

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
Chevis Webb

Scripture Reading:
Bailey Steger
1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Prayer:
Andrew Durham

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
*The Meaning of the Lord's
Supper*

Closing Prayer:
John Fix

Wednesday, October 16

Song Leader: Alex Bansemer
Invitation: Jim Stubblefield
Prayer: Bill Duryea

Lord's Supper Preparation
October: Thweatt
November: Baker

Change Sign Message:
October: Stubblefield
November:

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
Andrew Durham

Scripture Reading:
Chris Huffines
Matthew 26:26-29

Prayer:
Al Cotten

Lord's Supper:
Ron Hunt
Bill Duryea
Kirk Webb
Chevis Webb

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
*Bread and Cup, Body and
Blood*

Announcements:
Doug Thweatt

Closing Prayer:
Jim Stubblefield

Usher for This Week:
Ron Dixon

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Peacemakers

In the world, there is much division and strife, but the Lord calls on us to "pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another" (Rom. 14:19). The Lord said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matt. 5:9).

To Our Visitors:

Welcome to our assemblies. Our desire is to offer pleasing, honoring worship to God today, and we are glad you have joined us. May we all be built up in the most holy faith.

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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

Against Such Things

In contrast to the deeds of the flesh, the fruit of the Spirit is given in Galatians 5:22-23, which says,

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Indeed, there is no law against these specific things and other “such things,” which would include things like forgiveness, mercy, grace, and generosity. Certainly, God has no law against such things, and generally there is no law of man against such things in any nation or culture.

Nevertheless, there are those who have recently voiced opposition to such things. Consider a few examples from recent events:

- In court, a man expressed forgiveness for the woman who had shot and killed his brother. This case received national attention due to the issues of race and law enforcement that were involved. The man’s expression of forgiveness included his desire for the woman to give her life to Christ. It was an amazing demonstration of grace, but some were angered by it. *USA Today* ran an opinion piece that said anger was a better response than forgiveness for such situations. The Freedom From Religion Foundation was offended by the whole episode and filed a complaint against the judge in the case because she gave a Bible to the defendant.
- Ellen DeGeneres, a political liberal, social progressive, and outspoken homosexual was seen at a football game sitting next to former president George W. Bush, who is politically and socially opposite to her in most ways. When DeGeneres was heavily criticized for associating with Bush, she responded by saying she believes in being kind to everyone. In response to her, *Vanity Fair* published an article saying that her “imagined utopia seems increasingly out of touch with reality.” An actor, Mark Ruffalo, wrote, “We can’t even begin to talk about kindness.”
- When two mass shootings happened on the same day in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio (August 3, 2019), many people expressed thoughts and prayers for the victims. *The Daily Beast* responded by publishing an article entitled “The Problematic Theology of ‘Thoughts and Prayers.’” The article summarized a growing sentiment that prayers are of no value and that solutions to violence can only be found through legislation. Some have even mocked the idea of “thoughts and prayers” with jokes and memes.

These examples demonstrate a trend in which godlessness in our culture is becoming more pronounced and extreme. When people are “against such things” as forgiveness, kindness, and prayer, they are opposing God Himself,

who is the source of the fruit of the Spirit. Consider again Ellen DeGeneres, who lives in a way that is “contrary to sound teaching, according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God” (1Tim. 1:10-11). By showing kindness to someone who disagrees with her, she greatly offended those on her own side who place their godless political and social agenda above all else. They make it evident that on their side there is no place for kindness or forgiveness toward their enemies. They are putting themselves “against such things” that are the very qualities of the Lord Jesus Himself.

If our culture becomes intolerant of the universal principles of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, and such things, then it will be utterly godless and not long for this world. “The wicked will return to Sheol, even all the nations who forget God” (Ps. 9:17). Regardless of the culture, we who are Christians must be examples of such things, so that we “will prove [ourselves] to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom [we] appear as lights in the world” (Phil. 2:15).

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news & notes

- We need teachers! If you are willing to teach in the children’s classes and have not done so before, please see Stacey Durham.
- A special prayer service has been planned for the 11AM service on November 24. Men will be asked to lead prayers focused on praise, thanksgiving, and petitions.
- Please keep these members in your prayers: Barbara Atkins, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, and Kay Lanius. Also remember Peggy Bailey’s daughter Sherry and the Fix’s son-in-law Jody Baize.

reading plan

Sunday- Hebrews 8-10
Monday - Numbers 33-36
Tuesday - 2Chronicles 16-20
Wednesday - Psalm 119
Thursday - Proverbs 29-30
Friday - Micah
Saturday - Acts 5-6

meetings

Eastside – Oct. 18*
Warfield Blvd – Oct. 24-27
Memorial Blvd. – Oct. 27-
Nov. 1
Skyview – Nov. 3-6

*song service