

# Wednesday Night Summary

## September 7, 2006

### Announcements:

Parents: If you have not filled out the Faith Invasion Ministry Support form and signed your Confirmand's information sheet, please return that to us either via the brown box or having your youth bring it next Wednesday night.

Sunday Middle School Youth Night (4:30-6 pm in the Erin Chaffee Youth Room)  
please bring a couple of dollars for pizza  
Shepherd's Quake (6-7 pm)

Sunday, October 8 CROP Walk (an activity to do with mentors)  
We will be distributing forms for donations and giving more information next

Wed.

Information on Mentor Assignments to Mentors, Parents, and Youth will be distributed as soon as we receive back the information sheets. We will have this to all parties well in advance of the first mentor night on September 27.

**Theme: Creation: Our God existed from the beginning and created all things**

**Scripture: Genesis 1-2**

God is our creator and we are a part of God's good creation. The spirit of God moved over the waters and created the world and all of its order out of chaos. God and his word is so powerful that God simply spoke and all of life came into being. There are two different creation stories in the book of Genesis. The first in chapter 1 speaks of God creating the world in six days and then resting on the seventh day. At the end of each day, God looks at what he has created and calls it "good."

In the second chapter of Genesis, it speaks of the Lord God forming Adam out of the dust of the ground and breathing into him to the breath of life. God places him in the garden and forms woman from a rib taken out of his side to be his companion. Through the creation narratives it is emphasized that we are created in God's image and God gives us the responsibility to be good stewards of the rest of creation. God longs for us to live faithfully in relationship with him as our creator and with the world that he has created.

**LifeLine: Dick Pailthorpe**

Dick shared with us how everything in creation reminds him of God. God not only created the earth in all of its complexity but created the entire universe that is so immense that scientists still cannot ascertain its dimensions. Everything that we create as human beings is formed from elements and substances that God first created. He told us of his own sense of wonder in how God has created the world to be in balance. Dick gave us the example of gravity keeping the water in the oceans in place. Without gravity, the water and most anything else on the surface of Earth would fly into outer space.

All that God has created is good and that means us as well. He emphasized that Jesus was with God the Father from the beginning and participated in the creation of the world. Dick also tried to stretch our imagination of what all God has created. He told a story of his witnessing an unidentified flying object when working for the ICG Railroad in Alabama. He couldn't entirely explain what he saw but figured that if it truly existed then it too must be part of God's creation. The jury is still out on UFOs, but Dick's main point was that all that we have comes from God and therefore we should approach God with a spirit of thankfulness, wonder, and awe.