WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 AM Song Leader: Chevis Webb

Scripture Reading: Andrew Durham Hebrews 2:1-4

> **Prayer:** Wayne Baker

Lesson: Stacey Durham

Title: The Danger of Drifting

> Closing Prayer: Jim Stubblefield

Wednesday, November 13 Song Leader: David Bansemer Invitation: Ron Hunt Prayer: Bill Duryea

Lord's Supper Preparation November: Baker December: Fix

Change Sign Message: November: December: **11:00 AM** Song Leader: Thom Steger

Scripture Reading: Bill Duryea Luke 11:1-4

> **Prayer:** Chris Huffines

Lord's Supper: David Bansemer Al Cotten Gary Sells Andrew Durham

Lesson: Stacey Durham

Title: Teach Us to Pray, Part 1

> Announcements: Jim Stubblefield

Closing Prayer: John Fix

Usher for This Week: David Bansemer

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Are You Prospering?

"Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers" (3John 2). May God bless you with good health, but even more so may He bless you with every spiritual blessing in Christ so that your soul may prosper indeed.

To Our Visitors: 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.

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NOVEMBER



SERVICE TIMES SUNDAYS:

WORSHIP: 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY: 10:00 AM WORSHIP: 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAYS: BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM

Too Busy

We all have the same amount of time. Everyone's day has twenty-four hours, so there is no difference in quantity of time for any of us. The differences lie in how we choose to use the time we have. Concerning this, the Scriptures give us direction in Ephesians 5:15-17:

¹⁵Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,
¹⁶making the most of your time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
Wisdom guides us to use our time to do the will of the Lord. To do so is to make "the most of your time."

Even so, our time for doing the will of the Lord often gets short-changed. Usually, this is because we are too busy doing other things. If this is the case for you, then answer for yourself a few questions. Is this wise? Is this "making the most of your time"? Do you really "understand what the will of the Lord is"?

Are you too busy to pray? Prayer is an opportunity to speak to God and express your praise and thanksgiving to Him for all of your blessings. It is also a unique privilege for believers in Jesus to ask for the help of the most powerful Being who exists. Notice Philippians 4:6-7:

⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

What could be a more important use of your time than talking to Almighty God? If you find yourself too busy to pray, then it is time to reevaluate your time.

Are you too busy to read the Bible? The Bible is God's word, and every word of it comes from Him (2Tim. 3:16-17). When you read the Scriptures, God speaks to you by communicating His will through the written word. Indeed, the Bible is the revelation of the "mind of Christ" (1Cor. 2:16). If God sent you a letter, a text, or an email, wouldn't you find time to read it? In truth, He has sent you an entire book, and He is speaking to you (1Cor. 2:12-13). If you are too busy to read and listen, then you need to think carefully about how you are spending your time.

Are you too busy to assemble with the church? The church is the body of Christ, and He is the Savior of the body (Eph. 1:22-23; 5:23). Each Christian is a member of that body and is added to it by Jesus Himself (Acts 2:47; 1Cor. 12:27). Altogether, we are brothers and sisters in the spiritual family of God,

and we come together to strengthen one another and to worship our blessed God (Eph. 2:19-22; Heb. 10:23-25). If you are too busy to get together with your spiritual family, to edify your fellow Christians and be edified by them, and to worship your heavenly Father, then you should think about whether you are making the best use of your time.

These things are matters of priority. We spend our time first in the things that matter most to us. God's word teaches us what His will is so that we may know what should be most important and that we may make the most of our time. Jesus says, "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness" (Matt. 6:33), and Colossians 3:1 says, "Keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." For Christians, our business is being busy in the pursuit of these spiritual priorities, and that should affect everything we do. If we are too busy for these things, then we are in the wrong business.

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news & notes

- For the next two Sundays, the lessons in the 11AM services will be about prayer. On November 24, we will have a special prayer service during that hour.
- Please pray for the following members: Barbara Atkins, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, and Kay Lanius. Also remember Wayne Wright, Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry, and the Fix's son-in-law Jody Baize.

reading plan

Sunday- 1Peter 1-3 Monday – Deut. 10-12 Tuesday - 2Chronicles 33-36 Wednesday – Ps. 128-130 Thursday - Ecclesiastes 5-6 Friday - Haggai Saturday - Acts 13-14

meetings

Millersville – Nov. 10-19 Eastside – Nov. 15*

*song service