

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:

Scripture Reading:

Prayer:

Lesson:

Title:

Closing Prayer:

Wednesday, June 17

Song Leader:

Invitation:

Prayer:

Lord's Supper Preparation

June: Ridings

July: Steger

10:00 AM

Song Leader:

Alex Bansemer

Scripture Reading:

Al Cotten

John 14:1-6

Prayer:

Bill Duryea

Lord's Supper:

John Fix

Ron Dixon

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

Title:

*Thinking Like Jesus
Lesson 6 – Thinking About
the Way to Heaven*

Announcements:

Stacey Durham

Closing Prayer:

Louis Long

Usher for This Week:

Creekview *BULLETIN*

A Trustworthy Statement

It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1Tim. 1:15). Let us praise God today for His wonderful grace!

Streaming Services

Our worship service will be streamed live Sunday morning at 10AM on the Facebook page of the church. The live 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
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WEDNESDAYS:

BIBLE STUDY: 7:00 PM

The Biblical View of Human Life

The Biblical view of human life is both profound and simple. Only a few facts from Scripture are needed to give a proper understanding of the value and dignity of every human being, whether man, woman, or child.

The most basic information concerning human life is found in two verses of Scripture. These two verses are Genesis 1:26-27, which say the following:

²⁶Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

There are four essential facts concerning human life in these two verses. First, "God created man." This one fact instantly establishes that God has all authority over us and that we owe our existence to Him. Second, "God created man in His own image." This means that we bear a likeness to God, which gives every human being innate dignity and worth and sets us apart from all other life on earth. It also means that our lives have a spiritual component, for "God is spirit" (John 4:24), and we are made to be like Him. Third, "male and female He created them." Male and female are the only sexes made by God, and they equally bear His image and have equal dignity and worth. Fourth, God gave man dominion on the earth. This means that mankind is exalted above all other life on earth and has the responsibility of being a good steward over the earth.

This is the basic view of human life given in the Bible, and everything else extends from this basis. Historically, we all have our origin in the first man and woman, Adam and Eve. We also have the common ancestors of Noah and his family, for the rest of mankind was destroyed in the global flood (Gen. 7:21-23). These common roots are acknowledged in Acts 17:26-28:

²⁶"...and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, ²⁷that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.'"

From one man, God made "every nation of mankind." The word "nation" in verse 26 comes from the Greek word *ethnos*, which is the root of the English word "ethnic." This means that every ethnic group has the same origin. In truth, there is only one race, which is the human race. This passage also states the simple and profound purpose of all people, which is "that they would seek God."

Furthermore, this passage affirms that we depend on God to live every day. Our lives cannot exist without His daily care.

Because God is the Creator and Sustainer of mankind and because mankind is made in His image, God has an exclusive claim to the life of every human being. Life and death are the purview of God alone (Deut. 32:39). From the time a human life begins, which is at conception (Ps. 139:13-16; Jer. 20:17), that life belongs to God. Those who trespass upon God's claim and take human life forfeit their right to life by the ordinance of God (Gen. 9:5-6). This is God's law of the sanctity of human life.

Such understanding is profound and vital for every person. That being the case, it should be taught to every child and reinforced throughout the duration of life. However, such knowledge is now often hidden from both children and adults and replaced with disproven theories devised by men. The results are predictable. The respect and honor that should be extended to every human being are often forgotten. Most importantly, the personal connection with God is lost, and the longing for Him is smothered. To counteract this, let us embrace the Biblical view of human life, demonstrate it in the way we live, and teach it to others. In this way, we can take hold of life in this world and use it to prepare for life eternal.

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news & notes

- Beginning on Sunday, **June 28**, we will resume our full schedule of services. From that day forward, we will assemble on Sunday at 9, 10, and 11 AM, and on Wednesday at 7 PM.
- Please 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, and Dot Long's sister Melissa.

reading plan

Sunday - Ephesians 1-3
Monday - Leviticus 1-3
Tuesday - 1 Kings 10-13
Wednesday - Psalms 69-71
Thursday - Proverbs 4
Friday - Ezekiel 1-6
Saturday - Luke 11-12

meetings

None to announce