

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:

Scripture Reading:

Prayer:

Lesson:

Title:

Closing Prayer:

Wednesday, June 3

Song Leader:

Invitation:

Prayer:

Lord's Supper Preparation

May: Duryea

June: Ridings

10:00 AM

Song Leader:

Nate Durham

Scripture Reading:

Chevis Webb

Job 2:1-7

Prayer:

Chris Huffines

Lord's Supper:

Alex Bansemer

David Bansemer

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

Title:

*Why Do Bad Things Happen
to Good People?*

Announcements:

Stacey Durham

Closing Prayer:

Wayne Baker

Usher for This Week:

Creekview *BULLETIN*

A Good Way to Start

Can you think of a better way to begin a week than to offer worship to God?

Worshiping together on the first day of the week sets the tone for the rest of the week as we center our hearts upon God, His grace and mercy, and His will for us. Let us make today a good start to this week.

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
WORSHIP: 10:00 AM

WEDNESDAYS:

BIBLE STUDY: 7:00 PM

The Cost of Discipleship

What are you willing to give up to be a disciple of Jesus? In Luke 14:26-33, that is the question the Lord says each of us should answer before committing to follow Him. He also gives us the correct answer, which is that we cannot be His disciples unless we are willing to give up everything for His sake.

For most of us who are Christians living in the United States, our willingness to sacrifice for Jesus has rarely been tested. In our rapidly changing society, that can change at any moment, so we must always be ready. The freedoms we have always enjoyed to worship by God's instructions, preach God's word in all its fullness, and even believe in God are in danger because of the radical shift that has occurred in our culture. If practicing faith in Jesus becomes widely unpopular, criticized, stigmatized, or even illegal, will we be ready to pay the costs of remaining faithful to Him?

Let us carefully consider the words Jesus spoke in Luke 14:26-33 and the sacrifices we must be willing to make.

²⁶"If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. ²⁸For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³²Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions."

Are we to understand that Christians must be hateful to their families, give away everything they own, and be crucified? We know such an interpretation is false, for other passages of Scripture teach us to love our families (Eph. 5:25; 6:1-4; Tit. 2:4), work and be good stewards over our possessions (Eph. 4:28; 1Tim. 6:17-19; 2Thess. 3:6-10), and be living sacrifices (Rom. 12:1-2). In truth, Jesus is teaching us that His disciples must be willing to make any sacrifice that is necessary to follow Him. So then, if faith in Christ causes a conflict with a disciple's family members, he must choose Jesus over them (Matt. 10:34-37). If a disciple's material possessions hinder him from following Jesus, then he must give them away for the Lord's sake (Matt. 19:16-26). If following Jesus becomes a burden like the one Jesus bore as He carried His own cross to Golgotha (John 19:17), a

disciple must take up that burden every day without fail. Even if faith in Jesus becomes a death sentence, He says, "Be faithful until death, and I will give you a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

The Lord advises us to consider what it might cost to finish before we ever begin following Him. Is there any relationship in the world (spouse, child, parent, friend) you would not be willing to sever for His sake? Is there anything in your possession (house, bank account, sentimental token, family heirloom) that is too precious for you to give away for Him? Is there any burden (self-denial, persecution, abuse, pain, job loss, poverty, shame, embarrassment, loneliness) that you would not carry for Him? If the answer to any of these is yes, then Jesus says you cannot be His disciple. It may be that you will not have to make many of these sacrifices, but if the willingness to do so is not present in you, then Jesus does not have the preeminence in your life that He requires and deserves. On the other hand, you may have to make all of these sacrifices for Him. If that is the case, will you be able to finish the course of discipleship in Jesus? Have you counted the cost?

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news & notes

- For now, we will continue to assemble only on Sundays at 10AM.
- All of our services are now streamed live on Facebook on the page for the Creekview Church of Christ.
- Please keep 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 1-3
Monday - Exodus 33-36
Tuesday - 1Kings 1-4
Wednesday - Psalms 63-65
Thursday - Proverbs 1
Friday - Jeremiah 47-52
Saturday - Luke 7-8

meetings

Warfield Blvd. - June 1-5,
VBS