WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 AM

Song Leader: Brandon Ayers

Scripture Reading: Louis Long 2Corinthians 4:7-11

> Prayer: Chevis Webb

Lesson: Stacey Durham

> Title: I Die Daily

Closing Prayer: Kevin Hayes

Wednesday, February 24

Song Leader: Chevis Webb Invitation: Chris Huffines Prayer: Bill Duryea

Lord's Supper Preparation February: Long March: Wright/Huffines

11:00 AM

Song Leader: Jim Barton

Scripture Reading: Ron Hunt 1Timothy 6:17-19

> Prayer: Jim Stubblefield

Lord's Supper: David Bansemer Chris Huffines

Lesson: Stacey Durham

Title: Those Who Are Rich

Announcements: John Fix

Closing Prayer: Bill Duryea

Usher for This Week: Thom Steger

Creekview BULLETIN

Give Yourself to God

In 2Corinthians 8:1-5, the example of the Macedonian churches still stands as a demonstration of how to be liberal givers, whether it is the giving of money, time, or effort. The first step we must take is to give ourselves to God. So then, let us show that we belong to Him every day.

To Our Visitors

We are delighted to see you in our midst today. Thank you for joining us on this blessed day to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving to our Father in heaven. May God bless you and your family. FEBRUARY

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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

Searching for the Nonexistent

In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson commissioned Captain Meriwether Lewis and Second Lieutenant William Clark to lead an expedition across the newly purchased Louisiana Territory. One of the chief objectives of the Lewis and Clark Expedition was to find the Northwest Passage, a legendary network of rivers that would provide a path from the eastern part of the continent to the Pacific Ocean. This objective was never achieved. By the time the expedition reached the ocean in November of 1805, Lewis and Clark knew that the Northwest Passage did not exist.

Suppose that Jefferson had refused to accept the discovery of Lewis and Clark. What if he had continued to insist that the Northwest Passage did exist despite a complete lack of evidence? He might have launched a media campaign with personal attacks against Lewis and Clark to discredit their testimony. Perhaps he could have found esteemed experts to agree with him, saying that the passage simply must exist. Maybe then the whole country could have been convinced that there was indeed a Northwest Passage. Even so, it still would not have been true.

Of course, this never happened, but similar scenarios have unfolded many times. A great example is that of the opponents of Jesus, who sought to discover that He was a fraud. Time after time, they went on expeditions to trap Him in His words, but they always failed (Matt. 22:15-46). Undaunted by the lack of evidence against Jesus, they campaigned against Him, claiming that He worked miracles by the power of Satan (Matt. 12:24) and threatening anyone who dared to confess Him (John 7:13; 9:22; 12:42-43). They assembled false witnesses against Him, none of whom could agree about anything (Mark 14:55-59). Even after Jesus was raised from death, His opponents bribed the soldiers that had guarded His tomb to uphold the lie they wanted to be true. Despite the abundance of evidence to the contrary, they never surrendered their wishful beliefs. Even so, the truth was not changed. Jesus is still the Christ, the Son of God.

This dynamic still goes on today, and we would be wise to recognize it. We see it in the matter of Darwinian evolution, which continues to be taught as science despite no one producing the evidence that Charles Darwin himself said would be necessary to prove his theory. Nevertheless, proponents of Darwinian evolution are desperate to maintain some explanation of the world that eliminates God, so they uphold the lie and berate anyone who challenges it. In a similar way, homosexuality is characterized as a natural orientation despite the Human Genome Project's failure to discover the so-called "gay gene" that advocates had promised. Likewise, transgenderism is portrayed as science, teaching that biological sex is a fluid trait that moves across a spectrum of possibilities. This is asserted despite the well-established genetic science that proves gender is binary, i.e., either male or female. Again, dissenters are

shouted down as bigots who do not "believe the science," but such bluster does not change the truth.

The point is not that we should stop seeking for new discoveries, but rather that we should cease from seeking for that which has already been proven as false. Science cannot discover what does not exist or is not true. Setting out to discover a known falsehood is like continuing to search for the Northwest Passage; it is madness. As for Darwinian evolution, we have known how God made the world since the Scriptures were written (Genesis chapter 1). In the same way, we have known that God made two sexes, male and female, and created them with a complimentary function and attraction to one another (Gen. 2:18-25). Nonbiblical evidence has only confirmed these facts, and no amount of propaganda, fraudulent science, or cancel-culture intimidation can prove otherwise. Therefore, let us believe the Scriptures and the true science, and let us reject lies regardless of how loudly they are told.

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news & notes

- · Cindy Carter, sister of Kave Barton and Kim Lanius, passed away on Saturday. Please pray for the comfort and peace of the family.
- Please keep in mind the following members in your prayers: Barbara Atkins, Jeri Baker, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, and Shirley Smith. Also remember Jody Baize, Mishae Nevils, Wayne Wright, and Dot Long's sister Melissa.
- Reminder: All sermons and articles are available on the Creekview website as well as links to all videos from our services.

reading plan

Sunday - Romans 15-16 Monday - Genesis 28-31 Tuesday - Judges 12-16 Wednesday - Psalms 21-23 Thursday - Job 15-16 Friday - Isaiah 40-44 Saturday - Matthew 20-22

meetings

None to announce