

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
Alex Bansemer

Scripture Reading:
Chevis Webb
2Timothy 4:1-5

Prayer:
Andrew Durham

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
*The Character of New
Testament Preaching*

Closing Prayer:
Ron Dixon

Wednesday, July 24

Song Leader: John Fix
Invitation: Chevis Webb
Prayer: Chris Huffines

Lord's Supper Preparation
July: Ridings
August: Hayes

Change Sign Message:
July:
August:

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
Jim Barton

Scripture Reading:
Al Cotten
Ecclesiastes 3:16-22

Prayer:
Wayne Baker

Lord's Supper:
Thom Steger
John Fix
Chris Huffines
Bailey Steger

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
Truth About Death

Announcements:
Jim Stubblefield

Closing Prayer:
Kevin Hayes

Usher for This Week:
Louis Long

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Be Stimulated!

Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near (Heb. 10:24-25).

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. Our aim is to offer true, spiritual worship to God as He has authorized His worshipers to practice (John 4:23-24). Thank you for being a part of this blessed effort.



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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

Wrong Thoughts About Sin

Sin is a big deal. It is such a big deal that it is responsible for all the suffering and death the world has ever known (Rom. 5:12; Jas. 1:15). Before sin entered the world, all that God had made was very good (Gen. 1:31), but sin enslaved the whole creation to corruption (Rom. 8:20-21). To take away the power of slavery and death from the devil and free those who were subject to death, the Son of God came in the flesh, died on the cross, and was raised from the dead (Heb. 2:14-15). The high degree of this sacrifice reveals the magnitude of sin's effects, for it required the death of the sinless Son of God to overcome it for those who are faithful and obedient to Him (Heb. 5:8-9).

The Scriptures declare the truth about sin's devastating effects, but the world contradicts God's word. Worldly minded men deny that sin is a big problem or that it is a problem at all. Instead, they overlook sin, indulge sin, and sometimes even celebrate and encourage sin (Rom. 1:32). As they do this, sin's corruption continues to destroy everything it touches.

As we live in this world, we must be careful to subscribe to the truth of God's word concerning sin rather than the world's view. To this end, let us consider a few dangerously wrong thoughts about sin that threaten to influence us.

Wrong thought: A little sin won't hurt. We sometimes think of sin in relative terms. For example, we may think cheating on taxes is not as bad as stealing a car, but both of these are types of theft and are sinful in God's sight (Rom. 13:7; Eph. 4:28). We may also measure sin in terms of quantity, such as drunkenness on a few weekends each year versus a daily or weekly habit of drunkenness (Eph. 5:18; 1Pet. 4:3). God does not view sin in this way, and neither should we. Let's be reminded that the sin of Adam and Eve was relatively small as the world measures sin, for all they did was eat the forbidden fruit one time (Gen. 3:6). Nevertheless, their sin had severe consequences that affect the world to this day.

Wrong thought: Sin is tolerable if no one is harmed. This is the idea of a "victimless crime." Examples of this category of thought are lust (Matt. 5:28), covetousness (Col. 3:5), and profanity (Eph. 4:29; 5:4). In truth, there is no harmless sin, for all sins cause damage to somebody. Even if there was a sin that brought no harm to others, it would always harm the one who committed it, for "when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death" (Jas. 1:15). Moreover, Jesus Himself showed that it is not merely the commission of an act that comprises sin, but it is also the motivation behind the act (Matt. 5:21-22, 27-28; 15:18-20).

Wrong thought: Sin is tolerable if it is counteracted with good. Some view life as a balance scale with sin on one side and good deeds on the other. As long as the good deeds outweigh the sins, they feel they are justified. In terms of the Scriptures, this form of thought is an attempt at salvation by good works, which is impossible (Eph. 2:8-9). Good deeds cannot overcome sin, for when one transgresses God's law, he is a lawbreaker regardless of how many good deeds he has done or will do (Jas. 2:10). Such a person is guilty of lawlessness, and he will be dismissed from the presence of the Lord at the Judgment even if he did many good deeds (1John 3:4; Matt. 7:21-23).

We cannot afford to be wrong in our thinking about sin, so let us follow the wisdom of heaven rather than the wisdom of the world. Remember that it is God's word and not man's ideas that will be the standard of our eternal judgment (John 12:48).

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news & notes

- Matthew Dick's contact information is available on the Creekview online directory.
- Please keep the following members in your prayers: Jim Barton, Wilma Deering, Mary Ham, Donella Jones, and Kay Lanius. Also remember Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry and Dot Long's sister Melissa.
- Also remember the Duryeas, who will be away in California until August.

reading plan

Sunday - Colossians 3-4
Monday - Leviticus 16-18
Tuesday - 2Kings 11-15
Wednesday - Psalms 84-86
Thursday - Proverbs 11-12
Friday - Ezekiel 31-36
Saturday - Luke 21-22

meetings

Lakeview - July 21-26
Millersville - July 21
Jackson Heights - July 26*

*singing