



CREATION EX NIHILO

By: Martin Drummond

A Latin term I learned in graduate seminary was *ex nihilo*. It means “from nothing” and is used by theologians to describe God’s creation of the universe.

In essence, using the phrase shows a recognition of God’s omnipotence in that He made something out of nothing, simply by willing it into existence.

He spoke the intent and His Son, the one known as The Word, crafted creation into existence over a six “days” (i.e., periods of time).

That’s quite special in my view and, I imagine, yours, too.

So when I read this morning from Mark 6 about Jesus feeding thousands of people from one kid’s lunchbox, I was impressed but I was not surprised.

Compared to the creation of the world out of nothing, coming up with tons of food out of a little bag did not stretch the limits of Jesus’ creative power.

Five loaves and two fish to feed 5,000 men and who knows how many women and children.

Wow.

So if God created, via Jesus, the universe out of nothing and if Jesus fed perhaps 12,000 people out of one lunchbox, then should we doubt God’s ability to replace the tithe portion of our total income that belongs to Him?

Of course not.

As a matter of fact, God promises to do more than replace the tithe (10 percent of ALL income) if we’ll give it in our offerings at church.

We just have to trust Him.

At the core of it all, tithing is a matter of trusting.

Trusting that God is, in fact, the same Creator who made the universe and who can create more blessing to replace the blessing we’re passing through our hands back into His Kingdom.

If you’re not tithing, you’re not trusting God as you should.

Please trust God.

Please trust Jesus.

If you’re trusting them to save your soul, then shouldn’t you trust them to more than replace your tithe?

They’ve never given us reasons to doubt their creative power.

Let’s give them no reason to doubt our faith in them.

Let’s tithe.

Tomorrow, Saturday, February 26th is Angel Food distribution day. We will begin distribution at 10:30am and end at 11:30am. We ask that all volunteers be at the church at 10am to help set up.

Come help with this great ministry!

Faith Promise

This is the time of year that we place a special emphasis on our Faith Promise Program of missions.

There will be a special emphasis during this Sunday's service and Sunday School with a special speaker from Florida Christian College. The Faith Promise message will be challenging us to make our Faith Promise on **February 27th and March 6th**. Please make a special effort to hear the word of God during this time.

If you have never participated in Faith Promise, this is your chance.

"How do I participate?" Here's how: Go before God and pray about what He would have you contribute to worldwide missions over and above your tithe to the church. What is neat about Faith Promise is that it represents what we believe God will make available to us for missions, even though we do not have it right now. Faith Promise is unique because it does not come out of what you already have or what you know you are going to have. Our Faith Promise offering comes from what we believe God will bless us with even though we do not know exactly where it will come from. In other words, it does not come from us; it comes from God. This is why Faith Promise does not conflict with your regular giving to the church, because Faith Promise is done in FAITH.

The challenge for us as a congregation is to step out in faith this next year. Believe that God will find creative and powerful ways to finance His ministries. We need to become the vehicle God uses. When you see that lives are changed in places where you will never visit, you realize you are part of something larger than yourself.





SOUTHWINDS CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS BRINGING **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** TO YOU!

Financial Peace University is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money.

The curriculum, designed by Dave Ramsey, the personal money management expert, extremely popular national radio personality, and author of the best-selling book, *The Total Money Makeover*, will empower you with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace!

Each of the 13 Lessons deals with a different topic that will change the way you think about personal finance. Dave teaches about how to save money, live on a budget, communicate about money, eliminate debt, find bargains, and experience the joy of giving.

Financial Peace University classes meet for two hours each week for 13 weeks, during which time the average family pays off \$5300 in debt and saves \$2700.

The first lesson is totally free! All you have to do is register to attend.

If you would like more information, please visit our website (www.southwindschristian.com) and following the link provided there.

If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Medder.

***Stop worrying about money.
Begin your journey to financial peace!***

If you would like to register for Financial Peace University but haven't done so, you may come to the first class on Sunday, February 27th at 6pm for FREE and register then. This will be your absolute last chance to register for this session. Free childcare will be available.



Wednesday, March 9th
at 11am

Bring a green or Irish dish to
share and don't forget to invite a
friend!



Friday, March 11th at 7pm
at the church

Join us for games, crafts, and snacks.
Bring a friend!

Please join us this Sunday at 9:10 a.m. in the
Sonrise Café, located in the auditorium
foyer. This is a good opportunity to fellowship
with other believers, introduce visitors, or in
general,
get to know each other.
Come a little early and mingle while enjoying
coffee or juice and something to eat.





SouthWinds Christian Church,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent to the funeral of our sister, Leanna.

We appreciate all the emails and cards and especially all the prayers of our church family. You are all dear to our hearts.

Love,
David & Sherry Medder

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

5:30PM TO 8:30PM

Our Youth Group is growing quickly!!

First we play games, then we eat, and then we sit down and listen to a great lesson & discuss the word.

If you know any teenagers tell them where we're at!!

Any adults that want to come and join in on the fun are more than welcome!!!

For more info please call Karen Rodriguez 305.213.8923

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MINISTRIES

March Order Deadline: March 20th

March Distribution Day: March 26th

****Note: There are certain boxes that are available for online ordering only.
Please check website for those items.*

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Missions Committee meeting 3pm Annual Congregational meeting 4pm	7	8	9 OLDIES GOLDEN 11am Financial Peace University Preview 7pm	10	11 Kids Bash 7pm	12
13 Board Meeting 5pm Financial Peace University Preview 7pm	14	15	16 Financial Peace University Preview 7pm	17	18	19 Work Day 9am
20 Angel Food order Deadline	21 Presidents' Day	22	23	24	25	26 Confraternidad 5pm Angel Food Distribution
27 Faith Promise Rally Financial Peace University Begins 6pm-8pm	28					



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

2 nd	Mariana Colman	14 th	Doris Torres
2 nd	David & Linda Hiers	15 th	Gladis Garcia
3 rd	Heidi Garcia	16 th	Kim Schoenfeldt
6 th	Marc Hargraves	16 th	Ricky Velasquez
6 th	Renee Hernandez	16 th	Tania Veloz
6 th	David & Sherry Medder	17 th	Sixto & Ada Rosa
8 th	Carl Paschal	18 th	Amelia Hernandez
9 th	Rachel Hernandez	20 th	Alice Dacosta
14 th	Nicolasa Hernandez	24 th	Mark & Kim Schoenfeldt



Serving Schedule

FEBRUARY 27

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Marc Hargraves

COMMUNION SERVERS

Eppy Suarez*
Pete Moolah
Chris Kinnaird
David Hiers

DONATION COUNTERS

David Medder
Eppy Suarez

MARCH 6

Tom Fields

Chris Kinnaird*
Eppy Suarez
David Hiers
Gene Kinnaird

Tom Fields
David Hiers

**Will lead offering prayer*



Pauta de Servicio

27 DE FEBRERO

ORACION OFRENDA

Gregorio Belmont

ORACION SANTA CENA

Manuel Velásquez

LECTURA DE LA PALABRA

William Terán

SIRVIENDO A LA MESA

Sixto Rosa
Nelson Garrido
Santiago León
Marino Polanco

6 DE MARZO

Manuel Velásquez

Santiago León

Zaida Velásquez

Reinaldo Alvarez
Nelson Garrido
Sixto Rosa
Marino Polanco



Email us at sdchurch@bellsouth.net and we'll do our best to get you answers!

Got Questions?



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