



## Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Sick.....	Jody McCoy
Songs of Worship .....	Terry Abney
A.M. Prayer.....	Glenn Hayes.
A.M. Prayer before Worship.....	Charles Mack Rice
A.M. Closing Prayer .....	Jody McCoy
P. M. Opening Prayer .....	Dan Newell Jr.
P.M. Closing Prayer.....	Greg Brewer.

### February:

#### Communion:

Reading .....	Homer Rice
Serving .....	Jody McCoy, Dan Newell Jr.
Collection .....	Pearl Brewer, Shane Burgher
Communion to Sick .....	Daniel Newell & Dan Newell Jr..
Prepare Communion .....	Charlene Brewer, Sue Rice
Van Driver 2/28/10.....	Shane Burgher
Van Driver 3/07/10.....	Donald Olinger
Cleaning Outside .....	Walter Rice, Shane Burgher

The age of the earth is a profound secret hidden in the depth of the eternal ages and known only to Almighty God. The Bible does not give the date of creation nor does it suggest anything which will enable us to ascertain this date. Some have erroneously stated, “The first chapter of Genesis says the earth was created about six or seven thousand years ago,” while the first chapter of Genesis says no such thing. Granting that the events of the six days of Genesis one occurred six thousand years ago, we are still face to face with the fact that the heavens and the earth were *not* created on the first – nor any other- of these days. The heavens and the earth were created before the first day. How long this was before the first day which begins in Genesis 1:3 no one knows. George DeHoff

## This and That

Bible study is very important to the Christian. One would not think of going for extended periods without food or water. Neither should one deprive self of the teachings of God’s word. As food and water nourish the physical person, so also the Good News from Jesus sustains the spiritual man. It is important that we develop a love of reading at an early age. Books of various, uplifting content should be considered. The best book to start reading is the Bible. Age appropriate Bibles may be used to read with your children. I like to “test” the different translation by selecting texts that teach great truths such as how to become a Christian or observance of the Lord’s Supper. We should also use the same diligence to make sure the translations we read are true to the original text. Of course the *King James Bible* translation has stood the test of time. It has been read and loved by millions over the last 399 years. There are other translations that I have found to be reliable as well.

The *New King James Bible (NKJV)* was commissioned in 1975 and 130 Bible scholars, church leaders and lay people spent 7 years working to make an entirely new translation that was true to the original languages and literary style of the 1611 Translation. The book was copyright in 1982 by Thomas Nelson publishers.

The *English Standard Version (ESV)* was the result of approximately 114 people (of who were 50 Biblical Experts). It was copyright in 2001 by Crossway Bibles. “ To this end each word and phrase in the ESV has been carefully weighed against the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek, to ensure the fullest accuracy and clarity and to avoid under-translating or overlooking any nuance of the original text. The words and phrases themselves grow out of the Tyndale-King James legacy, and most recently out of the RSV, with the 1971 RSV text providing the starting point for our work.” I keep a copy on the nightstand near my bed and read from it often.

There are some translations that I care little for (one being the *NIV*) however the important thing is to get a translation that you are comfortable with and then establish a regular schedule of reading. Think about it. *Daniel Newell*