

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
David Bansemer

Scripture Reading:

Bailey Steger
Haggai 1:1-4

Prayer:
Chevis Webb

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
Consider Your Ways

Closing Prayer:
Jim Stubblefield

Wednesday, January 1

Song Leader: Alex Bansemer
Invitation: Ron Dixon
Prayer: Louis Long

Lord's Supper Preparation

December: Fix
January: Durham

Change Sign Message:

December:
January: Durham

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
Thom Steger

Scripture Reading:

Louis Long
Luke 10:17-22

Prayer:
Gary Sells

Lord's Supper:

John Fix
Chris Huffines
Alex Bansemer
Andrew Durham

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:

*Rejoice that Your Names
are Recorded in Heaven*

Announcements:
Ron Dixon

Closing Prayer:
Kevin Hayes

Usher for This Week:

Doug Thweatt

Creekview *BULLETIN*

Worship the Lord

“Worship the LORD in holy attire; tremble before Him, all the earth” (Ps. 96:9). Today is the Lord’s Day, and the assembly of the church is a holy place and time for worship. What a blessed privilege it is to share in holy service with God’s sanctified people. Praise God for His infinite grace!

To Our Visitors:

We count it as a great honor and privilege to gather before the Lord for worship, and we hope that this sense of reverence is evident in all that we do. Thank you for coming to be with us today.

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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

2020

As I write, we are on the doorstep of the year 2020. Usually when we hear the term “2020,” we think of 20/20 vision, which means eyesight that is clear and focused. A person with 20/20 vision has normal eyesight when measured at a distance of twenty feet. In contrast, a person with 20/100 vision sees at twenty feet what a normal person can see at one hundred feet. Someone with such bad vision needs glasses in order to see clearly.

As we look forward to the year 2020, what do we need in order to see with 20/20 vision? Now I do not mean the actual vision of our eyes but rather the ability to perceive truth about ourselves, others, and the world around us. What might hinder us from understanding what is true, and how can we remove any obstructions from our view?

Jesus gave a prescription for clear vision in Matthew 7:1-5. This passage is often misunderstood as a prohibition against judging others, but in fact Jesus was showing us how to make judgments fairly and accurately. His point was not about condemning others as if we were in the judgment seat of God, but rather it was about helping others for the sake of righteousness. Notice His words:

¹“Do not judge so that you will not be judged. ²For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. ³Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ and behold, the log is in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.”

The Great Physician says that our own sins hinder our vision and prevent us from helping others with their sins. If we are saddled with blind hypocrisy, then we see only the relatively minor flaws of others while being willfully unaware of our own major faults. When this is the case, we are in no position to offer help to anyone, for Jesus said, “If a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit” (Matt. 15:14). Therefore, the Lord’s prescription for clear vision is given in verse 5, which is to get the sin out of our own lives so that we can help others to do the same.

To have clear vision about ourselves and others, we need the right lens through which to look. Our “standard of measure” (Matt. 7:2) will determine whether we are seeing the truth or a delusion. Thankfully, the

Lord has given us His own standard of measure so that we can see with perfect vision. It is His word that shows us all truth (John 17:17). When we look into His perfect law, it reflects a clear view of who we are just as a mirror shows us the image of our faces (Jas. 1:23-25). His word gives us perfect vision to walk safely through the world around us, for it is a light to our feet and a lamp to our way (Ps. 119:105). It also sheds light on others so that we can see who they really are and how we may help lead them to God (Eph. 5:7-17).

In the year 2020, let us resolve to have 20/20 vision through the Lord Jesus. This means that we must stop looking through the lens of man’s wisdom and commit to seeing all things by the word of Christ. He has truly 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). With His light, we can see all things with perfect clarity.

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news & notes

- Your prayers are requested for the Clemens family, who have a host of problems. See Stacey Durham for details.
- The new quarter for children’s classes begins next Sunday, January 5.
- Please keep praying for the following members: Barbara Atkins, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, and Meagan Tacheny. Also pray for Jody Baize, Alta Lanius, Wayne Wright, and Peggy Bailey’s daughter Sherry.

reading plan

Sunday - Jude
Monday - Deut. 32-34
Tuesday - Esther 6-10
Wednesday - Ps. 149-150
Thursday - Song of Sol. 7-8
Friday - Revelation 18-22
Saturday - Acts 27-28

meetings

Broadmoor - Jan. 3*

*song service