

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:

Scripture Reading:

Prayer:

Lesson:

Title:

Closing Prayer:

10:00 AM

Song Leader:

Scripture Reading:

Prayer:

Lord's Supper:

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
The Pilgrims

Announcements:

Closing Prayer:

Wednesday, November 25

Song Leader:

Invitation:

Prayer:

Lord's Supper Preparation
November: Hayes
December: Fix

Usher for This Week:

Creekview *BULLETIN*

For This Purpose

As Jesus anticipated His impending crucifixion, He said, "But for this purpose I came to this hour" (John 12:27). He did not shrink back from His purpose. Our purpose in this life is to glorify God and to do His will. Like Jesus, let us never shrink back from our purpose.

Closed for COVID-19

Due to COVID-19 among us, we will not assemble on Sunday, November 22. A Bible study will be streamed at 10AM and Wednesday at 7PM on the Facebook page of the church.

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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

How You Can Amaze God

There is not much you can do to impress God. He is all-powerful, so your accomplishments do not impress Him. He is all-knowing, so He already knows everything you know and much more. He existed before you, created you, sustains you, and knows what the future holds for you. How can you possibly impress Him?

There is one way in which God can be impressed and possibly even amazed by you. It is by your faith. If you show that you believe in God in ways that are extraordinary in this world, He will be amazed. Conversely, if you show that do not believe in God despite the abundance of evidence in His favor, He will also be amazed.

The Lord Jesus, the Son of God, was amazed by uncommon faith. An example of this comes from the unlikely source of a Roman centurion in Luke 7:1-10. His beloved slave was dying, so the centurion sent some Jewish elders to ask Jesus to come and save the slave's life. As the Lord was on His way, the centurion sent another message, saying, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof; for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it" (vv. 6-8). The Lord's reaction is recorded in verse 9:

Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, "I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith."

On the other hand, Jesus was also amazed by the lack of faith among His own people. His very own neighbors are an example of this in Mark 6:1-6. Jesus had been performing many miracles throughout Galilee, but when He came to His hometown of Nazareth, "He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them" (v. 5). Jesus said of the Nazarenes, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own household" (v. 4). His impression of them is stated in verse 6, which says, "And He wondered at their unbelief."

Why was Jesus amazed at these people? By the centurion, He was amazed because this Roman understood His authority and power better than the Jews, who had the covenant, the Law, and the Prophets. As for the people of Nazareth, He was amazed because those who knew Him best understood Him the least. In both cases, it was the element of faith or the lack thereof that caused Jesus to marvel.

Indeed, it is faith that garners God's attention. In Hebrews 11:6, the Scripture says, "And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him." We "seek His face continually" (Ps. 105:4) by acting and speaking in ways that express our unwavering belief in Him. He notices these things, and it pleases Him. He may even marvel at us if we are uncommonly faithful like the Roman centurion. However, if we are faithless, fearful, and untrusting of Him, He notices us but not with favor. In that case, He is amazed how we could be so unfaithful when He has given us so many reasons to believe.

So then, consider how you can amaze God. It is not in the ways that cause men to be amazed. Instead, it is by having an amazing faith. Of course, you can also amaze Him by having no faith, but that will place you in the same category with the hard-hearted Nazarenes, who hindered themselves from receiving the power of the Lord. Unlike them, you surely wish to amaze the Lord and obtain His favor. Therefore, do so with faith that is uncommon in this world and amazing in heaven.

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news & notes

- Kirk and Jenny Webb are hospitalized due to COVID-19. Chevis also has the virus but is at home. Pray fervently for them.
- John and Christy Fix also have COVID-19 and are at home. Keep them in prayer.
- Please also pray for the following members: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanisus, and Laurie Polchek. Also pray for Ralph Anderson, Jody Baize, Wayne Wright, Dot Long's sister Melissa, Pat Ridings' brother, and Donella Jones' daughter Mishae Neville.

reading plan

Sunday - 2Peter
Monday - Deut. 16-19
Tuesday - Ezra 6-10
Wednesday - Ps. 134-136
Thursday - Ecclesiastes 9-14
Friday - Zechariah 8-14
Saturday - Acts 17-18

meetings

None to announce