

# Garden >>> City

May 22, 2022

**HOW** we read/listen is as important as **WHAT** we read/listen to.

Genesis **is not** a series of stories/characters to model/imitate

Genesis **is** a story about God, God's creation, and God's people

Genesis 1-11 is **the beginning of the beginning**

Genesis 1-11 reveals:

- the **purpose** of God with creation
- the **presence** of God in creation
- the **promise** of God to creation

in the beginning, God's presence fills all of creation

Genesis 1-2 describe a dwelling place, a temple

- a temple is a dwelling place
- a temple is where heaven and earth meet
- a temple contains an image

*Let us go to the sanctuary (dwelling place, temple) of the Lord;  
let us worship at the footstool of his throne.*

*Arise, O Lord, and enter your resting place... Psalm 132:7 NLT*

*... You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.*

*We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit. Ephesians 2:19-22 NLT*

Genesis 1-2 is the start of a project that is going somewhere

Genesis 3-11 shows what happens when humanity rules without reference to its creator

**presence** - are you aware of His presence, welcoming of His presence?

**image** - how are you reflecting your creator?

**order** - in what ways are you continuing the project, bring order to creation?

**READ TOGETHER IN 2022** Read with our NTC Family It is not too late to start! Go to our website or Facebook to join our 2022 Reading Plan for 2022. **Or pick up a paper copy of the plan in the lobby!**

**WELCOME ROOM MEET AND GREET** **Stop by for refreshments!** Stop by the welcome room after the service to receive a welcome gift and chat with members of one of our house churches.

**WINTER ITEMS COLLECTION FOR NYC** **Drop off at the church!** We are collecting new and gently used coats, hats, gloves, and socks.

**BOTTLE DRIVE** **over \$400 collected so far!** Drop your bottles and cans off at the Orvis Street Retrieval Center for the "NTC Gulu Fundraiser" to donate funds toward our youth trip to Uganda this summer.

*this week...*

**CROSS CURRENT IN MASSENA** **6pm Tonight!** 7th-12th graders gather weekly to worship together, hear a message just for them, and have fun together.

**MOPS & MOMSNEXT** **Thursday at 10am or 6pm** All moms are invited to join this biweekly gathering either in the morning or the evening (or both!) to journey with other moms and be encouraged together!

**PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY** **Friday at 9am** We come together every week to pray for our nation.

**EVANGELISM SEMINAR IN SARANAC LAKE** **Saturday at 9am** Join us at High Peaks Church from 9am-noon as Marc Estes encourages us and equips us to share our faith with our family, friends, and neighbors.

**MEN'S PRAYER** **Saturday at 8am** Gather with other men every Saturday morning to connect and pray together.

*coming up....*

**CAR WASH FUNDRAISER** **June 5th** Get your car washed during the service for just \$10 to help fund the youth trip to Uganda this summer!

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** **June 10th at 6:30pm** Our Marriage Matters team is hosting another ice cream social at the church for you to connect with some other folks.

**LOVE MASSENA WEEK** **July 11th-17th** We are looking forward to our annual Vacation Bible School, Love Massena, and our Family Fun Day! Volunteer by signing up at the table in hallway!

**CROSS CURRENT SUMMER CAMP** **August 15th-19th** Our teens are headed back to Cape Cod this summer! Save the date!