

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
Nate Durham

Scripture Reading:
Alex Bansemer
Exodus 32:30-35

Prayer:
Ron Dixon

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
The Book of Life

Closing Prayer:
John Fix

Wednesday, March 3

Song Leader:
Brandon Ayers

Invitation:
Bailey Steger

Prayer:
Jim Barton

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

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
Thom Steger

Scripture Reading:
Bill Duryea
Romans 2:1-10

Prayer:
Al Cotten

Lord's Supper:
Jim Stubblefield
Doug Thweatt

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
*Not Saved by Works, but
Judged by Works*

Announcements:
John Fix

Closing Prayer:
David Bansemer

Usher for This Week:
Doug Thweatt

Creekview *BULLETIN*

All Things Shall Be New

In Revelation 21:5, John heard the one who sits on the throne say, "Behold, I am making all things new." In Christ, we have started down a new path that leads to a new heaven and a new earth (2Pet. 3:13). Let us praise God today for this newness of life through Christ our Lord (Rom. 6:4).

To Our Visitors

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's day. It is good to have you with us today as we worship our glorious God. Please come again whenever you have the opportunity.

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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

Personal Truth

When I first became acquainted with the Lord's church, I remember hearing an emphasis on truth. Preachers would warn of the dangers of accepting the errant word of man over the truthful word of God. The issues usually discussed were the plan of salvation, the work of the church, forms of worship, and other similar matters.

Now, the emphasis is still on truth, and those same issues are still important. However, something even more fundamental is now happening to our society. The definition of truth is being changed.

This change is captured in a *New York Times* story from this past Wednesday (2/24/21). The story was about a student who accused staff members at her college of racism. An investigation proved the allegations to be false, but the student and others who sided with her refused to concede. The *Times'* assessment of this says it all: "The story highlights the tensions between a student's deeply felt sense of personal truth and facts that are at odds with it."

How can anything at odds with facts be truthful? Aren't facts synonymous with truth? Under the new definition, truth apparently does not depend on facts. It also does not depend on logic, reason, or other forms of evidence. It only depends on feelings. As long as it is a "deeply felt sense of personal truth," it is true.

Actually, this is nothing new. People who wished to avoid truth have often tried to redefine truth's meaning or challenge truth's existence. For example, when Jesus said to Pilate, "Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice," Pilate replied, "What is truth?" (John 18:37-38). For Pilate, the fact of Jesus' innocence would not get in the way of his "deeply felt sense of personal truth," which was that he needed to placate the Jews, quell the riot, and maintain his own political power.

What is new is the degree to which truth has been redefined in our society. Feelings, wishes, and approved narratives are deemed more important in determining truth than facts, evidence, logic, and reason. We had some of this nonsense in the last century via postmodernism, but now it has become mainstream and extreme. Such subjective truth is the new standard for news, politics, and institutionalized education. As a result, society is becoming untethered from reality.

The church and its members are not immune to this. Influence and pressure from the world will build against the church, and conflict is inevitable. No one who clings to a universal, objective, and unchangeable standard of truth such as the Bible will fit in a society where everyone has his own "personal truth."

Christians will be pressed to change or else suffer the consequences.

Knowing this, we must be all the more devoted to the truth. Our confidence in the Scripture, which is the truth of God's word, must be unflappable (John 17:17; 2Tim. 3:16-17). Our skill in handling the word of truth must be accurate (2Tim. 2:15). Our courage to preach the truth of God's word must be undaunted by the world's resistance (2Tim. 4:1-5). Our love for the truth must be as pure as our love for God and our fellow man (Matt. 22:35-40; John 14:23-24). Indeed, love rejoices with the truth (1Cor. 13:6).

So then, let us keep on emphasizing the truth. Moreover, let us be committed to the truth about truth. There is not a separate "personal truth" for each individual. Instead, there is only one truth, and it stands on facts, evidence, logic, reason, and, most importantly, the inerrant word of God. This truth is for all.

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news & notes

- New addresses for Shirley Smith and Shirley Buchanan are posted on the bulletin board. Cards and notes would be appreciated.
- New books on Proverbs are available for Wednesday's class. Be sure to pick one up.
- Please remember 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.

reading plan

Sunday - 1Corinthians 1-2
Monday - Genesis 32-35
Tuesday - Judges 17-21
Wednesday - Psalms 24-26
Thursday - Job 17-18
Friday - Isaiah 45-50
Saturday - Matthew 23-25

meetings

None to announce