

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
Alex Bansemer

Scripture Reading:
Bailey Steger
1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Prayer:
David Bansemer

Lesson:
Stacey Durham
The Foolishness of God

Closing Prayer:
Nate Durham

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
Thom Steger

Scripture Reading:
Wayne Baker
Ephesians 5:7-13

Prayer:
John Fix

Lord's Supper:
Nate Durham
Andrew Durham

Lesson:
Stacey Durham
Christians Thriving in a Dark Culture

Announcements:
Ron Dixon

Closing Prayer:
Bill Duryea

Usher for This Week:
David Bansemer

Wednesday, November 11

Song Leader:
Chevis Webb

Invitation:
Nate Durham

Prayer:
David Bansemer

Lord's Supper Preparation
November: Hayes
December: Fix

Creekview *BULLETIN*

The Gospel is God's Word

The gospel is not the word of man but the word of God. Paul wrote, "...when you received from us the word of God's message, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God" (1Thess. 2:13). Let us therefore hear the gospel and embrace it as God's very own words.

To Our Visitors

We are so glad that you decided to attend our services at Creekview. Our hope for you will be edified and God will be glorified. Thank you for coming, and please come again.

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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 Parable of the Ten Minas

We just had an election to choose our political leaders, which is a right we have as American citizens. We do not have the right however to choose our Lord and King. That choice has already been made once for all and forever. God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36), and He alone is “the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords” (1Tim. 6:15).

Not everyone agrees with God’s election of our Lord and King. In fact, most of the world lives in rebellion against Jesus as He sits at the right hand of His Father and reigns from heaven (Acts 2:29-35). Those who do recognize His reign are working for Him in anticipation of His return. This is the age in which we now live, but it will not last forever.

Jesus taught a parable that illustrates this present age in Luke 19:11-27. The Parable of the Ten Minas is similar to the Parable of the Talents (Matt. 25:14-30), but it has some different components with some additional conclusions. Jesus told this parable to a crowd of followers who supposed that the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately as He prepared to enter Jerusalem for the week leading up to His crucifixion.

In the parable, a nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom after which he would return. This does not mean that the kingdom itself was in a distant country, but rather the nobleman had to go to a distant country to receive the authority to rule the kingdom where he lived. While he was gone, he entrusted ten of his slaves to conduct business with ten minas apiece. (A mina was approximately one hundred days’ wages.) At the same time, some citizens of the kingdom who hated the nobleman sent a delegation after him to dispute his claim to authority, saying, “We do not want this man to reign over us.”

The situation in this parable is parallel to that of Archelaus, the son of Herod the Great. He travelled from Judea to Rome to receive authority from Caesar to rule over half of his deceased father’s kingdom. A delegation of the Jews also went to Rome to oppose his appointment. Their opposition failed, and Archelaus was made a ruler over the Jews for nine years. Jesus borrowed from this historical situation to illustrate His lesson.

When the nobleman in the parable returned, he dealt with both his servants and his opponents. His servants were rewarded according to their performance. Each one was given authority over a number of cities corresponding to the number of minas he had profited. However, one fearful slave had gained nothing and was therefore stripped of his stewardship, and his minas were given to a profitable servant. As for those who had opposed the nobleman’s appointment, the new king said, “But these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them in my presence.”

The meaning of this parable is straightforward. The nobleman is Jesus, who has gone to heaven to receive His kingdom. He will come back not to reign on earth but to receive His people and reign in eternity. His servants are Christians who are working until He returns and rewards them. The citizens who hated the nobleman are any rebellious opponents of Jesus. These will be severely punished when the Lord returns.

So then, we do not elect our Lord, for God has already done so, and no one could be better than He. However, we do have a choice of which role in this parable we will play. Will we be the faithful servants who are rewarded? Will we be the fearful servant who forfeits his place in the Lord’s service? Will we be the rebels who hate the Lord and receive a just punishment? Which of these we shall be is our own choice, and it will determine whether we are elected to the kingdom of God (2Pet. 1:10-11). Which do you choose?

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news & notes

- A special prayer service has been planned for Sunday, November 22, at 11AM. If you have any prayer requests, please let them be known to the elders.
- Please continue to 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- 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

None to announce