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Matthew also describes Jesus as a new beginning.

“An account of the genesis (the genealogy, the beginnings) of Jesus, the Messiah.” The word in the plural means origins or generations and is used often in the book of Genesis to introduce genealogies and narrative or to conclude them. It is a way to indicate divisions of the story.

Matthew’s introduction is designed to register for the reader, to have a familiar ring, connecting to the book of Genesis. Jesus marks a new beginning, a new creation. Comparing it to John’s opening chapter in the saga of Jesus has that same kind of ring to it.

This is how he fits in the overall story of God. He is the good news of God’s promise, a fulfillment of the dreams and promises of God.

Jesus promises this same blessing to each of us. A transition to a new beginning, a fresh start. Each of us has a part in this story through him.

Grace and Peace,

Carl

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His Faithfulness Reaches to the Clouds

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May 5, 2019

Matthew is very deliberate in his recording of the story of Jesus. He begins with the genealogy. He divides Old Testament history into 3 distinct times.

- 1) Foundation of the world to the establishment of the monarchy under David
- 2) From David to the destruction of the monarchy with the Babylonian Captivity
- 3) From the Babylonian Captivity to the coming of the Messiah to restore the monarchy of David

In addition to the nice sequential breakdown of the Old Testament into selections that help with the memorization necessary for the oral traditions to be passed down, there is another unspoken statement. Jesus is the end. This is the final act of the covenant that God has with his people.

The promises are being fulfilled in this God child revealed in the story. The story has run its completed course, now we move to the goal and climax in describing the events that culminate with the resurrection.

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SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 am

WEDNESDAY: Varies by Time of Year (*refer to Bulletin News*)

ELDERS: Richard Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,
George Shelton, Tom Turner

DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril

TREASURER: Richard Brensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR MAY 5, 2019

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
GATHERING SONG: No. 155 Highest Place
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Micah 6:8 (Kolton Sizemore)
SONGS: No. 745 Humble Yourself
No. 448 The Greatest Commands
No. 719 Love One Another
No. 764 Teach Me Lord to Wait
No. 779 I Love You, Lord

PRAYER: Richard Brensing
SONG: No. 325 Boundless Love
COMMUNION: Tom Turner
Ben Sizemore
Chris Mansel
Orrin Feril

SONG: No. 853 When We All Get to Heaven
LESSON: John McKeel (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 922 Jesus Paid It All (vs 1)
PRAYER: Terry Sallee

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship; please come again!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- The theme this year will be “Level Up with God’s Power”; we will be trying a new two-day format.
- Saturday, June 1st:** Start at 1:00 pm, ending after supper and a family carnival.
- Sunday, June 2nd:** Starting at 10:00 am there will be a special worship service wrapping up VBS followed by a meal.
- Between now and then, Wednesday evenings (7:00 pm) will be used to prepare for this special event.
- Orrin & Meagan Feril are the leadership team; please visit with them about how you can be included.



SENIOR RECOGNITION

We want you to help “stuff a duffel bag” for **Chase Mansel**, as a way to recognize him and congratulate him on graduating from St John High School. Please bring any item you like to help stuff the duffel bag—and bring it no later than Sunday, May 26th. See Joy Sallee if you have any questions. Congratulations, Chase!

GUEST SPEAKER

John McKeel is our guest speaker today, as he interviews for the minister’s position.

PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please give updates on your family & friends to Janet so this list can be current)

Marilyn Thornburg—health concerns
Jerimiah Mayer—for continued improvement of his kidney function
Justice Mayer—broken arm in a cast
Ted Garcia (Lupe’s brother) - recovering from a leg injury and surgery
Gayle Byer—next cataract surgery scheduled for May 14
Gary—Aldrich’s neighbor—cancer
Maggie Harris (Lisa’s mother) - at a long term care facility in Larned while she heals from a broken hip and shoulder
Gary Osenbaugh (Jesse Mayer’s cousin in Turon) - head injury
Gary Osenbaugh (Chet & Tyrone’s uncle) - cancer; the family has asked for prayers
Dena Mansel—health concerns
Jill Morphew (Janet’s sister-in-law in Lubbock)—cancer
Becky Arens (Baylee’s aunt) - diagnosed with AML (leukemia)
Tom Crawford (Marilyn’s nephew) - kidney failure; heart problem; liver problem; in assisted living
Thomas Crawford (Marilyn’s great nephew) - liver failure
Greg Lewis—brain tumor; Stage 4 cancer
Caylee Welch—drug rehabilitation
Barbara Schuette (Marla’s sister) - improving
Rick Toland (Marla’s cousin in Topeka) - cancer
Vince, Teddy’s brother-in-law—heart problems
Kim Staub—Parkinson’s
Katherine Suiter—cancer
Crystal Easley (Terry/Linda Welch’s daughter) - cancer
David Ivy (Marilyn’s brother) - Emphysema
Jenny Walker (Carol’s sister)
Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments
Theo Birkett (Tara’s mother)
Jim Soukup (Gingrich’s son-in-law [Shari’s husband])
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza

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