

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
John Fix

Scripture Reading:
Doug Thweatt
Psalm 22:11-18

Prayer:
Bailey Steger

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
Psalm 22, All Verses

Closing Prayer:
Al Cotten

Wednesday, December 18

Song Leader: Stacey Durham
Invitation: Alex Bansemer
Prayer: Bailey Steger

Lord's Supper Preparation

December: Fix
January: Dixon

Change Sign Message:
December:
January: Durham

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
David Bansemer

Scripture Reading:
Doug Thweatt
John 12:20-28

Prayer:
Wayne Baker

Lord's Supper:
Thom Steger
Louis Long
Chevis Webb
Bailey Steger

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
*The Father Gave All Things
into His Hands*

Announcements:
Ron Dixon

Closing Prayer:
Jim Stubblefield

Usher for This Week:
Ron Dixon

Creekview *BULLETIN*

Take His Name with You

It is always important for Christians to assemble together for worship, but it is also important for Christians to take the name of Jesus from the assembly and into the world. It is only His name that can bring souls to salvation (Acts 4:12), and Christians are ambassadors for His name to the world.

To Our Visitors:

We commend you for your concern regarding the things of the Lord, which is evident by your presence with us today. Thank you for being a part of our worship to God.

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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

Time Travel

Guilt and shame are some of the worst conditions in the human experience. These consequences of sin can weigh so heavily on a person that he can be crushed beneath the burden. David wrote of his own experience in Psalm 38:3-8:

¹O LORD, rebuke me not in Your wrath, and chasten me not in Your burning anger.

²For Your arrows have sunk deep into me, and Your hand has pressed down on me.

³There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

⁴For my iniquities are gone over my head; as a heavy burden they weigh too much for me.

⁵My wounds grow foul and fester because of my folly.

⁶I am bent over and greatly bowed down; I go mourning all day long.

⁷For my loins are filled with burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh.

⁸I am benumbed and badly crushed; I groan because of the agitation of my heart.

There is no doubt that David wished he had made different choices in those moments when he sinned. He deeply regretted his sin of adultery and the ensuing coverup, for the results of his sin were devastating. The child he conceived in adultery died. His household was divided, and his own son turned against him, shamed him, and betrayed him in the sight of all of Israel. Above all, David had offended Almighty God, which he acknowledged in Psalm 51:4, saying to God, "Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak and blameless when You judge."

As it was, David could not change what was done. He had to live with the consequences of his sin. Mercifully, God forgave David of his sin, which relieved him of his greatest burden. Even so, the results of his sin gravely affected him and his family for the rest of his life.

None of us can travel back in time and change the sins we have committed in the past. However, we can have a mindset that will have virtually the same result in the future. This is possible when we view today's present as tomorrow's past and realize that right now is our opportunity to make it what we want it to be. If we have the foresight to anticipate the future guilt and shame that will come from sin, then we can prevent those outcomes altogether by abstaining from sin.

Having a perspective that views the present as if it were already the past gives clarity to the choices we make. Consider David again. How different would he have seen Bathsheba if he had thought of the guilt, shame, and lifelong consequences that would result from adultery? Because he did not think this way, he saw only the immediate gratification of indulging the lust of his eyes and

flesh, and he made the wrong choice, which cost him dearly.

For all of us, any temptation we encounter will look vastly different if we think of the guilt, shame, and regret that will result if we succumb. Perhaps the clearest perspective on any sin that tempts us is to imagine how we would answer for it to the Lord Jesus when we stand before Him in the Judgment (2Cor. 5:10). If we choose now to indulge the temptation, then won't we wish at the Judgment that we could go back and change our choice? As it is, now is our only opportunity to make that change.

Of course, we can obtain forgiveness by faith in Jesus for any sins we have committed in the past, but His forgiveness is not given as a license to sin in the present. If we think lightly of His forgiveness and abuse His grace by refusing to repent, then we store up wrath for ourselves (Rom. 2:4-5). Therefore, rather than thinking we can get forgiveness in the future, let us instead choose not to sin today. Then as we look back on this day, we will not have the burden of guilt and shame from our past.

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news & notes

- Meagan Tacheney is scheduled for surgery on Monday.
- Linda Bansemer will be having minor surgery on Wednesday.
- Kay Lanius is at home now after a stay in the hospital.
- Please pray for these members as well: Barbara Atkins, Kay Cook, and Donella Jones. Also pray for Wayne Wright, Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry, and the Fix's son-in-law Jody Baize.

reading plan

Sunday - 2John
Monday - Deut. 26-28
Tuesday - Nehemiah 10-13
Wednesday - Ps. 143-145
Thursday - Song of Sol. 3-4
Friday - Revelation 7-11
Saturday - Acts 23-24

meetings

Eastside - Dec. 20*

*song service