

# WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

## 9:00 AM

**Song Leader:**  
John Fix

**Scripture Reading:**  
Chevis Webb  
Nehemiah 8:1-3

**Prayer:**  
Bailey Steger

**Lesson:**  
David Lanius

**Closing Prayer:**  
Andrew Durham

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**Wednesday, September 11**  
**Song Leader:** Chevis Webb  
**Invitation:** John Fix  
**Prayer:** Bill Duryea

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**Lord's Supper Preparation**  
**September:** Wright  
**October:** Thweatt

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**Change Sign Message:**  
**September:**  
**October:**

## 11:00 AM

**Song Leader:**  
Alex Bansemer

**Scripture Reading:**  
Al Cotten  
John 12:23-28

**Prayer:**  
Louis Long

**Lord's Supper:**  
Jim Stubblefield  
Kirk Webb  
Jim Barton  
Bill Duryea

**Lesson:**  
David Lanius

**Announcements:**  
John Fix

**Closing Prayer:**  
Thom Steger

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**Usher for This Week:**  
David Bansemer

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## A Worthy Manner

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God has shown how much we are worth to Him by giving His Son for us. Therefore, we must walk in a manner worthy of Him and Christ's sacrifice (Eph. 4:1). Let us apply this thought to our worship today and give Him an effort worthy of His love.

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### To Our Visitors:

We are delighted to see you in our midst today. 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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### SERVICE TIMES

#### SUNDAYS:

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

#### WEDNESDAYS:

BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM

## The Wrong Obsession

Our nation is obsessed with Washington politics. This is evident from cable news channels, popular internet news sources, and social media. The obsession is such that it seems nothing is more important to the citizens of our country than what happens in Washington, D.C. Christians are not immune to this obsession. In fact, many Christians are caught up in it, and it affects what they think, say, and do. Politics becomes a lens through which they view the world, and it can even change the way they view their faith and their fellow Christians.

If Jesus lived in modern America, would He share in this obsession with Washington politics? This question is not difficult to answer, for we can simply look at what He did while on earth. He lived in a politically charged time just as we do, but there is no evidence that He was concerned about politics at all. Among His own Jewish people, various sects and individuals wrestled for power, but Jesus did not endorse any of them. The Romans fought among themselves and even committed murder for political power, but Jesus said little about it. He once called Herod a fox (Luke 13:31-32), and He told Pilate that his authority came from above (John 19:11), but that is the extent of the Lord's commentary on Roman politics.

Since Jesus was not obsessed with the politics of the Jews and Romans, why then are some Christians obsessed with Washington politics? Perhaps they are convinced that the solutions to the nation's problems will come from Washington. Maybe they believe that if the right politicians obtain power, then the whole nation will turn to the Lord. These possibilities are compelling, but there is no evidence to believe they can happen.

Rather than obsessing over politics, wouldn't it be more fitting for Christians to share Christ's obsessions? Jesus was obsessed with a kingdom, but it was not a renewed Jewish kingdom or the Roman Empire. His obsession was with the kingdom of God, which He preached from the time He began His ministry (Matt. 4:17) until the time He ascended back to heaven (Acts 1:3). Because of this, shouldn't Christians also be talking about the kingdom? Furthermore, Jesus was consumed with zeal for His Father's house (Ps. 69:9; John 2:17). Today, God's household is the church (1Tim. 3:15), so shouldn't Christians be zealous for the church rather than consumed by politics?

It is easy to be carried away with politics because we are constantly bombarded with it, but let's keep our focus on the Lord's priorities. We are to seek "the things above, where Christ is" and "not on the things that are on earth" (Col. 3:1-2). The point is not that Christians should have no interest or

concern in the politics of our nation. Instead, it is that politics should be a relatively minor concern for Christians when compared to our concern for God's kingdom.

Politics will not save the nation, but the gospel will save souls. We are not here to save the nation, for our mission is to tell individual souls the saving message of the gospel (Rom. 1:16-17). Even so, we may have the secondary effect of saving our nation if we keep first things first. Jesus said, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matt. 6:33). If all Christians in our nation will seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness, then we may bring righteousness to the citizens of our nation. This would produce the very best result for our nation, for "righteousness exalts a nation" (Prov. 14:34). This is a result that politics can never accomplish. Therefore, let's be obsessed, but let's make sure we choose the right obsession that can actually make a difference.

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## news & notes

- **Our gospel meeting with David Lanius ends today. If you would like recordings of any of the lessons, please see Wayne Baker.**
- Please remember the following members in your prayers: Barbara Atkins, Donella Jones, and Kay Lanius. Also remember Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry and the Fix's son-in-law Jody Baize.

## reading plan

Sunday - 2Timothy 3-4  
Monday - Numbers 13-16  
Tuesday - 1Chronicles 20-24  
Wednesday - Psalm 105-107  
Thursday - Proverbs 22  
Friday - Joel  
Saturday - John 13-15

## meetings

West End – Sept. 8-11  
Broadmoor – Sept. 15-20  
Eastside – Sept. 20\*  
Kingston Springs – Sept. 21  
Northfield Blvd. – Sept. 27-28

\*song service