

# WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

**9:00 AM**

**Song Leader:**  
Nate Durham

**Scripture Reading:**  
Chevis Webb  
Luke 9:57-62

**Prayer:**  
Andrew Durham

**Lesson:**  
Stacey Durham  
*Thinking Like Jesus*  
*Lesson 11 – Thinking About Time*

**Closing Prayer:**  
Bailey Steger

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**Wednesday, November 4**

**Song Leader:**  
Bailey Steger

**Invitation:**  
Andrew Durham

**Prayer:**  
Alex Bansemer

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**Lord's Supper Preparation**  
November:       :  
December:       :

**11:00 AM**

**Song Leader:**  
John Fix

**Scripture Reading:**  
Louis Long  
Genesis 8:18-22

**Prayer:**  
Al Cotten

**Lord's Supper:**  
Chris Huffines  
Ron Dixon

**Lesson:**  
Ron Hunt  
*Song Service - Invitation*

**Announcements:**  
Ron Dixon

**Closing Prayer:**  
Kevin Hayes

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**Usher for This Week:**  
Doug Thweatt

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## No Tears in Heaven

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On earth, we have many sorrows, but in heaven God “shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away” (Rev. 21:4). Let us think of the joy of heaven as we worship God together today.

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## To Our Visitors

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We at Creekview rejoice that you have come our way today. 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

## The Overton Window

The Overton Window is a term used to describe the range of ideas that are tolerated by the general public. It is a useful concept that helps explain how cultures change over time. Changes happen as the Overton Window is moved and ideas are pushed in or out of its view. Think of it like the view from a camera. As the camera is turned from right to left, things on the right begin to fall out of the camera's view while things on the left move toward the center and more things come into view from the left. In a similar way, the Overton Window moves as some beliefs are pushed out of the mainstream and others are brought into it. Beliefs that are opposed fall outside of the Window. At the edges of the Window are beliefs that are merely tolerated. Just to the right or left of center are beliefs that are accepted, and in the center are popular beliefs.

In American culture, the Overton Window has been pushed so far to the left that the Bible has nearly fallen out of view. For a nation that was founded on the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God" and has a national motto of "In God We Trust," this represents a radical change. Biblical beliefs that were once widely held are now on the fringe of American society. The Bible itself has already been excluded from public schools and government policy, and it is gradually being removed from the public discourse altogether. The same biblical messages that were once mainstream are often now labelled as intolerant and are sometimes even censored from social media.

At the same time, many unbiblical ideas and behaviors that were once opposed have now moved into the mainstream of America. Practices such as sexual immorality (1Cor. 6:18), cohabitation (1Cor. 7:9), and divorce (Matt. 19:6) are so common that they are now at the center of the mainstream. Abortion (Prov. 6:16-17) and homosexuality (Rom. 1:26-27) have been moved from opposition to tolerance and acceptability in recent decades. Now coming into view at the edges of the Overton Window are issues such as polygamy (1Cor. 7:2), pedophilia (Matt. 18:10), and other ideas that were once unthinkable.

The Overton Window is moved by influence. Those who wish to bring a new or opposed idea into the mainstream must persuade others to accept it. How this is done depends on the scruples of those who are promoting the idea. If the idea is good and its proponents are honest, then they may simply tell the truth and use reason, logic, and evidence. This is how the gospel of Christ changed the world and moved the Overton Window farther than it has ever been moved (Matt. 28:18-20; Col. 1:23; 2Tim. 4:1-5). On the other hand, if the idea is bad, then the only ways proponents can promote it are by dishonesty and intimidation. They may tell lies, spread propaganda, make false promises, threaten or even use force, advertise vain celebrity endorsements, or vilify and silence their opponents. Sometimes they will propose an idea that is far more radical than the one they wish to promote

just to shift the Overton Window in their preferred direction. Such dishonest tactics are necessary for proponents of ideas that have no merit.

As Christians, the Overton Window is useful as a concept, but it must not persuade us. Our goal is to move the Overton Window but not to be moved by it. We believe in the word of God, which is unchangeable and does not move with the shifting currents of public opinion (1Pet. 1:24-25). Our biblical beliefs may become unpopular and even bring trouble to us, but we must not be persuaded by "philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ" (Col. 2:8). If the Overton Window closes on the Bible, then it closes on us as well, for we shall not be moved (1Cor. 15:58). On the other hand, the gospel is still the "power of God for salvation" (Rom. 1:16), and it still changes the world one person at a time. Let us therefore preach and live by the immovable, heavenly message.

*Stacey E. Durham*

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## news & notes

- The 11AM service today will be devoted mostly to singing.
- Please be mindful of all members who are sheltering at home for caution against COVID-19.
- Also pray for Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, and Laurie Polchek. Also pray for Ralph Anderson, Jody Baize, Wayne Wright, Dot Long's sister Melissa, Pat Ridings' brother, and Donella Jones' daughter Mishae Neville.

## reading plan

Sunday- James 4-5  
Monday - Deuteronomy 7-9  
Tuesday - 2Chronicles 29-32  
Wednesday - Ps. 125-127  
Thursday - Ecclesiastes 3-4  
Friday - Zephaniah  
Saturday - Acts 11-12

## meetings

None to announce