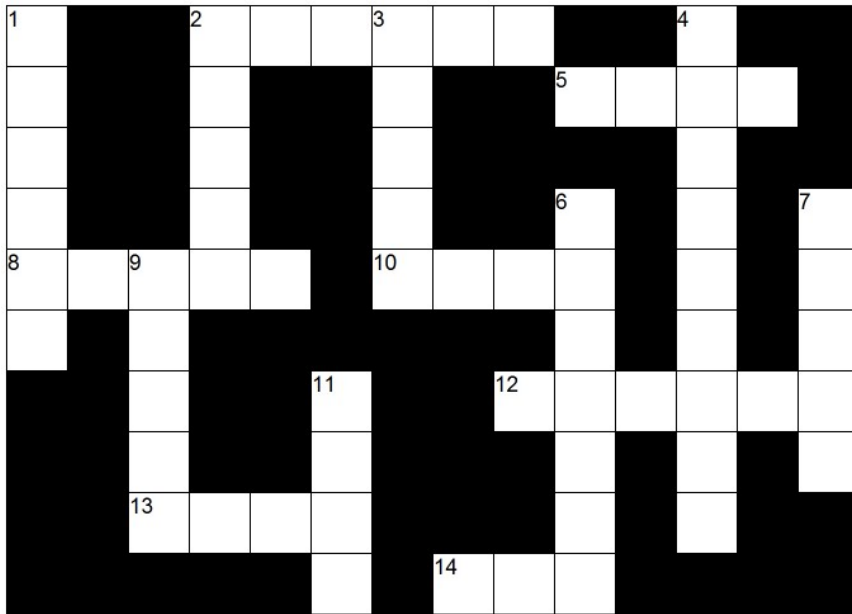


## A Bible Crossword on Genesis, Part 1

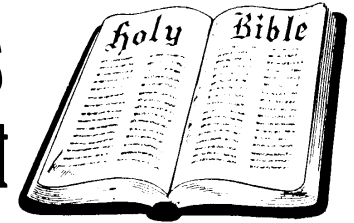


Across: 2. On Day Four, God made two greater ones to rule day and night. 5. A mist rose up from the earth, before God caused this. 8. On Day Six, living things were brought forth on this. 10. On Day Five, the first living creatures filled these. 12. The Spirit of God hovered over the face of them on Day One. 13. God took one of Adams to make a helper for him. 14. This existed in the beginning.

Down: 1. God did this on Day Seven. 2. God said, "Let there be" this on Day One. 3. What God gave man and animals for food. 4. Also translated *expanse*, God created it on Day Two. 6. What Adam and Eve were not before they sinned. 7. What the earth brought forth on Day Three at God's word. 9. One went out of Eden and became four. 11. God planted Eden in this direction.

-All answers found in Genesis 1-2, NKJV

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## The Trouble With Automatic

During the past week, I received a letter informing me that none of my bills will be paid next month. Because of a security breach of some sort, Compass Bank cancelled my check card and reissued me a new one. Unfortunately for me, almost all of our monthly bills are paid by auto-drafts, most of which are linked to my check card which the bank has cancelled.

So when it comes time for my car payment, electric bill, water bill, health insurance, life insurance, auto insurance, and credit cards to be paid, it isn't going to happen automatically, and I will have to leap through numerous hoops to get the bills paid.

The moral of this story is that it isn't always a good thing to run on automatic. Setting things up to run automatically is often convenient and easy, but the regular grind of performing some tasks keeps us informed and attentive, helping us to succeed in the tasks.

The Christian life is one of those things that doesn't work on automatic. Paul spoke of the resurrection of the dead as something he wanted to attain, adding, "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me" (Philippians 3:12). We need to press on, not coast on automatic to get to heaven.

—RAB

## Enthusiasm

David J. Riggs

Henry Ford said, "You can do anything if you have enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is the yeast that makes your hopes rise to the stars. Enthusiasm is the spark in your eye, the swing in your gait, the grip of your hand, the irresistible surge of your will and your energy to execute your ideas. Enthusiasts are fighters, they have fortitude, they have staying qualities. Enthusiasm is at the bottom of all progress! With it, there is accomplishment. Without it there are only alibis."

Many people mistakenly think they can find contentment in the things of the world. A wealthy employer once overheard one of his workers exclaim, "Oh if I only had a hundred dollars, I would be perfectly content." Knowing that his own money had not given him inner peace, he told her, "Since I would like to see someone who is perfectly contented, I'm going to grant your desire." He gave her the money and left, but before he was out of earshot, he heard her remark bitterly, "Why on earth didn't I say \$200?" The boss smiled, for he had made his point that money doesn't make a person "perfectly contented."

It's been said that when attempting to boil a frog, if you start by boiling the water and put the frog in the boiling water, it will jump out. If, however, you begin by placing the frog in water that's room temperature and then put the pot on the heat, the frog fails to recognize the gradual change in water temperature. Before the frog knows it, the water temperature is greater than it can bear. This is the way Satan works on us - in a slow, subtle, undetectable manner. We need to be on guard and resist him with all our being.

When people are offered ice cream, tea, and fried chicken as enticement to attend worship services, you will find that those people are as cold as the ice cream, weak as the tea,

and as dead as the chicken.

A boy while flying a kite was so successful that the kite went out of sight. He stood in the field with a cord in his hand that bent upwards into the sky. Someone asked him how he knew the kite was there, and he let them put their hand on the string. They could feel the pull of the unseen kite. Similarly, the world may not recognize the existence of God, but those who are in Christ know Him. They recognize His invisible power in every phase of their lives, and unbelieving bystanders are forced to admit that the true believer possesses something which they do not have.

## News and Notes

### Prayer List

Keith Copeland	Herman McKenzie	Faye Seiler
Dennis Depew	Louise Moore	Gene Shannon
David Depew	Sara Nance	James Howard

### Area Meetings

2/22-24 at Kelly spring with Steve Klein  
 3/1-6 at Oakland with John Kilgore  
 3/1-4 at O'Neal with different speakers  
 3/1-6 at Pepper Road with Paul Earnhart  
 3/22-27 at Capshaw with Wes Webb  
 3/29-4/1 at Jones Road with Jason Moore  
 3/29-4/3 at Anderson with Gary Patton  
 4/5-10 at Helton Drive with Tommy Hagedwood  
 4/5-10 at Jordan Park with Greg Litmer  
 4/19-22 at Chapman Acres with Jeff Henderson