

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
Bailey Steger

Scripture Reading:
Alex Bansemer
Matthew 10:16-23

Prayer:
Chevis Webb

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
*Shrewd as Serpents,
Innocent as Doves*

Closing Prayer:
Max Lawrence

Wednesday, February 19

Song Leader:
Alex Bansemer

Invitation:
Kevin Hayes

Prayer:
Bailey Steger

Lord's Supper Preparation
February: Long
March: Fix

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
David Bansemer

Scripture Reading:
Al Cotten
Genesis 1:26-28

Prayer:
Bill Duryea

Lord's Supper:
Kevin Hayes
Chris Huffines
Louis Long
Kirk Webb

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
*Male and Female He
Created Them*

Announcements:
Doug Thweatt

Closing Prayer:
Jim Stubblefield

Usher for This Week:
Doug Thweatt

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Blessed Assurance

What a wonderful blessing it is to have such a Savior as Jesus, for through Him we may "draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16).

To Our Visitors:

We at Creekview rejoice for all true worshipers of God that come our way. We welcome you into our assemblies and pray that God will bless us together as we worship Him in spirit and in truth.

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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

Through the Veil

The tabernacle of Israel was the place where priests offered all of Israel's sacrifices as required by the Law of Moses. Inside the tabernacle was the Holy of Holies, which was enclosed by a veil or curtain (Heb. 9:1-5). No one was allowed to enter through the veil except for the high priest, and he could only enter once a year with the blood of a bull and a goat to make atonement for himself and the people (Heb. 9:6-7). This arrangement was later transferred to the temple in Jerusalem when it replaced the tabernacle.

Perhaps the most important fact to know about the tabernacle and the temple is stated in Hebrews 9:8-9:

⁸The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the first tabernacle is still standing, ⁹which is a symbol for the present time...

As long as the "first tabernacle" or the temple was operating, the Holy Spirit was indicating that there was no known way to enter the "holy place." In the context of the ninth and tenth chapters of the book of Hebrews, this means that there was no way for anyone to enter heaven at that time.

This all changed when Jesus offered Himself as a sacrifice and entered the true tabernacle of heaven. Consider Hebrews 9:11-12:

¹¹But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; ¹²and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Jesus, who was a high priest of a higher order (Heb. 5:9-10), entered a tabernacle of a higher order. This tabernacle was heaven according to Hebrews 9:24:

For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us...

Because Jesus offered His own body and blood as a sacrifice, we now can enter into the holy place of heaven. This was impossible before, but the Holy Spirit has now indicated that the way into the holy place has now been disclosed. Jesus is the way (John 14:6), and His flesh is the veil through which we may enter according to Hebrews 10:19-22:

¹⁹Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹and since we

have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. When Jesus died on the cross, the veil of the temple was miraculously torn in two from top to bottom (Matt. 27:51), which was a further indication from the Holy Spirit that the way into heaven has now been opened through Jesus.

Now that Jesus has opened the way to heaven, let us prepare to enter. Before the high priest could enter the Holy of Holies, he had to wash himself and put on his priestly garments. Similarly, we must have "our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." We do this by being baptized into Christ, for then we are cleansed of an evil conscience (1Pet. 3:21) and we clothe ourselves with Christ like a garment (Gal. 3:27). Therefore, let us "draw near" so that we will be ready to enter "through the veil."

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news & notes

- Please keep the Steger family in your prayers as they go through the adoption process.
- Keep the following members in your prayers: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, and Noah White. Also remember Jody Baize, Alta Lanius, Wayne Wright, Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry, and the Clemens family.
- Wednesday night Bible study is a great time to have fellowship in the word of God at midweek. Don't miss it!

reading plan

Sunday - Romans 13-14
Monday - Genesis 24-27
Tuesday - Judges 7-11
Wednesday - Psalms 18-20
Thursday - Job 13-14
Friday - Isaiah 34-39
Saturday - Matthew 17-19

meetings

Eastside (Bowling Green) –
Feb. 21*
Skyview (White House) –
Feb. 21*

*Song service