

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
Chevis Webb

Scripture Reading:
Ron Hunt
Matthew 6:1-4

Prayer:
Wayne Baker

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
Thinking Like Jesus
Lesson 3 – Thinking About
Sacrifices

Closing Prayer:
Jim Stubblefield

Wednesday, March 4

Song Leader:
Alex Bansemer

Invitation:
Chevis Webb

Prayer:
Chris Huffines

Lord's Supper Preparation
March: Fix
April: Stubblefield

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
David Bansemer

Scripture Reading:
TBD
Ephesians 5:15-21

Prayer:
Louis Long

Lord's Supper:
Doug Thweatt
John Fix
Al Cotten
Kirk Webb

Lesson:
Kevin Hayes

Title:
Song Service - Invitation

Announcements:
Jim Stubblefield

Closing Prayer:
Chris Huffines

Usher for This Week:
Louis Long

Creekview *BULLETIN*

Revive Us Again

Psalm 119 reveals how God's word will revive us from the worries of life. Nine times the psalmist calls upon God for revival through His word and His righteousness (vv. 25, 37, 40, 88, 107, 149, 154, 156, 159). Let us seek a revival today as we study His word and worship together.

To Our Visitors:

Welcome to our assemblies. We are thankful that you have come our way and that you value the spiritual things of God. May God bless us all as we worship Him today.

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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

Part-time Christians

There are many differences between a full-time job and a part-time job. A full-time employee gives more and receives more from his employer. A part-time job requires less time and less effort. A part-time employee is not deeply committed to his employer, nor is his employer deeply committed to him. A part-time employee also understands that he does not receive the same benefits as a full-time employee.

For Christians, the Lord does not offer the option of a part-time relationship. This is obvious from the high level of commitment that He has demanded from His disciples (Luke 9:23-24; 14:26-33; Matt. 10:37-39). The Lord said, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me" (Luke 9:23). There is no alternative whereby a true disciple of Christ may take up his cross only on every other day or only on Sundays. The Lord requires His disciple to commit his entire life beginning on the first day he confesses Jesus' name.

Even so, many people attempt to maintain part-time relationships with the Lord. Some are hot and cold, meaning that sometimes they are fervent for the Lord and other times they are apathetic or disobedient. Others consistently offer the minimum effort they deem sufficient to satisfy their consciences. Still others are hypocrites, acting as faithful Christians in the presence of some and as godless persons in the presence of others.

While these offer part-time service to Jesus Christ, they expect to receive the full benefits of being a His disciple. They want forgiveness of their sins, yet they do not fully repent. They want reconciliation to God, yet they often fail to pray to Him. They want to know God, yet they do not study His word. They want entrance into the kingdom of heaven, yet they have little commitment to the church of Christ here on earth. Can they honestly expect to receive the full blessings of Christ without fully committing to Him? It is the Lord's prerogative to judge men as He wills, but they place themselves in a precarious position.

As a result of such part-time commitments by Christians, the body of Christ suffers. The church is a body with each member functioning together for the good of the whole (see Rom. 12:3-5; 1 Cor. 12:12-30; Eph. 1:22-23; 4:11-16; 5:28-30). When any member of the body fails in its function, the whole body suffers. The church fails to accomplish its work when members are unreliable and inconsistent. Some members simply never contribute to the work at all. Others contribute only when it is convenient. This makes it very difficult for the church to grow. By comparison, a church with members who function only part of the time is like a person who does not know which parts of his body are going to work on any given day. He cannot make plans for tomorrow because he does not know if he will be able to walk or talk or stand. His whole body is prevented

from functioning because of the failure of a few members.

Understandably, there are circumstances which make the life of a Christian difficult for some. The Lord did not promise that His service would be easy. In truth, nobody's circumstances are perfect. Consider brethren through the ages who have given everything for the Lord in the most difficult situations. How did they do it? They were willing to suffer hardship in His service that many of us are just not willing to suffer (2Tim. 2:3).

Every Christian should be fully committed to Christ just as He was fully committed to us. Jesus gave up the glory of being in the exalted position of God over the universe to die on a cross as a bond-servant to mankind (Phil. 2:5-11). Every effort in the life of Jesus was made according to the will of God and for the service of others. The Lord's example is given for His disciples to imitate, (Eph. 5:1-2), and His self-sacrificing love for us provokes our love for Him and our brethren (1John 3:16; 4:7-12). Therefore, let us love Him and commit fully to Him and His kingdom. Christ deserves nothing less"

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news & notes

- In the 11AM hour today, we will have our monthly song service.
- The Stegers' adoptive child is expected to be born on Friday. Please keep them in your prayers through the adoption process.
- Also pray for the following members: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, Louis Long, and Noah White. Also remember Jody Baize, Alta Lanius, Wayne Wright, Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry, and the Clemens family.

reading plan

Sunday - 1Corinthians 1-2
Monday - Genesis 32-35
Tuesday - Judges 17-21
Wednesday - Psalms 24-26
Thursday - Job 17-18
Friday - Isaiah 45-50
Saturday - Matthew 23-25

meetings

Kingston Springs – Mar. 6*
Eastside (Bowling Green) –
Mar. 15-18

*song service