



Upcoming Schedule

Jan 25

Matt at Calvary Chapel
Norman, OK

Jan 26-29

SIBWS 23rd Cadre, 1st Meeting
Noble, OK

Feb 2-5

SIBWS 22nd Cadre, 2nd Meeting
Noble, OK

Feb 15-18

Matt at Christian Fellowship Church
Mound City, MO

Feb 24-26

Matt & Ryan at Christ For The Nations
Dallas, TX

Mar 1-4

Ryan at West Unity Church of Christ
West Unity, OH

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PROVIDENCE

As we begin a new year, it brings new potential and a figurative “clean slate.” Yet at all times it is always good to remember that the Lord never changes and neither does His purposes. His desire is that all come to Him for salvation. As it is, not all will seek their Creator, yet He is always at work around us guiding life through the present sinful, cursed world. His purposes are always to bring glory to Himself as our Great Almighty Lord God. This divine guiding, moving, and protecting of His Spirit in the affairs of life is called **Providence**, our theme for the year here at Creation Truth.



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His **Providence** has always been at work since the beginning, guiding for the purpose He has designed us for. Over the course of history, we as people have missed it or chosen not to follow it. **Providence** of the Lord is what guided His people out of Egypt to the Promised Land. Even while suffering judgment for their sin in the desert, there was **Providence**, providing for their needs with daily manna and encouraging them on to the Promised Land.

At just the right time, **Providence** bestowed to us a Savior, Jesus Christ. Never would we have planned or made provision for the Savior of the world in the manner He came to earth. All of His work while in the flesh was done to point us to Him and His Glory. **Providence** was fulfilled on the cross for all eternity with the way for all to find the Lord and salvation, to be guided out of death and overcome the trial of this life through His death, burial, and resurrection.

Providence, 250 years ago, guided our country’s forefathers to seek a land to freely worship their Creator and Savior, with freedom from tyranny and a pursuit of liberty for all. Even though not all were followers of the Lord, it was still more than evident that they knew His **Providence** had a protecting hand on us. Only by His great **Providence** did we become a country, for the Lord knew we would become a beacon of that freedom and, ultimately, the only true freedom that comes from Christ. Through many trials and failures in history we have sinned before our Lord, and we must continually repent and seek Him for forgiveness. His **Providence** has allowed our nation of people from many tongues and tribes to melt together. We have been, and I pray continue to

be, the largest Christian nation in the world, proclaiming who He is before all else.

This year, as we focus on His **Providence**, may you seek Him and be reminded of all the times He has guided, protected, and blessed you for His name. David wrote in Psalm 31:3-5 of the Lord’s **Providence**: “*For You are my high rock and my fortress; For Your name's sake You will lead me and guide me. You will bring me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, For You are my strength. Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have ransomed me, O Yahweh, God of truth*”(LSB). We at Creation Truth Foundation look forward to another year of opportunities to serve, champion, and exalt His Name. May you be guided, protected, and blessed through **Providence** this year.

2025 Year-End Praise!

The Lord has blessed us again through you!

Our Year-end Giving Campaign goal was to pay off our truck that pulls our large Mobile Museum of Earth History trailer, our only debt. The Year-end Giving Campaign was outstanding, yet we did not quite fulfill our need. HOWEVER, with an extremely generous gift right before the end of the year, we reached our goal. Praise the Lord!

Our sincere thanks to everyone who gave!



\$18,393 Received
+
\$27,607 (Special Gift)
=
\$46,000 DEBT FREE!



EACH OF THESE ARTICLES ARE EXCERPTS FROM

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From Lesson 1: *The Pilgrims*, Walking by
Faith in the Lord – Proverbs 3:5-6



A MIRACULOUS STORM PART 1

JAMESTOWN

On May 14, 1607, after a rough and scary 5-month journey, 104 men started the colony of Jamestown, Virginia. To get people to join this daring adventure, they were told that part of its mission was to tell people in the New World about Jesus. Even the charter (the paper from the king that said they could start a colony) said they were to tell the Native Americans about Jesus; 104 men signed up! The problem was only one of them, Robert Hunt, was a minister, and he was the only one who regularly tried to tell others about Jesus. The rest of the colonists did not care about that. All they wanted to do was discover gold.

In fact, they never spent any time planting or tending crops or digging wells for water. By the end of the first year, they had humbled themselves to not just buying, but begging and stealing corn from the natives. And the only thing they ever found was pyrite – fool's gold!

To help fix things, on September 10, 1608, John Smith was named the president of the colony's council. He immediately demanded discipline and work by ALL the colonists. He had a well dug, crops planted, and declared that 2 Thessalonians 3:10 was to be strictly enforced, "...that if any would not work, neither should he eat."

Captain Smith also tried to work with the Native Americans. Back in December of 1607, he was captured while out looking for food and brought to chief Powhatan. Smith feared for his life, but wrote that he was saved when the 11-year-old Pocahontas threw herself across him "at the minute of my execution, she hazarded the beating out of her own brains to save mine; and not only that, but so prevailed with her father, that I was safely conducted to Jamestown."

The encounter allowed John Smith to build good relations with the Natives, often relying upon them for food supplies to save the colony. Many, though, did not like the new working conditions, even though things had started to turn around. They even had a corn harvest! But then in the fall of 1609, a mysterious gunpowder explosion in the canoe in which Smith was sleeping left him badly injured. He sailed for England that October, never to return to Jamestown.

With the mosquitoes, malaria, tainted water, misplaced priorities, self-serving relations with the natives, and no work ethic, 2/3 of the settlers died. This would be the continuing story of Jamestown for many years as they regularly did not obey God and served only themselves.

THE PILGRIMS

At the same time Jamestown was beginning in 1607, back in England the government had begun raiding homes in the town of Scrooby in Nottinghamshire, imprisoning those who would not adhere to the Church of England. A group of separatists led by William Brewster and other religious men were gathering to worship God according to their understanding of the Bible and not by the demands of King James.

It was illegal to leave the country, yet the separatists attempted to do so in the spring of 1608, bound for Holland. They decided to split up to draw less attention to themselves. The women and children journeyed down river to the coast; the men went overland. They would board a Dutch ship when they all arrived. The women and children arrived early, saw no one was there, got seasick, and went back up the river so not to draw attention at the port. But then the tide went out and their boats got stuck in the mud!

The men arrived the next morning, also saw no one was there, but went ahead and started preparing for their trip. All of a sudden, a great company of officials arrived to arrest them. The Dutch captain weighed anchor and began to take off! The men who were still on land ran and hid. The men on the ship begged the captain to go back because they did not know where their families were!



Embarkation of the Pilgrims
by Robert Walter Weir, 1857

The captain finally decided to turn around when, just as he did, a fearful storm rose up against them. The ship was driven off course to the coast of Norway. For 14 days the storm raged! They often could see neither sun, moon, nor stars. The captain believed God was punishing him for not returning the men to their families. However, if the storm had not suddenly risen against them and kept them from returning, there may not have been an America as we know it today.

When the authorities arrived and found only the women and children who had made it to the coast, they felt awkward about arresting them. After some questioning, they were allowed to go freely. The families eventually found another ship and joined the men in Holland. If the storm had not stopped the men and they had returned, they very well may have been arrested and perhaps kept from ever leaving – the pilgrims may have never made it to America.

They all finally made it safely to the Netherlands (between France and Germany on the North Sea coast; the area they lived in was called Holland). However, King James eventually sent out an international manhunt for them! After several years, they would decide to take a great risk and move to the New World to establish a colony where they could worship and live in freedom.