

# News from the Brick

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Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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Peacefully. Simply. Together.*

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## Carol's Comments

### "Our Wonderful Creator"

*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place: those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.*

*Psalm 24: 1-5*

Bob and I went to Texas for a week's vacation and to visit with our son, Andrew and daughter-in-law, Gloria. While there we visited many museums. There was so much to see. We went to the Amon Carter Museum, the American Airlines C.R. Smith Museum, Palace of Wax/ Ripley's Believe It Or Museum, the Women's Museum (you would have guessed that), the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, the Modern Art Museum, Fort Worth Bureau of Engraving and Printing Western Currency Facility, the Fort Worth Zoo, and the Fish Hatchery near Athens, Texas, and a rodeo. Yes, we were about "museum-ed" out.



What is the point of this list? I think it made an impression on me after we got back and went to the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis. (Yes, another museum). As we toured the Indiana State Museum, I realized how overwhelming all this history and research was. There were exhibits about the development of the earth, the glacier period, the diversity of animals and aquatic creatures, the geology, the history of not only Indiana but its inhabitants. Think about it. We cannot fathom all that God has done...all that God has created. We cannot begin to fathom the mental capacity with which God has gifted humankind with the scientific and technology advances that we have come to know in our world and take for granted. It takes moments sitting in nature or visiting museums to instill in us the vastness of creation and the history of humankind.

As we come into the autumn season and the leaves begin to fall to the earth, reflect upon the process of nature. Think about the cycle of life—of life and death. How can we not believe in a higher power whom we as Christians call God, Lord, Creator, Father, Redeemer, Savior etc.? The vastness of it all is just too much to comprehend. We gaze in wonder and amazement at what our loving, giving, saving God has shaped and formed.

*Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place* (v. 3)? With such greatness of God, "Who are we?" We are God's own beloved, whom he created and gave "dominion over all the earth!" (Gen. 1:1) **We are invited** to stand in his "holy place." As we come to God with openness and offer him ourselves as we are, he forgives our sin—our self estrangement from him, our attempts to be our own gods and to worship other things rather than our Creator/Savior God. What a God is that! God takes the good, the bad, and the ugly and creates life where there was no life. Out of nothing, the "formless void" God created...and "God saw that it was good." Let us praise our God of wonder! Indeed, *the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it.*

Gratefully,  
Pastor Carol Pfeiffer