

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
Chevis Webb

Scripture Reading:
Bailey Steger
Matthew 16:13-19

Prayer:
Ron Dixon

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
Thinking Like Jesus
Lesson 7: Thinking About
the Church

Closing Prayer:
Jim Barton

Wednesday, July 8

Song Leader:
Chevis Webb

Invitation:
Jim Stubblefield

Prayer:
Ron Hunt

Lord's Supper Preparation
July: Steger
August: -

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
David Bansemer

Scripture Reading:
Max Lawrence
1Chronicles 16:23-29

Prayer:
Wayne Baker

Lord's Supper:
TBD
Nate Durham

Lesson:
Kevin Hayes

Title:
Song Service, Invitation

Announcements:
Thom Steger

Closing Prayer:
John Fix

Usher for This Week:

Creekview *BULLETIN*

Freedom

Our nation just celebrated freedom on Independence Day, but we celebrate our spiritual freedom in the assembly of the Lord every time we are together. We have been freed from the bondage of sin and of Satan (John 8:31-34; Heb. 2:14-15), and for this we are most grateful to God.

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

Boomerang

A boomerang is a V-shaped piece of wood that, when thrown correctly, travels in a curved path and returns to its point of origin. For someone who knows how to use a boomerang, it can be thrown and caught safely. For anyone else, throwing a boomerang can be a risky proposition that can lead to a headache.

In a way, everything that we do in life is like throwing boomerangs. We do and say things, and they always come back to us. This is true in everything we do in life, marriage, family, business, or economics. Everything we do has a consequence that comes back to us. Isaac Newton's third law of motion really applies to all things: "every action has an equal and opposite reaction." This is a natural and moral law that cannot be broken. The boomerang always comes back.

The essential, moral, and practical message of the Bible confirms the reciprocal nature of all that we do. This law of reciprocity is well stated in Galatians 6:7-8:

⁶Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

The experience of sowing and reaping in nature teaches us that a seed always produces after its own kind (Gen. 1:11-12). Kindness begets kindness, goodness begets goodness, and mercy begets mercy. Likewise, evil begets evil, cruelty begets cruelty, and deceit begets deception. As the passage quoted above says, sowing to the flesh can only produce corruption, for the seed of fleshly lust cannot produce anything else. However, sowing to the Spirit (or spirit) will produce eternal spiritual life, for Christ has provided the spiritual seed, which is the word of God (Matt. 13:18-23; 1Pet. 1:23).

Unfortunately, many people have to learn this truth the hard way, and some never learn it at all in this life. Like a child who does not believe that the stove is hot until he gets burned, some do not believe their actions will have consequences. Somehow, they believe that they will get an exception to the rules that govern everyone else. There are many examples: adulterers who think they will never get caught, even though thousands of marriages are thus ended every year; fornicators who think their sin is harmless, even though unwanted children are born of such sin every day; parents who think nothing of neglecting their children's spirituality in favor of worldly gains, even though their children know nothing of God; smokers who think they can smoke without getting sick, even though others are dying from the habit; Christians who think they can do nothing for the cause of Christ and still please Him, even though He has commanded our diligence (1Cor. 15:58). These examples could go on and on, but the point is made, and the evidence is all around us. Every action (or lack of) will receive a reaction (or lack of). When you throw a boomerang, it will come back

whether you expect it or not.

Rather than suffer the penalties of our errors, let us benefit from history, the experience of others, and the word of God. We have seen the consequences of others' sins (David, for example). We have heard the instructions of our parents, peers, and elders who seek to spare us from repeating mistakes that they have made. We have read the Scriptures that present us with simple principles of cause and effect (consider the pattern of almost every proverb). Why not learn from these and be spared from trouble? We have also seen the joy of those who are right with God, heard the testimony of those who have come to know the Lord, and read the promises of God in the Bible. Why not follow the patterns of God's word and those who have succeeded before us and reap eternal rewards with them?

Remember, when you speak and act, your words and deeds are coming back to you. What do you hope to catch on the rebound? Do you want life, joy, and peace, or do you want death, misery, and separation from God? Sow your seed and live your life in such a way that only good will return to you.

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news & notes

- Please keep Brenda Owen's mother, Judy Ragland, in your prayers. She was recently hospitalized.
- Also keep the following members in your prayers: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, Laurie Polchek, and Lana Richardson. Also pray for Jody Baize, Tommy Lanius, Wayne Wright, Dot Long's sister Melissa, and Sandlyn Fultz.

reading plan

Sunday-Philippians 3-4
Monday - Leviticus 10-12
Tuesday - 2Kings 1-5
Wednesday - Psalms 78-80
Thursday - Proverbs 8-9
Friday - Ezekiel 19-24
Saturday - Luke 17-18

meetings

None to announce