

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
Chevis Webb

Scripture Reading:
Andrew Durham
Genesis 8:20-22

Prayer:
Nate Durham

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
When the Climate Changed

Closing Prayer:
Ron Dixon

Wednesday, February 17

Song Leader:
Andrew Durham

Invitation:
Nate Durham

Prayer:
Chevis Webb

Lord's Supper Preparation
February: Long
March: Wright/Huffines

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
David Bansemer

Scripture Reading:
Chevis Webb
Romans 1:14-17

Prayer:
Ron Hunt

Lord's Supper:
Thom Steger
Bailey Steger

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
Unashamed of the Gospel

Announcements:
John Fix

Closing Prayer:
Alex Bansemer

Usher for This Week:
Nate Durham

Creekview *BULLETIN*

Blessed Be the Name

When Job had lost almost everything, he said, "Blessed be the name of the LORD" (Job 1:21). Like Job, no matter what hardships befall us, let us also unceasingly praise the name of the Lord. He does not change (Jas. 1:17), and neither should our praise for Him.

To Our Visitors

We at Creekview rejoice for all true worshipers of God that come our way. We welcome you into our assemblies and pray that God will bless us together as we worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).

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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 War of Ideas

There is a war that is never ending in this world. It is not fought on the earth's terrain but rather in the minds of people. It is the war of ideas, and its combatants are all those who attempt to exert influence, including parents, teachers, preachers, reporters, politicians, and Youtubers. The war's objective is to capture as many minds as possible. Call it "World War Zero," for it has been going on since man was in Eden.

Christians are soldiers in this war enrolled by Jesus into His army. When we committed ourselves to Him, He raised us up with Him and placed us in the heavenly places, i.e., the spiritual field of battle (Eph. 2:6). He also equipped us to win with the armor of God and the all-important weapon, the "sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph. 6:13-17).

On the other side are the devil and his army, the "world forces of this darkness...the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Eph. 6:11-12). They also are equipped with formidable weapons, which are captivating ideas, "philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ" (Col. 2:8).

To successfully fight each battle, we must neutralize the enemy's influence. It is not a matter of merely restraining ungodly behaviors. Minds must be changed for genuine repentance to take place. So then, each battle is won by "destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ" (2Cor. 10:5). This means we must expose the lies of Satan embedded in the wisdom of men such as Charles Darwin, Karl Marx, Friedrich Nietzsche, and Sigmund Freud. We must turn minds away from the world and toward God.

Battles are won in this war one soul at a time. Our orders are to go to each soul and reason from the gospel (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16). In this, we are combatants but not combative, gently "correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will" (2Tim. 2:25-26).

These battles are not won easily. Even if the enemy's ideas are irrational and indefensible, he can still win. Satan is a master deceiver and has been so from the beginning (John 8:44; 2Cor. 11:3). He has other effective tactics as well. Silencing his opponents is one of his favorites. For example, when none of his minions could cope with Stephen's wisdom, they silenced him by murder (Acts

6:10; 7:57-60). On another occasion when their ideas were indefensible, they simply shouted, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" for two hours as if that would make the lie become true (Acts 19:34). Today, these tactics are used in the forms of censorship, propaganda, intimidation, and cancel culture. One of the most insidious ploys now used by Satan's soldiers is to take away reason and replace it with experience. In this way, one's feelings are elevated above evidence. Someone who has been thus inoculated against logic is difficult to reach with the gospel.

Therefore, we must resolve to "fight the good fight of faith" (1Tim. 6:12) with all the strength God supplies. Faith comes by hearing the word of Christ (Rom. 10:17), so let it be heard. Souls are won only by transforming them through the renewing of their minds (Rom. 12:2). Fight then with the sword of the Spirit and win those minds for Christ. Have all confidence, knowing that Jesus has already defeated Satan and the outcome is certain (Heb. 2:14-15; Rev. 20:10). Soldiers of Christ, arise!

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news & notes

- John Fix is scheduled for cataract surgery on Wednesday. Please keep him in prayer.
- Keep in mind all those members who are not assembling with the church due to COVID-19. Calls and cards are helpful to let them know that they are missed.
- Please remember the following members in your prayers: Barbara Atkins, Jeri Baker, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, and Shirley Smith. Also remember Jody Baize, Mishae Nevils, Wayne Wright, and Dot Long's sister Melissa.

reading plan

Sunday - Romans 13-14
Monday - Genesis 24-27
Tuesday - Judges 7-11
Wednesday - Psalms 18-20
Thursday - Job 13-14
Friday - Isaiah 34-39
Saturday - Matthew 17-19

meetings

None to announce