

# Financials

Special Christmas collection

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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

## \* Birthdays this week

Today	Susan Fredericks
Wednesday	Marie Davies
“ “	Benji Davis
Friday	Abby Fredericks
“ “	McKenzie Ratumu



## \* Anniversary this week

Today	David and Ruth Owen
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# Connect



News from Riverstone Community Church

21<sup>st</sup> November 2021

**Topic:** God is Immutable  
**Speaker:** Xavier Lakshmanan  
**Chairman:** Nathan Fredericks

**Next Sunday**  
God is Holy  
Rhys Morsillo

(Nathan Fredericks)

**The Sunday after...**  
God is Love  
Linc Marlow

(Nathan Fredericks)

**The Program**  
(D.V.)

10:00am  
Church which includes:  
Prayer and Praise  
Kids' Spot  
Communion & Preaching

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## Prayer, Praise & News.

- \* **Oskars and Lucy** –  
    **Praise** – For the new pregnancy.  
    **Pray** – For their new baby and for a safe delivery (mid year).
- \* **Chris and Lena Barrington** –  
    **Praise** – For the new pregnancy.  
    **Pray** – For their new baby and for a safe delivery (April).
- \* **Azar & Eghbal (John Grant's friends – Iranian Christian refugees in Turkey).**  
    **Praise** – That a bed has been found and tests arranged.  
    **Pray** – For a miraculous healing of Azar's adrenal tumour.
- \* **Ted Davis** – Major spinal surgery. The metal plate in Ted's left hip was relocated.  
    **Praise** – That Ted is home again!  
    **Pray** – That this is a permanent cure.
- \* **Heather Davis** – Tumour has stopped growing – Next scan in January.  
    **Pray** – For complete healing.
- \* **Belle Camilleri** – Protruding bolt at Belle's back – Surgery scheduled 13<sup>th</sup> December.  
    **Pray** – That the surgery is successful so that she can attend Year 6 farewell.
- \* **Mark Abraham** – Cataract removed OK. Retina repair surgery Friday.  
    **Pray** – That surgery will go ahead as planned and will fix the problem.
- \* **Monica's brother, Paul** – In Nepean hospital, with meningitis, now pneumonia.  
    A lump has appeared below his right ear - cause is not yet determined.  
    Paul is eating by himself at times and the feeding tube has been removed.  
    He can answer yes and no questions.  
    **Pray** – That the doctors can resolve the problems.
- \* **HSC Students** – Ben, Amity, Elijah, Georgia and Chloe.  
    **Pray** – That they can overcome a difficult year and have clear thinking.
- \* **Daniel Morsillo and Robyn Logan, due to marry in December.**  
    **Pray** – For God's blessing on their union.
- \* **Our church** –  
    **Praise** – That we can meet again today.  
    **Pray** – For the elders as they plan the next year of teaching and direction.

## Did Jesus Say He Created in Six Literal Days?

A very important question we must ask is, "What was Jesus' view of the days of creation? Did He say that He created in six literal days?"

When we search the New Testament Scriptures, we certainly find many interesting statements Jesus made that relate to this issue. Mark 10:6 says, *"But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female.'"* From this passage, we see that Jesus clearly taught that the creation was young; Adam and Eve existed "from the beginning," not billions of years after the universe and earth came into existence.

The parallel phrases of *"from the foundation of the world"* and *"from the blood of Abel"* in Luke 11:50–51 also indicate that Jesus placed Abel very close to the beginning of creation, not billions of years after the beginning. His Jewish listeners would have assumed this meaning in Jesus' words, for the first-century Jewish historian Josephus indicates that the Jews of his day believed that both the first day of creation and Adam's creation were about 5,000 years before Christ.

Colossians makes it clear that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was the one who created all things: *"For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist"* (Colossians 1:16–17).

We are also told elsewhere in Scripture how Jesus created: *"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast"* (Psalm 33:6-9). We see the meaning of this when we consider the miracles of Jesus during His earthly ministry. All the miracles occurred instantly—at His Word. He instantly turned water into wine in His very first miracle, which "revealed His glory" as the Creator (John 2:1–11; John 1:1–3, 14, 18). It was the instant calming of the wind and the waves that convinced His disciples that He was no mere man. He spoke and it was done. So, when He said, *"Let there be . . ."* in Genesis, it did not take long ages for things to come into existence.