

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:

Scripture Reading:

Prayer:

Lesson:

Title:

Closing Prayer:

Wednesday, June 10

Song Leader:

Invitation:

Prayer:

Lord's Supper Preparation

June: Ridings

July: Steger

10:00 AM

Song Leader:

Thom Steger

Scripture Reading:

Bailey Steger

Psalm 97:1-6

Prayer:

Jim Stubblefield

Lord's Supper:

Ron Hunt

Wayne Baker

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

Title:

Justice and Righteousness

Announcements:

Stacey Durham

Closing Prayer:

Louis Long

Usher for This Week:

Creekview *BULLETIN*

Nothing Better

There is nothing better in this world that you could be doing today than to be assembling with the Lord's church for the purpose of worshipping God. You could have chosen to do many other things, but you wisely chose to spend your time in worship. Let us be thankful for this blessed opportunity.

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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WEDNESDAYS:

BIBLE STUDY: 7:00 PM

Our Purpose is Christ's Purpose

Well, that escalated quickly. Less than two weeks ago, nearly all of the news was about COVID-19 and the measures taken to prevent its spread. Since then, nearly all of the news has shifted to coverage of the violence that has broken out in cities across the United States. This violence came after a policeman in Minnesota knelt on the neck of an unarmed man for almost nine minutes. The unarmed man, who was black, later died. The policeman, who is white, has been charged with murder.

Unscrupulous persons now seek to take advantage of this tragic situation for their own purposes. Rioters and looters take the opportunity to steal, destroy, and commit violence. Powermongers stoke anger, fear, and division among the citizens of our nation to push their agendas and win votes for themselves. The news media feed the frenzy by spinning their stories to advance their own agendas and to improve their ratings.

It is easy for Christians to get swept away in all of this, but let us remember that we have a purpose, too. Christ Jesus is our Lord, and His agenda is our agenda. If we allow the world to determine how we react to current events, then we are not setting our minds on God's interests but on man's interest (Matt. 16:23). So then, let us set our minds on things above, not on the things that are on earth (Col. 3:2).

Because Christ's purpose is our purpose, we look to Him for direction. If we are truly His disciples, then we must be outstanding in this world in both our words and our conduct in the likeness of His example (1Pet. 2:21). By keeping our behavior excellent, God will be glorified both now and in the "day of visitation" (1Pet. 2:12). Jesus demanded such excellent behavior from His followers in Matthew 5:13-16:

¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Our purpose in Christ does not change regardless of what happens in the world. Those who are of the world will do the deeds of their father, who is Satan (John 8:44; 1John 5:19), but it is not for the children of God to rage, rant, and rail in the streets or on social media. Instead, Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matt. 5:9). A child of God makes peace for the cause of Christ, not strife and violence.

Moreover, Jesus came "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10), and now we are part of that effort. The turmoil in the world around us is further evidence that the gospel of Jesus is sorely needed and that we have work to do. Paul wrote, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16). The gospel is still that power for everyone, so we should never be ashamed, but rather we should be bold in our proclamation of the message of our Lord.

What is next? In the world, there will be one outrage after another, but "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Heb. 13:8). The unchangeableness of our Lord gives us steady assurance, calmness, peace, and courage in a world that is on fire. So then, let us be "looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God," and let us "be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless" (2Pet. 3:12, 14). Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful (John 14:27).

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news & notes

- For now, we will continue to assemble only on Sundays at 10AM.
- Ivy Tacheny is recovering from surgery performed on Wednesday. Please pray for her.
- Please also remember the following members in your prayers: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, Laurie Polcheck, and Lana Richardson. Also pray for Jody Baize, Tommy Lanius, Wayne Wright, and Dot Long's sister Melissa.

reading plan

Sunday - Galatians 4-6
Monday - Exodus 37-40
Tuesday - 1Kings 5-9
Wednesday - Psalms 66-68
Thursday - Proverbs 2-3
Friday - Lamentations
Saturday - Luke 9-10

meetings

None to announce