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Scripture – A Drama?

The Bible's a *big book*, and most of us have read it in bits: devotional bits, sermon bits, moral bits, etc. But did you know that the Bible actually tells *one, grand story*? Think of the Bible as the *great drama of God's dealing with us* – the true story of the *whole world* and of *ourselves*.

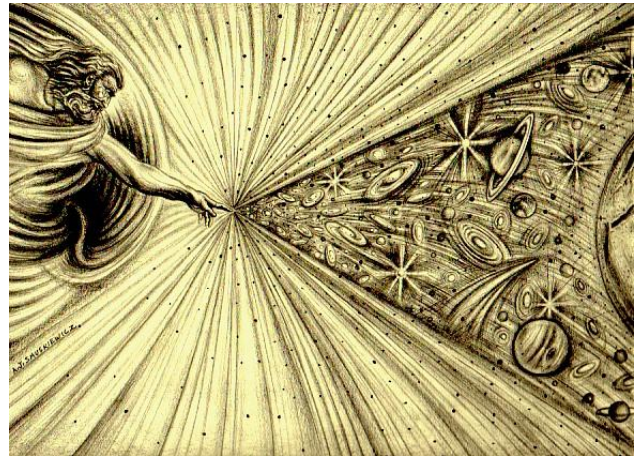
Over the next few months, I'll be presenting the "acts" of the Biblical "drama," and inviting you to dive into the greatest story ever told. Let's find our place in it!

ACT ONE: CREATION

In every drama, the *first act* is key. It introduces the *characters* and *setting*. It gives us the information we need to understand the rest of the narrative. As anyone who's come late to a movie at the theater knows, if we *miss the first act*, we probably won't understand the rest of the story!

Act One of scripture is found in **Genesis 1-2**. Read it. We immediately meet scripture's main character. "In the beginning, *God...*" (Gen. 1:1). In Genesis 2:4 and following, you'll notice that the phrase *LORD God* is used. That's the translator's term for *YHWH* ("Yahweh") *God* – the sacred, personal name of the God of Israel, the God of Jesus, our God. Our drama begins with the assertion that *our God*, the God revealed in Jesus Christ, is the Creator of *everything that is*. As Creator, God is the *sovereign king* over all things. He made the world – and us – so all things are his.

As God creates the world, we meet the other character in this cosmic story: humanity. This is where we come in! The Bible tells the story of *our creation* in two different ways. The first way (Gen. 1-2:4) describes our relationship to *the world*. Humanity – created on the *last day* – is portrayed as the *pinnacle* of God's creation, as the one's who



bear God's very *image*. In the ancient world, a king would place his *image* (often a statue) throughout their realm so that even when he was far away, the locals knew who was supreme. The Bible's saying something very similar. God put *us* on earth as his vice-regents or representatives to *promote* his kingdom, to *manifest* his dominion, and to *care for* what is rightfully his.

The second description of how God made us (Gen 2:5-25 and parts of chapter 3) focuses on our relationship *to God and each other*. It shows God that lovingly created Adam and then created Eve so that Adam would not be alone. This tells us that *we are made for communion with God and with each other*. God first desires a very special relationship with us! God also desires that we live in communion with one another. *That's what we're made for*.

In sum:

Main Characters: God (The Loving King) & Humanity (The Vice-regents tasked with loving God, loving one another, and caring for creation).

Setting: The God-made good creation.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday School

Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>#</u>
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01/09/11-30	01/08/12-40	01/09/11-133	01/08/12-140				
01/16/11-37	11/15/12-38	01/16/11-155	01/15/12-167				
01/23/11-31	01/22/12-40	01/23/11-119	01/22/12-135				
01/30/11-27	01/29/12-34	01/30/11-194	01/29/12-161				

Session voted to form a Pastor Nominating Committee to call a Pastor. The nominating committee will present a slate of candidates which will be voted on by the Congregation.

Pastor Andrew's compensation package, as presented in the 2012 budget, was approved at the Congregational Meeting, January 22.

Presbytery will meet February 20 at 1st Presbyterian Church, Sioux Falls.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be Tuesday, February 14 at 7:30 pm in the Dining Room.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds: They will investigate options for furnace repair or replacement in the education wing. The steps on the west side of the church need attention. A request has been made to look into cleaning the kitchen floors.

Christian Education: Session voted to allow the Sr. High Youth to hold a Valentine's Dinner Sunday, February 12 in the dining room. The event will be a fundraiser for the Sr. High group.

Church Life: The annual Chili Dinner was held January 29.

Church Administration: The money budgeted for the Praise Team director was moved to the Associate Pastor's compensation package. The committee suggests developing a larger sub-committee to investigate a new sound and multi-media system.

Mission & Evangelism: The rummage sale will be held in June. There will be a Spring/Lenten Food Drive February 26-March 25. The local mission money from Holy Buckets will be divided between the Salvation Army and Helping Hands.

Worship & Music: Lent Events will begin February 26. The program will be a video study by Timothy Keller. The Communion schedule for 2012 was distributed.

CAKE PROVIDERS AND WORKERS FOR February 2012 FUNERALS

Jene & Jan Carroll, Janice Christensen, Howard & Helen Clark, Diane Clayton, Barb Cook, Alissa Crandall, Barb Daugherty, Joan Daugherty, David & Cheryl Davidson, Keith & Cory Decker, Jack & Sharon DeDeyne, Betty Dornbush, Victor & Eileen Dracy, Jim & Ilene Dunbar, Doug & Amy Duxbury, Jack & Shirley Duxbury and Brenda Gilbert

Volunteers for Prayer Chain #1

Harriet Turnwall	353-1750
Greg and Donna Hepper	352-3621
Cobbie and Vi Magness	352-5377 or 352-8759
Oliver and LaVonne Nicholas	352-7957
Sue Gose	352-8104
Betty Freeman	352-1447

Volunteers for Prayer Chain #2

Frances Langbehn	352-4079
Thelma Peterson	352-4343
Bev Erdahl	352-4746
Marlene Gamber	352-5219
Cam and Melba Galliger	352-4928
Mona Kotas	352-9517
Brad Magness	352-9545

If you would like to be on one of our prayer chains, please call the church office

Elder of the Month:

February Milo Pietz

Deacon of the Month:

February Donna Meiers

Ushers for the Month

Duane & Leanne Kopfmann
Jake & Nadean Vilhauer
Paul Ford & LeRoy Neuharth

Nursery Schedule

February 5 Gina/Cortney Griffith
February 12 Alissa Crandall
February 19 Kahlie/Lexi Eckmann
February 26 Emily Arteman

Acolyte Schedule:

February 5 Alex Griffith
February 12 Zach Kopfmann & Austin
Kopfmann
February 19 Communion
February 26 McKenna Letcher &
Jaclynn Lichty



To:
The family of LuVerne
Peterson.
The family of Ron Griffith,
Scott Griffith's brother.

The family of Samantha Schmidt, great niece
of Inez Eddy

PRAYER LIST

Members

Anonymous Keri Brede
Betty Decker Cam Galliger
Linda Marcus Sally Meyer
Alan Schmidt Beverly Hook
Jesse Jorgensen Keitha Neuharth
Baby Alex (son of Tiffany Lawrence and Adam Atkins.)

Friends & family

Darrel Bader (friend of Oliviers).
DeAnn Beckett (niece of Cobbie & Vi Magness)
Orville Brugger (LaVonne Nicholas' brother)
Scott Brugger (LaVonne Nicholas' nephew)
Virgil Brugger (LaVonne Nicholas' brother)
Carolyn Carathers (Ken Shoultz sister)
Don Clark of Wessington
Larry Claypool (Renea Katz's father)
Carolyn Crathers (sister of Ken Shoultz)
John Diebold (Gina Griffith's uncle)
Lois Duxbury (Jack Duxbury's mother)
Darlene Ford (Paul Ford's mother)
Leslie Gamber (Marlene Gamber's brother-in-law)
Gladys Hrdlicka (Donna Meiers' mother)
P.F.C. Andrew Keith
Nita Kirkham (Steve Peters' Step Sister)
Ethel Kruger (Brenda Schmidt's aunt)

Doretta Nelson (sister of Berneice Muilenberg)
Charlotte Mangan (sister of Oliver Nicholas)
Idel McDonald
Pam McAloon (friend of Sandy Fisher)
Dr. Rocky Mohr
Angel Pietz (Cheryl Davidson's great niece)
Harvey Pietz (Milo Pietz's cousin)
Ron Portner (Alan Schmidt's cousin)
Darlo Tschetter
(Jake & Nadean Vilhauer's neighbor)
Kip & Jessica Tschetter (friends of Wade Katz)
Karen Winson (friend of Marlene Gamber)
Joe Wolf, JoLynne Parmely's brother -in-law

Others

Victims of the Pierre and Fort Pierre Flood.
Prison Inmates President Obama,
Government Officials & Military Personnel

Nursing Homes & Home bound

Courtyard Apartments: Bernice Hermanson

CountryView Estates: Evelyn Williams

SunQuest Village: Harlow & June Larsen
Eva Vilhauer,

Country Side Living, Mitchell: Don & Korlis
Winter

StoneyBrook Suites: Viola Hins, Gertrude
Troth, Harriet Turnwall.

SunQuest Healthcare Center: Maxie Cook,
Les Erdahl, Virginia Hanson,

Violet Tschetter Home: Emma Timothy

Out-of-Town Nursing Homes: Jean Ann
Beach, Florence Reimers, Ella Hanson, Ann
Thompkins, Jill Baker

Home Bound: Mahalia Connell, Leah Ochsner

Congratulations To

Jake Ryan Eichstadt

As a baptized member January 15, 2012. Jack
was born to Ryan and Becky Eichstadt August
11th, 2011

Leah Ochsner on her 101st birthday
Evelyn Cudmore on her 90th birthday
Don Winter on his 85th birthday

Do something special for your **February
Birthday** by donating a penny for each year of
your age to the PW's Birthday Box in the east
room. You will be helping to fund our mission
projects. Have a special happy birthday

Member Highlights



Mary Haley

It was eighty-six years ago on the family homestead southwest of Wolsey that Mary Radcliffe made her first appearance in South Dakota. Her siblings are John, deceased, who was two years older and Rose Duxbury, eight years younger who lives near Wessington. At that time South Dakota was in a deep drought so when Mary was one year old the family moved to California. Mary's dad went to work on his cousin's 12,000 acre ranch as the foreman. Mary graduated from High School in Lancaster CA in May of 1943 and started working at an ammunition plant.

In October Mary married Bill Haley. They worked at the Royal Air Force Base towing airplanes into hangers to be checked. Bill was 4F at the time and in January, 1944, was drafted into WWII. During this time Mary was helping her elderly grandmother on the homestead. When he was discharged the couple moved to Oregon. He worked for Safeway and joined the Nat'l Guard. It was here that Mary's career with the Telephone Company started. Shortly thereafter they decided to return to SD and lived near Tulare. The SD Guards were activated and Bill went to Colo. Springs. When he was sent to Korea, Mary moved to Medford OR and worked in the telephone office there.

In 1952 the family home in SD burned down. When Bill returned they moved home to SD. Mary continued telephone work and joined the First Church in Huron. Rev. Peters was our pastor then. She taught Sunday school and was the SS treasurer during this time.

For a number of years they lived in Chamberlain, Pierre, Mobridge, Huron and Sioux Falls. Mary was always associated with the phone company and although Bill had severe panic attacks from the war, he remained in the guards for 20 years. They started many ventures including a ceramics business in their home. When Mary was eligible to retire after 25 years with the phone company, they moved to Wessington so she could help care for her father who passed away in Dec. of 1978.

In 1982 Mary and Bill, took their motor home, her brother and mother, and went to CA to visit friends and relatives. Upon returning to SD Bill and Mary moved to Sioux Falls so Bill could be near the VA hospital. Mary's mom died in April of 1992 and Bill died in July of the same year. While in Sioux Falls Mary attended the Presbyterian Church and did a lot of traveling.

In 2011 she moved back to Huron, rejoined First Church and resides at SunQuest Village. Because of macular degeneration she can no longer drive. Mary enjoys Bingo, crossword puzzles and large print books.

Valentine's Day Dinner

*The Senior Highs
Cordially Invite You
To an Evening
of Fine Dining & Dancing
Dance to "Mark's Men"*

**First Presbyterian Church
Sunday, February 12, 2012**

**Beef Lasagna or Chicken
Alfredo Lasagna**

Includes vegetable, bread, salad, dessert,
and beverage

Serving dinner begins at 6:00 PM
Only \$25/couple or \$15/single

Valet Parking and Child Care – Provided

Please Invite a Friend or Relative

Call the Office (352-8789) for reservations

Thank You

Thank you for thinking of me, and all the things you have done for me through out the year. **Bernice Hermanson**

Deacons, Many thanks for the plant to celebrate our 50th wedding Anniversary

Thank each of you for helping us make our 50th special through your cards and prayers. **Jake & Nadean Vilhauer**

Thank you to the Meals on Wheels volunteers who helped during the coldest and snowiest week this winter. Your efforts and expense are much appreciated by myself, Becky at the Center and the many recipients. God Bless you! **Sandy Eden**

Deacons, Thank you so very much for the poinsettia. **Mary Haley**

Thank you for the beautiful flowers for my 90th birthday. **Evelyn M. Cudmore**

Dear Friends, Iven and I wish to express our appreciation and thanks to the Deacons for the nice flowers we've received of late. Also, for the cards and notes of encouragement. **Iven & Lorraine Jacobson**

Scholarship Committee, Thank you for choosing me as a recipient of the Dorothy Linette Scholarship. Both Dorothy and the Presbyterian Church have a special place in my heart. **A'Lece Boomsma**

Corrections

Session High Lights–Mission Committee –should read, an equal split of Holy Buckets among Men's Prayer Breakfast, Helping Hands and the PCUSA Hunger Program.

In the Annual Report part of the Sunday School page was missing. It reads as follows.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT 2011

We have had a great year with the Sunday School program in 2011. We are blessed and have many to thank for their involvement this year from the CE committee, our pastors, the teachers, the parents, the participants and the entire congregation. We have approximately 40 attending each week.

We provide Sunday School for ages 3 and up each week.

The children's weekly offering is shared between the Operation Christmas Child program and the Huron Backpack Program.

Highlights this year:

- Sunday School kickoff in September at Winter Park and included games, food and renting inflatables fun for the kids to play.
- 3rd graders received bibles.
- Continue to share their gift of Music during worship service.
- Kids packed and wrapped 18 Operation Christmas Child boxes for delivery to kids in need around the world.
- Made \$200 cash gift to the Huron Backpack Program
- Colored and mailed Christmas cards to church members
- Christmas program was held during worship on December 11th with the kids receiving goody bags.
- Christmas party on December 18th with games, breakfast pizza and a scavenger hunt.
- Cherub Choir joined the Senior Choir during the Choral Worship Service December 18th.
- The High School group meets at McDonalds for friendship, food and bible study.

2011 Music Directors/Teachers:

- Cherub Choir: Brandee Schwartz (1st half) Brandee Schwartz and Kahlie Eckmann (2nd half)
- Children of the King: Jason Schwartz and Brenda Schmidt (1st half) Brandee and Jason Schwartz (2nd half)
- Pre School/Kindergarten: Cindy Neuharth and Jamie Peterson (1st half) and Erica McNeil and Jamie Peterson (2nd half)
- Rotation Teachers: Teresa Haatvedt, Diane Peters, Gina Griffith, Jeanne Sager, Max Peterson, Matt & Brenda Gilbert, Paul Ford, Brooke & Corey Decker, Erica & BJ McNeil, Sue Gose, Cam & Melba Galliger, Keitha Neuharth, Becki & Carrie

Lemke, Diane Clayton, Deb VanOverschelde, Darlene Sabers, Jill & Mollie Reimer, Brenda Arteman, Phyllis Lemke, Larry & Joyce Peterson, Abby Scheibe.

7th 8th Grade Teacher: Pastor Andrew (1st Half): Jeanne Sager (2nd Half)

Senior High: Diane Clayton (1st Half): Pastor Andrew Crandall and Diane Clayton (2nd Half)

Adults: Pastor Kevin Channel (1st half); Allen Sager (2nd half)

Thank you to all who have helped in anyway with the Sunday School program or have offered up your prayers. We really have great kids at 1st Presbyterian that enjoy coming to Sunday School. Please get involved and get to know these kids. I'm looking for Rotation teachers to fill a 2 week teaching commitment between Jan thru May 2012. Please let me know if you are interested in working with these kids. They truly are a Blessing to all of us!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Arteman, SS Superintendent



Sunday 9:15 am
 Superintendent: Brenda Arteman

Love God? Enjoy art, science, stories, computers, or working with kids?

Teach Sunday School.

We're looking for Workshop Rotation teachers for March, April, and May. Speak with Brenda Arteman or Andrew Crandall.



LOGOS

Wednesday 6:00-7:45
 Director: Gina Griffith

Upcoming Schedule:

DATE:	ACTIVITY:	THEME:
Feb 1	Worship Skills	Backwards!
Feb 8	Worship Skills	
Feb 12	Participate in Sunday Worship	
Feb 15	Ice Skating	Hats & Gloves
Feb 22	Ash Wednesday	
Feb 29	Chorus	
Mar 7	Chorus	80s Night

The *entire* family is welcome to supper at LOGOS (for only \$2 a person!) and we always welcome additional *Table Parents* and *Kitchen Helpers*.

Questions? Contact LOGOS Director Gina Griffith (412-6032) or Pastor Andrew (352-8789).



Wednesday 6:00-8:00 pm
 Directors: Diane C., Wade K., Deb V.

Sign-up now for the *Valentine's Dinner*, 6 pm Sunday, Feb 12 in the Dining Hall. This fund-raiser features great music by "Mark's Men," and your choice of beef or chicken lasagna. Contact the office or fill-in a registration form in the bulletin.



Mark Your Calendars Now!
 2/12 (Sun) Valentine's Dinner at Church.
 3/25-7 (Fri-Sun) Youth Rally in Pierre.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Wednesday 7:45pm
 Teacher: Brad Magness

The Adult Bible study meets at 7:45pm in Fellowship Hall.