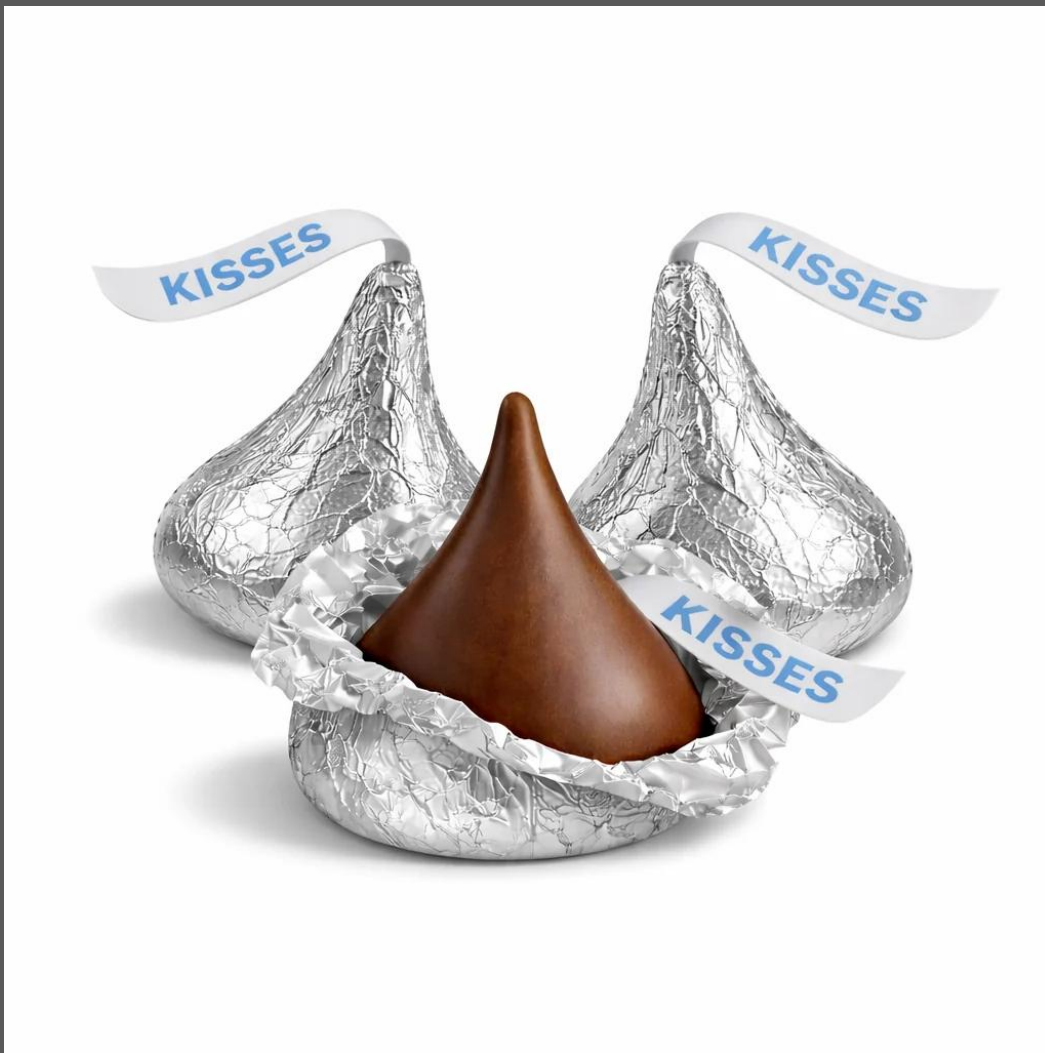


Welcome to the Crossroads ABF Class

October 18, 2026



Gas streetlamps in
Wellsboro, PA



How many Hershey kisses are made daily?

According to The Hershey Company, its West Hershey manufacturing plant in Pennsylvania is responsible for producing over 70 million milk chocolate Kisses daily. This number can fluctuate slightly depending on seasonal demand. For example, production ramps up during Valentine's Day, Halloween, and Christmas.

That's roughly 2,917,00 per hour, 48,611 per minute: or 810 per second

Per year: roughly 25,550,000,000 (which is less than $\frac{1}{2}$ what the US debt is increasing each day!!!)*

* As of late October 2026, the U.S. national debt is growing by roughly \$59 billion per day, or about \$684,000 every second
www.us-debt-clock.com.

What state has the most covered bridges in USA?

County with the most covered bridges in the USA

What county has the most in Pennsylvania?

What is the oldest covered bridge in the USA still in use?

Pennsylvania with 227 covered bridges, is the state with the highest number of these historic structures.

Parke County, Indiana, has the most covered bridges in the United States, with 31 still standing

Lancaster County is renowned for its 28 covered bridges, more than any other county in Pennsylvania.

Hassenplug Covered Bridge, Union County
Pennsylvania – built in 1825

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HASSENPLUG COVERED BRIDGE

80' Long, Burr Arch Truss
Number PA-60-03

Hassenplug Bridge is the oldest historic covered bridge in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the state with more covered bridges than any other state. It is also the oldest covered bridge in the United States that allows both pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Erected in 1825, it underwent rehabilitation in 1959 and 2022, with the latest effort replacing the steel grate floor from 1959 with historically authentic wide, wood planks. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

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Photo summary of creation week

The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good” (Genesis 1:12).



Fall foliage in Tioga County, PA

And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food” (Genesis 1:29).



Rolling Gardens Farm Market
Marietta Pike



And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars” (Genesis 1:16).



And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures” (Genesis 1:20).

Rick Steudler with Pine Creek albino trout



“and let birds fly above the earth across the
expanse of the heavens” (Genesis 1:20).

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock ...” (Genesis 1:24).



At Bob and Robin Royer's dairy farm

“and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth” (Genesis 1:24).

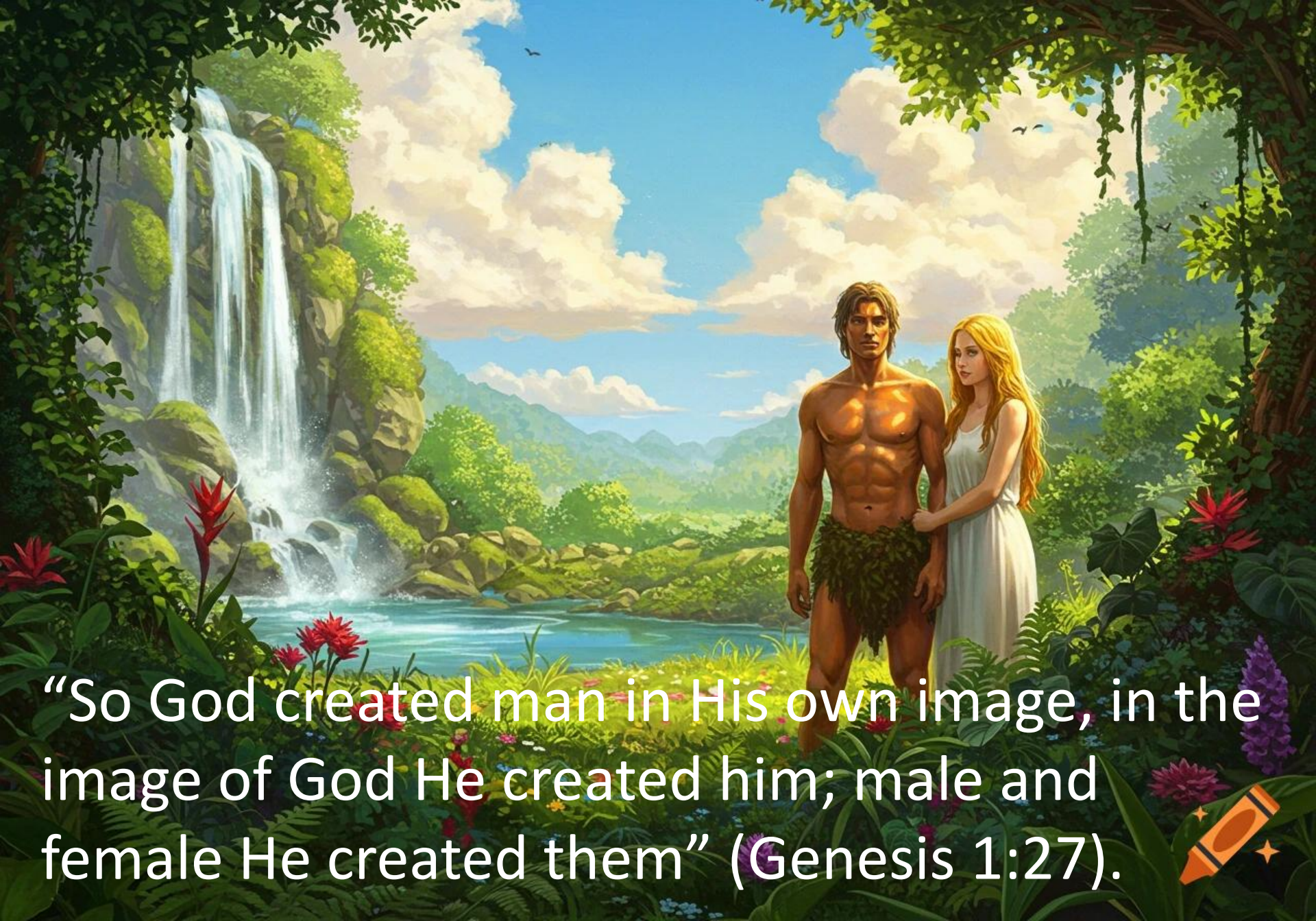


Snapping turtle along Pine Creek Rail Trail

“and beasts of the earth
according to their kinds” (Genesis
1:24).



Tioga County
deer



“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:27).



Note: Today's single lesson attempts to follow-up on two church messages from Genesis since last week we had a Global Partner!

“And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day” Genesis 1:31).

Which came first:

The tree or the seed?

The chicken or the egg?

Did Adam have a belly button?

What about Eve?

These questions demonstrate that God “created fully mature” at time of creation.

Genesis 2 teaches humanity's God-given purpose, the sanctity of rest, the importance of boundaries, the value of companionship, and the divine design of marriage. Humans are created by God and placed in a prepared environment to work, steward creation, and live in covenantal relationship with God and each other.

Core Teachings

1. Humanity's Origin, Dignity and Sanctity

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image” (Genesis 1:26).

Humans are formed from dust and given life by God's breath, highlighting both humility and divine dignity.

“then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature” (Genesis 2:7)

“male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:27). The two exclusive, gender binary is established at creation

Sanctity: the state or quality of being holy, sacred

2) Divine Provision and Environment

God prepared Eden before placing Adam in it, demonstrating His intentional provision and care.

“And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden”
(Genesis 2:8).

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.

3. Purposeful Work and Stewardship

Adam is placed in the garden “to work it and take care of it,” (Genesis 2:15) showing that meaningful work is part of God’s design.

What was the first occupation in the Bible?

“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

Binomial nomenclature “And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field.”

4. Sanctity of Rest (Sabbath)

God blessed and sanctified the seventh day, establishing rest as part of creation's rhythm.

1) God's rest (Genesis 2:1-3)

2) Provided the model for man's rest

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy” (Exodus 20:8-11)

5. Boundaries and Obedience

God gave a command not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, teaching that boundaries protect life and require trust.

“And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die” (Genesis 2:16,17).

This is first reference to evil in the Bible following the “it was good” and “it was very good” declarations during creation week.

6. Companionship and Human Relationship

“It is not good for the man to be alone” (Genesis 2:18) reveals that humans are created for relationship and community.

This is the first “not good” in the Bible

Scripture reveals two primary sources of human relationships:

The home

The church

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

7. Creation of Woman and Partnership

Eve is created as a corresponding partner (helpmeet (KJV), a helper fit for him (ESV), emphasizing equality, mutuality, and shared purpose.

8. Institution of Marriage

Genesis 2:24 establishes marriage as a covenantal, one-flesh union foundational for biblical teaching on family and relationships.

God's design is for marriage one man and one woman.

From the beginning and consistent all through Scripture and most of history this has been the exclusive design for marriage.

9. Establishment of the nuclear family.

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” (Genesis 2:24). Consider the first command to man: “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion..” (Genesis 1:28).

Note here that the text says “leave his father and his mother” even before Adam and Eve had children!

This anticipates the design.

1. O give us homes built firm upon the Saviour,
Where Christ is Head and Counselor and Guide;
Where ev'ry child is taught His love and favour
And gives his heart to Christ, the crucified.
How sweet to know that though his footsteps waver
His faithful Lord is walking by his side.

2. O give us homes with godly father, mother,
Who always place their hope and trust in Him.
Whose tender patience turmoil never bothers,
Whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim;
A home where each finds joy in serving others,
And love still shines, though days be dark and grim.

3. O give us homes where Christ is Lord and Master,
The Bible read, the precious hymns still sung;
Where pray'r comes first in peace or in disaster,
And praise is natural speech to ev'ry tongue;
Where mountains move before a faith that's vaster,
And Christ sufficient is for old and young.

“A Christian Home” is a 1965 hymn written by
Barbara B. Hart and commonly sung to the tune
Finlandia by Jean Sibelius.

A Christian Home Evie

<https://youtu.be/SliUHqvtGis>

10. Human Identity Before the Fall

The chapter ends with “the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed,” (Genesis 2:25) portraying innocence, trust, and harmony in God’s original design.

Key truths established at creation and now perverted by modern man as the foundations are being destroyed.

1) The God-ordained gender binary “created male and female” to the demonic notion of “trans”

2) Marriage

3) Family unit as man and wife and children to all sorts of relations: cohabitation, two mommies or daddies, throuples, etc.

4) Sanctity of life “be fruitful and multiply” to murdering children in and out of the womb.

5) Work as God’s design to all sorts of excuses

Genesis 2 is a foundational chapter defining human purpose, relationships, and God's intended pattern for flourishing.

But something bad happened!

Next week: October 25

Bob Sentz will teach a lesson on the Fall

Several messages this coming week from our online
Daily Encouragement will expand on key points
from today's teaching.

www.dailyencouragement.net

