

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
Bailey Steger

Scripture Reading:
Jim Barton
2Timothy 4:1-5

Prayer:
Stacey Durham

Lesson:
Bryan Sircy

Closing Prayer:
Kevin Hayes

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
Alex Bansemer

Scripture Reading:
Bill Duryea
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6

Prayer:
Wayne Baker

Lord's Supper:
Thom Steger
Stacey Durham

Lesson:
Bryan Sircy

Announcements:
Jim Stubblefield

Closing Prayer:
Chris Huffines

Wednesday, September 2

Song Leader:
David Bansemer

Invitation:
Andrew Durham

Prayer:
Bill Duryea

Lord's Supper Preparation
August: Huffines
September: Steger

Usher for This Week:
David Bansemer

Creekview *BULLETIN*

It's Good to Be Here

No matter what is going on in your life, whether good or bad, the very best place for you to be today is in the assembly of God's household. The very best activity for you to do today is to worship our God in heaven. Therefore, rejoice, for it is good for you to be here.

Streaming Services

All services of the church will be streamed live on the Creekview Facebook page. Each stream will begin a few minutes early so that viewers can connect.

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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

Waiting for the Right Time

Some things should be put off until the right time. A farmer should wait until the right season to plant his crops. An investor should wait until the right time to buy or sell. A man should wait until the right time to propose marriage to the woman he loves.

Other things should never be put off, and reconciliation to God is one of those things. The need is too urgent, and the risk is too great to wait. There is no such thing as waiting for the right time to respond to the gospel call because the right time is always now. No one has to wait for today. "Behold, now is 'the acceptable time,' behold, now is 'the day of salvation'" (2Cor. 6:2).

To be specific, if a sinner knows that he stands condemned and that salvation is available through faith in Jesus Christ, then it is time for him to act. Through the gospel, God calls upon every sinner to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 17:30-31; 2Thess. 2:14). That call comes with urgency. It does not suggest waiting for some other time, but instead it says, "Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name" (Acts 22:16).

If there are Christians who have fallen away from the Lord, then now is the time for them to seek reconciliation. To them, the gospel speaks with just as much urgency, saying, "We beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2Cor. 5:20). Now is not the time to wait, for by falling away they have again crucified the Lord to themselves, put Him to an open shame, trampled Him underfoot, and regarded His shed blood as unclean (Heb. 6:6; 10:29). Now is the time to repent of their wickedness and to ask for God's forgiveness (Acts 8:22).

Even so, there are many who know they need to act now for their salvation, but they wait instead. Their thoughts are that today is not the right time. Some want to take care of other matters before they turn to God. Some are not yet willing to let go of their sinful ways and think that it will be easier if they wait. Some think that there will be plenty of time later, so they wait. All of these say to the Lord, "Go away for the present, and when I find time I will summon you" (Acts 24:25).

Many who choose to wait for the right time will never find it. As they wait for the right time to turn to God, they neglect the time they have. They assume too much and risk the only opportunity that is guaranteed to them, namely, today. They are like the foolish rich man who thought he had "many

years to come" (Luke 12:19). As it was, he did not even have one day remaining. He failed to recognize the truth that is stated in James 2:14:

Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

Therefore, do not wait to make the most important decision of your life. "Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near" (Isa. 55:6). Opportunity will not last forever, and once it is lost, it can never be regained. Standing in the Judgment, your excuse of "I was waiting for the right time" will be rejected. "Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open up to us!' then He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know where you are from'" (Luke 13:25). Do not be the one left outside when the door is closed on your life. Be saved today!

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news & notes

- Bryan Sircy will be presenting both sermons today.
- Next Sunday, we will have our monthly song service during the 11AM hour.
- Please remember the following members in your prayers: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, and Laurie Polchek. Also pray for Jody Baize, Sandlyn Fultz, Tommy Lanius, Wayne and Beverley Wright, and Dot Long's sister Melissa.

reading plan

Sunday - 2Timothy 1-2
Monday - Numbers 9-12
Tuesday - 1Chronicles 15-19
Wednesday - Ps. 102-1-4
Thursday - Proverbs 20-21
Friday - Hosea 8-14
Saturday - John 10-12

meetings

Lakeview (Hendersonville) -
Sept. 20-23
East Cheatham (Joelton) -
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