

# WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

**9:00 AM**

**Song Leader:**  
Chevis Webb

**Scripture Reading:**  
Bailey Steger  
Romans 1:1-7

**Prayer:**  
Chris Huffines

**Lesson:**  
Stacey Durham

**Title:**  
*Grace Be with You*

**Closing Prayer:**  
Alex Bansemer

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**Wednesday, August 12**

**Song Leader:**  
Bailey Steger

**Invitation:**  
Alex Bansemer

**Prayer:**  
Chevis Webb

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**Lord's Supper Preparation**  
**August:** Huffines  
**September:**

**11:00 AM**

**Song Leader:**  
David Bansemer

**Scripture Reading:**  
Kevin Hayes  
Ephesians 4:25-32

**Prayer:**  
Nate Durham

**Lord's Supper:**  
Ron Hunt  
Wayne Baker

**Lesson:**  
Stacey Durham

**Title:**  
*Let Your Speech Always Be  
with Grace*

**Announcements:**  
Jim Stubblefield

**Closing Prayer:**  
Jim Barton

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**Usher for This Week:**  
Doug Thweatt

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## Be Doers of the Word

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James wrote, "But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves" (Jas. 1:22). Today, let us be doers of the word by worshiping God in spirit and truth. Every day, let us be doers of the word by doing the will of God wherever we go. If we do, then we will always be blessed (Jas. 1:25).

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## Streaming Services

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All services of the church will be streamed live on the Creekview Facebook page. Each stream will begin a few minutes early so that viewers can connect.

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**SERVICE TIMES**

**SUNDAYS:**

WORSHIP: 9:00 AM  
BIBLE STUDY: 10:00 AM  
WORSHIP: 11:00 AM

**WEDNESDAYS:**

BIBLE STUDY: 7:00 PM

## Turn on the Light

Imagine a world with no light. The earth would be covered in total darkness, and every living thing that depends on light for vision would be reaching out in futility, trying to find its way. Mankind would be unable to function, for without light we stumble and become lost.

Of course, such a world is impossible, for light is necessary for life. This is the point of this exercise in imagination. We need light, which God determined from the very beginning of creation. When the earth was still formless and void, God said, "Let there be light," and there was light (Gen. 1:2-3). He "saw that the light was good" and "separated the light from the darkness" (Gen. 1:3-4).

Even so, mankind has existed in darkness for most of history. The darkness that has blinded man's eyes is spiritual darkness, which is the effect of sin on the soul of man. When man is immersed in sin, he does not see the light of God's will to guide him. He neglects the lamp of God's word that would be light to his path (Ps. 119:105).

It was for this reason that God sent His Son into the world. When Jesus came, it was as if God were saying again, "Let there be light," and there was light. In John 1:4-5, the Scripture says of Jesus,

<sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. <sup>5</sup>The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Just as we need light for physical life, we need Jesus for spiritual life. He is "the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man" (John 1:9). He shines like a beacon in the midst of this dark world of sin, and even though sinful men nailed Him to a cross, their darkness did not overtake His light ("comprehend it" in John 1:5). Instead, He overcame them.

Now that light has come into the world, why do so many people still live in darkness? The reason is that they have refused to see the light. Their eyes are closed, and they live in a self-imposed state of spiritual blindness. Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life" (John 8:12). Rather than following Jesus, unrepentant sinners choose to remain in the darkness because they love it (John 3:19). If they remain there, then they will stumble, fall, and die.

To come out of the darkness into the light of Jesus Christ, we must have faith in Him. Faith turns on the light of Jesus for us, for "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). Indeed, "we walk by faith, not by sight" (2Cor. 5:7). In practical terms, faith means that we do things we would not otherwise do because we believe in things we

cannot see with our eyes. We give up our sinful ways and live righteously because, by the light of Jesus, we believe in God, the coming Judgment, salvation, and heaven. Notice 1Peter 1:8-9:

<sup>8</sup>And though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

Dear soul, if you are still in darkness, then please turn on the light. Jesus said, "For a little while longer the Light is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light" (John 12:35-36). Your opportunity to walk in the light is only open for a short time. If you do not seize it, then you will be lost in the outer darkness forever (Matt. 8:12; 22:13; 25:30). Do not wait. Come into the light today.

*Stacey E. Durham*

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## news & notes

- Jaxson Escue is recovering from a tonsillectomy performed on Wednesday.
- Please remember the following members in your prayers: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, Laurie Polchek. Also pray for Jody Baize, Sandlyn Fultz, Tommy Lanius, Wayne Wright, and Dot Long's sister Melissa.
- Reminder: All sermons, articles, bulletins, and videos from our services are available on the Creekview website.

## reading plan

Sunday - 2Thessalonians  
Monday - Leviticus 25-27  
Tuesday - 1Chronicles 1-4  
Wednesday - Psalms 93-95  
Thursday - Proverbs 16  
Friday - Daniel 1-6  
Saturday - John 3-4

## meetings

*None to announce*