

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
John Fix

Scripture Reading:
Bailey Steger
1Corinthians 2:11-16

Prayer:
Chevis Webb

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
Thinking Like Jesus
Lesson 1 – We Have the
Mind of Christ

Closing Prayer:
Jim Stubblefield

Wednesday, January 8

Song Leader:
Chevis Webb

Invitation:
Chris Huffines

Prayer:
Bailey Steger

Lord's Supper Preparation
January: Durham
February: Long

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
David Bansemer

Scripture Reading:
Alex Bansemer
Ephesians 5:15-21

Prayer:
Louis Long

Lord's Supper:
Bill Duryea
Ron Dixon
Al Cotten
Gary Sells

Lesson:
Ron Hunt

Title:
Song Service - Invitation

Announcements:
John Fix

Closing Prayer:
Kirk Webb

Usher for This Week:
Kevin Hayes

Creekview *BULLETIN*

Start It Right

What is the best way to start a new year, month, week, and day? The Lord's wisdom brings us together on the first day of the week to worship Him, study together, edify one another, and be built up in the most holy faith. Let us embrace this great wisdom today that we may start our day, week, month, and year right.

To Our Visitors:

We commend you for your concern regarding the things of the Lord, which is evident by your presence with us today. We hope that you find the services to be edifying to your soul and glorifying 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

No Fairy Tale

Last Sunday (12/29/19), NBC News anchor Chuck Todd read a letter on the program "Meet the Press" that equated the Bible's story of the global flood to a fairy tale. He was expressing frustration over the fact that many people had not believed stories that NBC News had reported about President Trump. He pointed to a letter to the editor of the Lexington Herald Leader, which stated that people supported Trump because they had been trained from childhood to believe in fairy tales. The writer of the letter concluded, "Show me a person who believes in Noah's ark and I will show you a Trump voter."

All politics aside, the views of Scripture expressed in this letter and endorsed by Chuck Todd are nothing new. Worldly men have often characterized the Bible's records of creation, the flood, and many other historical events as fairy tales and myths. Correspondingly, they also deride those who believe in the Bible's records as being deceived and ignorant of truth.

The reason men like Chuck Todd say such things is not because they are true, but rather it is to intimidate others into changing their minds. If he or others like him had compelling evidence to make their arguments, then they could convince the public to believe them. Not having such evidence, they instead label the records of Scripture as fairy tales because they wish to make Bible believers ashamed. Such tactics are often effective because no one wants to be viewed as foolish, deceived, or ignorant.

However, the story of Noah's ark is not a fairy tale. Evidence of the global flood is found all over the world. There are layers of rock and sediment in the ground that could only have formed by the rapid deposits of rushing water. There are innumerable fossils that could not exist unless the creatures from which they came died and were buried quickly before they could decompose or be devoured by other creatures. There are nonbiblical records from other cultures that refer to the global flood.

Such evidence is abundant and compelling, but the most convincing evidence is the Bible itself. This book was written by more than forty men over a span of about fifteen hundred years, and yet it possesses unity in its records and themes that exceeds anything man can produce. It is accurate in its records of history, geography, and science. It expresses scientific knowledge that men did not discover on their own until centuries after the Bible was written. It contains specific prophecies that were verifiably fulfilled. All of this indicates that the Bible is the product of God's mind and not the mind of man. It is not a collection of "cleverly devised tales" (2Pet. 1:16), but rather it is the inspired word of God (2Tim. 3:16-17; 2Pet. 1:19-21).

Because the Bible's divine origins are confirmed by internal and external

evidence, we can trust that its records are true. There was indeed a global flood, and God preserved Noah, his family, and all air-breathing creatures on the ark that Noah built to God's specifications. For Chuck Todd, the writer of that letter, and everyone else who dismisses Noah's ark as a fairy tale, the Scripture speaks in 2Peter 3:5-7:

⁵For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, ⁶through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. ⁷But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

It is the latter part of this passage that is most concerning, for if they believe that the coming day of judgment is a fairy tale, then they will never be ready for it. For them and all people, God wishes for their repentance (2Pet. 3:9), so let us do the same. We should not be influenced by their intimidation, but we should do our best to convince them of the truth.

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news & notes

- The 11AM hour of worship today will include our monthly extended song service.
- The new quarter for children's classes begins today.
- 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, Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry, and the Clemens family.

reading plan

Sunday - Romas 1-2
Monday - Genesis 1-3
Tuesday - Joshua 1-5
Wednesday - Psalms 1-2
Thursday - Job 1-2
Friday - Isaiah 1-6
Saturday - Matthew 1-2

meetings

Eastside - Jan. 17*

*song service