

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
Alex Bansemmer

Scripture Reading:
Jim Stubblefield
1Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer:
Chevis Webb

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
*The Events of the
Resurrection*

Closing Prayer:
Kirk Webb

Wednesday, March 18

Song Leader:
Jim Barton

Invitation:
David Lanius

Prayer:
Ron Dixon

Lord's Supper Preparation
March: Fix
April: Stubblefield

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
Andrew Durham

Scripture Reading:
John Fix
1Corinthians 15:51-58

Prayer:
Doug Thweatt

Lord's Supper:
David Bansemmer
Chris Huffines
Chevis Webb
Jim Barton

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
*The Meaning of the
Resurrection*

Announcements:
Jim Stubblefield

Closing Prayer:
Ron Dixon

Usher for This Week:
Kevin Hayes

Creekview *BULLETIN*

Give Me the Bible

To be drawn close to God, we need only to hear and obey His words recorded in the Bible. His word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Ps. 119:105). As the song says, "Give me the Bible," and it will provide everything that I need to know for life and godliness (2Pet. 1:3).

To Our Visitors:

We are encouraged by your presence with us and your interest in the things of God. We welcome all true worshipers into our assemblies today and always.

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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

It Isn't the End of the World

"It isn't the end of the world." Someone may say this to give some perspective on a bad situation. Did your favorite football team lose in the playoffs? "It isn't the end of the world." Does your car have a flat tire? "It isn't the end of the world." Did you lose your job? "It isn't the end of the world."

The implication of these words is that life will continue despite the current difficulty. This perspective helps in coping with hardships. It shows how useless it is for anyone to be upset over trivial matters such as football games. It also shows that a genuine problem like a lost job can be overcome, and it gives hope for better days in the future.

There is another implication in these words that is often overlooked, which is that the end of the world is actually coming. With every other circumstance, we can say, "It isn't the end of the world," and then we can deal with it. However, what shall we do when it really is the end of the world?

In a practical way, death is an end of the world, for those who die "no longer have a share in all that is done under the sun" (Eccl. 9:6). The dead still exist (Luke 16:22-23; 20:38), but their time in the world has ended. In a complete and literal way, the world will end when God destroys the material universe by fire (2Pet. 3:7, 10). Every material thing will be burned, and time itself will cease. Either way, the end of the world is certainly coming.

So then, what shall we do when it is the end of the world? The time to answer this question is not at the end of the world, but it is now. It is a matter of preparation, for we must get ready for the certain end that is coming to all of us. Whether our time in this world ends by death or by the coming day of the Lord, there is only one way to be prepared, and that is to be in Christ Jesus (Rom. 5:9-10; 8:1-2; 1Thess. 1:9-10).

If we are faithful, redeemed, and obedient in Jesus, then we do not need to fear the end of the world. Instead, we eagerly anticipate it just as 2Peter 3:10-14 says:

¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. ¹¹Since all these things are to be destroyed in this

way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹²looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! ¹³But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless...

If you are not ready for the end of the world through Christ Jesus, then you are gambling with your soul. You do not know when your life in this world will end (Jas. 4:14) or when the Lord Jesus will come (1Thess. 5:1-3; 2Pet. 3:10), so you must prepare now. Maybe today you can say, "It isn't the end of the world," but one day the end will come. Will you be ready?

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news & notes

- Thom and Jenny Steger have returned home with their newly adopted baby Micah David.
- Thank you for all of your prayers. Please continue to pray for following members: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, Louis Long, and Noah White. Also pray for Jody Baize, Katy Hunt, Alta Lanius, Wayne Wright, and Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry.

reading plan

Sunday - 1Corinthians 5-6
Monday - Genesis 40-43
Tuesday - 1Samuel 1-5
Wednesday - Psalms 30-32
Thursday - Job 21-22
Friday - Isaiah 56-61
Saturday - Mark 1-2

meetings

Eastside (Bowling Green) –
Mar. 15-18
Eastside (Bowling Green) –
Mar. 20*
Millersville – Mar. 20-22
North Sumner (Portland) –
Mar. 28-29
*song service