

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
Andrew Durham

Scripture Reading:
Chevis Webb
Philippians 3:15-21

Prayer:
Bailey Steger

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
What Can You Do?
Lesson 10 – You Can Follow

Closing Prayer:
Bill Duryea

Wednesday, October 9

Song Leader: Alex Bansemer
Invitation: Jim Stubblefield
Prayer: Ron Dixon

Lord's Supper Preparation
October: Thweatt
November: Baker

Change Sign Message:
October: Stubblefield
November:

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
Thom Steger

Scripture Reading:
Al Cotten
1 Timothy 2:1-8

Prayer:
Gary Sells

Lord's Supper:
Chris Huffines
TBA
Bailey Steger
Louis Long

Lesson:
Kevin Hayes

Title:
Jesus Saw Their Faith

Announcements:
Doug Thweatt

Closing Prayer:
Ron Dixon

Usher for This Week:
Jim Stubblefield

creekview *BULLETIN*

“How Great Thou Art”

How can we ever tell God how great He is, how thankful we are, and how much we love Him? As the cliché goes, “Actions speak louder than words.” Even if we do not know how to say it, we should always show how much we love God through the things that we do.

To Our Visitors:

Thank you for joining our worship service today. You are welcomed by the Creekview church of Christ to assemble with us every time we meet. May God bless us all as we worship today.

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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

Incompatible with Human Dignity?

On Tuesday (10/1/19), an employment tribunal in the United Kingdom ruled against a physician who had been fired from a government job for refusing to use transgender pronouns. Dr. David Mackereth had been working as a disability benefits assessor in the Department of Work and Pensions when his boss asked him hypothetically whether he would be willing to refer to a “six-foot tall bearded man” as “madam.” Dr. Mackereth was not willing to do so because of his belief in the Bible, and he was consequently fired. He then sued the government due to religious discrimination and harassment but lost the case.

The judge who oversaw Dr. Mackereth’s case gave a remarkable statement concerning the court’s ruling. His statement was given as an answer to arguments that Dr. Mackereth and his attorney made during the trial. They had cited Genesis 1:27, which says, “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” Based on this passage and others as well as the total lack of scientific evidence for transgenderism, Dr. Mackereth and his attorney argued that his refusal to use transgender pronouns was within his rights and within the scope of science and reason. However, the judge wrote in his ruling that “belief in Genesis 1:27, lack of belief in transgenderism and conscientious objection to transgenderism in our judgment are incompatible with human dignity and conflict with the fundamental rights of others, specifically here, transgender individuals.” He also wrote that “in so far as those beliefs form part of his wider faith, his wider faith also does not satisfy the requirement of being worthy of respect in a democratic society.”

The judge’s statement about Genesis 1:27 is utterly wrong. Belief in Genesis 1:27 is not incompatible with human dignity nor is it in conflict with anyone’s fundamental rights. Rather, the truth of Genesis 1:27 is the foundation of human dignity and rights, for mankind is created in the image of God. It is for this reason that all human life is to be respected and protected (Gen. 9:6). Without the innate dignity of God’s own likeness, mankind would be little more than the animals. If that were the case, then we would have no fundamental rights, for these are endowed by the Creator who made us in His own image. Having the dignity of God’s image within us and the fundamental rights He gives to us, we also have natural form He gave us, namely, that each individual is either male or female. This is the whole truth of Genesis 1:27, and it must be accepted as a whole in terms of dignity, rights, and gender.

The judge’s statement is also a threat to the liberty of all people. This may seem like an overstatement, but this ruling is about more than just the employment of one physician in the U.K. Such rulings often set precedents for others to follow in other courts and legislatures and in other nations. Judges and lawmakers are

emboldened to press forward with an agenda to compel everyone to comply with LGBTQ mandates for behavior and speech. This is a threat to Christians because they cannot comply with practices that are “contrary to sound teaching, according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God” (1Tim. 1:10-11). Such a faith is deemed unworthy “of respect in a democratic society,” so Christians stand in danger of losing jobs, property, liberty, and more. This is also a threat to all people because it sets a precedent for judges and lawmakers to arbitrarily take away the rights and liberty of whomever they deem to be “unworthy of respect.” Indeed, if Genesis 1:27 is rejected, then there is no basis for universal human dignity and fundamental rights.

In truth, it is those who oppose the truth of God’s word who “are incompatible with human dignity” and are in “conflict with the fundamental rights of others.” When God is rejected in favor of those who behave in ways that are degrading, unnatural, and indecent (Rom. 1:26-27), the basis of dignity and rights is also rejected. Let us pray that our leaders have the good sense to see the truth so that we can live “in all godliness and dignity” (1Tim. 2:1-4).

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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.
- The 11AM service will be devoted mostly to singing today.
- The new quarter for the children’s classes begins today.
- Please remember these members in your prayers: Barbara Atkins, Donella Jones, and Kay Lanius. Also remember Peggy Bailey’s daughter Sherry and Jody Baize, the Fix’s son-in-law.

reading plan

Sunday- Hebrews 1-4
Monday - Numbers 25-28
Tuesday - 2Chronicles 6-10
Wednesday - Psalms 114-116
Thursday - Proverbs 26-27
Friday - Obadiah
Saturday - Acts 1-2

meetings

Eastside— Oct. 18*
Memorial Blvd. — Oct. 27-
Nov. 1
Skyview — Nov. 3-6

*song service