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## **God's Great Plan**

Pastor Susan – September 10, 2017

- I. Why we begin at the beginning each fall:
  - a. The Bible contains God's love story.
  - b. God's promises are laid out for us from the beginning.
  - c. God commands us to remember His story and teach it to our children and to our children's children so that we do not forget who He is and what He has done for us (Deuteronomy 4:9 and 6:6-12).
  - d. God's story, God's plan, helps us understand the 6 C's and how to incorporate them in our lives.
- II. God's hospitality is found in creation – Psalm 104:1-9 celebrates all of what God has done in creation.
  - a. Creation is no accident or happenstance event. God's creation of the world was very deliberate, very orderly, precisely laid out and planned.
  - b. God created everything out of nothing! He reached into the void of nothingness and spoke life where none had existed. He spoke light into darkness and order into chaos.
  - c. God turned on the light as the ultimate act of hospitality and love.
  - d. Creation has a rhythmic beauty to God's ordering.
- III. God's love story and plan began before the foundations of the world and before the time of creation – John 1:1-5
  - a. God's hospitality begins in Jesus before time began.
  - b. John teaches us there has never been a time when Jesus did not exist; all three persons of the Trinity were active and involved in creation; and God's plan included Jesus being the primary Creator of all things.
  - c. Ephesians 1:4 teaches us God chose us in Him (Jesus) before the creation of the world.
- IV. God's love story and His plan are fulfilled through Jesus Christ – John 1:11-12
  - a. God's hospitality in the 6 C's
  - b. In the beginning God was already coming to meet our most basic of needs.
  - c. Our Father is an amazing and generous host. In His love and His mercy our Father provides all things that we need.
  - d. In His love our Father predestined us to be adopted as His sons and daughters through Jesus Christ.
  - e. Just as God turned chaos into order in creation He will take the chaos of our lives and make order out of it!