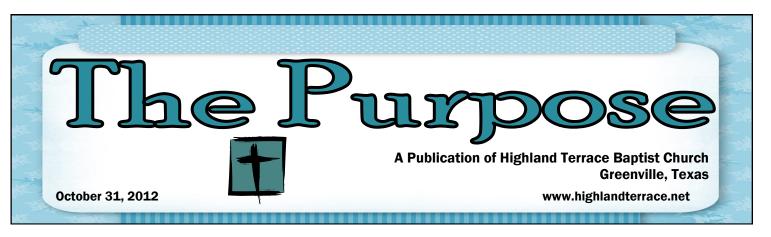


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#### Church Family

Please join me in giving a great big SHOUT out to Angela Hudgins, the Children's ministry team and our Youth for an incredible job they did with the Fall Family Festival this week! I also want to give another great big SHOUT out to you, the members of HTBC for being such sacrificial servants and partners in the furtherance of the gospel! By partnering together we were able to present the gospel to our community in a clear and compelling way! At the time of the writing of this article I did not have a total of the number of people who received the free gift of eternal life but by faith I am going to go ahead and say WELL GLORY!

This Sunday we are privileged to host the Answers in Genesis Conference at HTBC and our featured speaker will be Dr. Terry Mortenson. He has spoken on the creation-evolution controversy in 21 countries since the late 1970s. Like most people Dr. Mortenson grew up in an education system that taught evolution as "fact" instead of as "theory." After becoming a Christian his freshman year at the University of Minnesota, he began to see the fallacy of the idea of millions of years of evolution. He and his wife Margie were married in 1976 and they have eight (8) children and five (5) grandchildren. Please make plans to join us for the Sunday morning and evening services and again on Monday evening. This will be an incredible opportunity for our church and community. You can learn more about the ministry of Answers In Genesis by going to their website at www.answersingenesis.org

I also want to encourage you to give the most sacrificial financial gift you can give this Sunday to HTBC. We are about two (2) weeks behind in our year to date budget receipts and I would love for us to catch up and get ahead this Sunday. As you know I personally believe in and practice the "principle" of "tithing." There are some people who object to "tithing" as being from the Old Testament and like to promote other models of giving. I respect the opinions of others on this matter and as long as the model of giving they prefer results in them giving at least a "tenth" of their income through the local church I encourage them to do so. When it comes to the issue of "giving" every consistent tither I have ever known has the same testimony. And that testimony is "I am blessed!" Every consistent non-tither I know has a different testimony. Their testimony is "I can't afford to tithe!" So I would like to direct you to a challenge that comes directly from the Lord, and it is found in Malachi 3:8-11 Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, How have we robbed You? In tithes and offerings, You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me . . . Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house and TEST ME now in this, says the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground . . . says the Lord of Hosts!

If you have never embraced the discipline of tithing but you are willing to take God up on this challenge or test, there are some Biblical principles about "first things" I want you to be aware of. 1) God must be first in your life (Mt 6:33) 2) First things belong to God (first born (Ex 13:12, firstfruits (Ex 23:19, the first day (1 Cor 16:2). When God instituted the "Passover" meal for His covenant people, the death angel was coming through the villages to claim the "firstborn" male unless it was "redeemed" or "under the blood." All of the other children and animals were redeemed/ protected because the first born was dedicated or given to God (Ex 12:7). God honored this principle with His firstborn or only begotten Son, Jesus, We are told that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29) and when He rose from the dead He became "the firstborn among many brethren" (Rom 8:29). What does all of that mean for us as it relates to giving? Whenever we demonstrate that God is first in our life by giving Him the first day of our week and the first fruits of our income. He redeems or sanctifies or blesses everything that is associated with what we gave to God (first day of our week and first part (tithe), of our income! So if you want all of your week to be blessed, give God the first day of the week. And if you want your finances to be blessed, on the first day of the week give God at least the first tenth (tithe) and He has promised to open the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows and He has promised to rebuke the devourer for you! I would love for us to receive at least \$105,000 this Sunday for the glory of God!

In closing I would like to reiterate the fact that HTBC is filled with the most generous and sacrificial givers I have ever been blessed to be associated with. The principle of the tithe has been embraced and demonstrated by so many of you for years and years. This part of the article is designed to encourage any non-tithers to take the Lord's challenge and put Him to the test and for the rest of us to give the Lord our best offering above our regular tithe! I am looking forward to seeing how we all respond to this opportunity to give this Sunday and hearing testimonies of how the Lord opened heaven and poured out blessings that overflow in our lives!

I look forward to seeing you Sunday for the beginning of our "Answers In Genesis" conference and Dr. Terry Mortenson will be swinging the twoedged sword!

Brother Bobby

Can We Really Trust the Bible?

Horace Greeley was a visionary New Yorker who lived during the midst of a terrible economic recession. His words sparked a new direction for a nation. He is probably best known for popularizing the phrase, "Go West, young man." It was his advice for the unemployed of New York City. He was a newspaper man in the mid-1800's and founder of the New York Weekly Tribune. He was the most influential journalist of his day and was an ardent supporter of the anti-slavery movement who helped to mold popular opinion. Horace Greeley was a man with great insight and the courage of his convictions and we are a better nation today because of it. He remains an American icon. He was also a man who had confidence in the Bible. He said, "It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible-reading people. The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of human freedom." The Bible is an ancient book, but for Greeley it had a very contemporary and relevant message.

The Bible has taken a lot a criticism in recent years as being either unreliable or having too many ideas that are out of touch with modern society. The questions many people are asking today are "Can we really trust the Bible? Is it true? Is it a reliable guide for life? How can we know it is really a message from God? Why should we take its message seriously? Is there any evidence that can lead us in making a decision?"

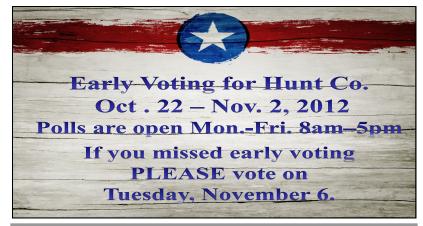
These are serious questions. The Bible claims to be God's Word and if it really is, as many claim, then we had better be sure to follow its teachings. If it is not really God's word, then we would be better off ignoring it and following some other teaching. Many people today are following another teaching, a new popular morality that says virtually anything goes. This morality is the logical extension of a philosophy that denies a Creator and any obligation to follow His laws. Those "anti-supernaturalists" seek to explain the physical universe in purely material terms. They claim that the Bible and science do not agree. They claim that the Bible and those who believe it are ignorant people who do not have the intelligence or the courage to look science in the face. Unfortunately, those same people seem to pick and choose which tidbits of science they affirm and which they do not affirm.

I am not a scientist, but I do believe in science. I believe God is a logical and orderly God who created the universe using consistent scientific principles and that He has urged us as believers and as human beings to search out the mysteries of His creation. We need not fear the findings of true science.

I am thankful for Dr. Ken Hamm, Dr. Terry Mortenson, and other scientists who have found been willing to use their disciplines and education as a platform to share the gospel and defend the faith. Our church and our community is in for a real treat this week during the Answers In Genesis Conference. Let me encourage you not to miss even one session. You will be blessed and you will have more confidence in God's Word and a greater ability to talk to others about the Lord.

See You Sunday!

Bro. Kelly





Fall – A Time for Change Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Adult 1

Light refreshments

Pumpkin Bread, Spiced Tea & A Few Other Yummies
Games—Singing—Devotional

Come for a fun relaxing afternoon! Casual fall dress!

You may see a straw hat or two! Even a scarecrow may appear!

Deadline to sign up—Wednesday November7th

### Poinsettia Time is Here

It Is Time to order poinsettias in honor or memory of a loved one for the *Christmas Eve Service*. The cost is \$8. Order forms/payment envelopes are available at the sign up table in the atrium. Order Deadline is Friday November 23.

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# Ladies' Christmas Gathering November 30, 2012 @ 6:30 pm

Tickets (\$15) are on sale through Sunday, November 25th,

Visit our Bloom table in the atrium to purchase tickets.



# 55+ Young At Heart



Tuesday Nov 6th @ 1:00pm Room B206

Come enjoy the movie "**HACHI**" – A **dog's tale** based on a true story. Starring Richard Gere and Joan Allen—popcorn and drinks provided.

#### SIGN UP SUNDAY!!!!

### Dallas Life Foundation -Thursday November 8th

We will be playing games only.

We will not be working in the Kitchen.

Leave at 8:00am -return approx. 1:00pm

Limited to 10 persons

Henderson Syrup Festival – Always a fun time!
Saturday November 10

Deadline to sign up will be Sunday November 4th
Henderson TX

Deadline Wednesday November7th

Look at the info on the sign up table in the atrium. Be sure to sign up so we will know how much transportation to provide.

Departure time will be 7:30 am

Thanksgiving Gathering Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2012@ 10:30am Adult 1

LaVerl Kluttz and her two beautiful daughters will present the program. They may even let dad (Kennith) be part of the program! We will sing some of our favorite old time hymns.

Invite a friend to experience this blessing with you!

Menu: Turkey, dressing, gravy and cranberry sauce will be provided! You bring the sides! This will be a delicious meal!

Bro. Royce

We will meet the 2nd week of the month instead of the 3rd because of Thanksgiving holidays.



### ATTENTION!!!

Adult Choir Extra Christmas Rehearsals

The Christmas season is just around the corner, so each rehearsal is extremely important. Due to the fact that we are missing a couple of regular Wednesday practice times, I am scheduling a couple of make-up sessions, as it were. I realize that everyone will not be able to attend, but I urge you to be there if at all possible.

#### **EXTRA REHEARSALS:**

 Sunday
 Nov. 11
 4:30 p.m.

 Sunday
 Nov. 18
 4:30 p.m.

The choir will meet in our regular Wednesday rehearsal room, B-101. If anyone needs a CD of any of the music which we will be using, please, let me know. I will try to have CD's with everything included in the robing room this Sunday morning. If you would like to pick one up prior to this weekend, please, feel free to give me a call.

Can make a difference in the lives of children in need through prayer, packing a gift, and giving. Please pick up a brochure in your Bible Study room or the atrium

and follow the simple steps. The deadline to give is Wednesday, November 14, 2012. For questions, please see Adult 5&6 Bible Study – Kelli Love.

# **Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer**

Monday, November 5, 2012 10:00am B106

Come and join your prayers with the prayers of women across Hunt County as we cry out to the Lord for the needs of women on seven continents.

Lunch will be served by the Hunt Baptist Association WMU
Leadership Team

### **DAILY BIBLE STUDY**

Nov. 12         Nov. 13         Nov. 14         Nov. 15         Nov. 16         Nov. 17         Nov. 18           Matt. 27         Luke 23         Matt. 28         Luke 24         Acts 1-3         Acts 4-6         Acts 7-8           Mark 15         John 18-19         Mark 16         John 20-21         Acts 1-3         Acts 4-6         Acts 7-8
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