

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
David Bansemer

Scripture Reading:
Ron Dixon
Ecclesiastes 9:7-12

Prayer:
Bailey Steger

Lesson:
Kevin Hayes

Title:
Trouble Will Come

Closing Prayer:
Bill Duryea

Wednesday, December 2

Song Leader:
David Bansemer

Invitation:
Ron Hunt

Prayer:
Chevis Webb

Lord's Supper Preparation
November: Hayes
December: Durham

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
Stacey Durham

Scripture Reading:
Al Cotten
Galatians 4:1-7

Prayer:
Alex Bansemer

Lord's Supper:
Wayne Baker
Ron Hunt

Lesson:
Thom Steger

Title:
You Are Adopted

Announcements:
Ron Dixon

Closing Prayer:
Doug Thweatt

Usher for This Week:
Doug Thweatt

Creekview *BULLETIN*

Come and Get It

Today, the Creekview church of Christ is offering no coffee, no doughnuts, no bingo, and no ice cream socials. This church is not about such things, but what we do have, we offer freely - the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is "the power of God for salvation" (Rom. 1:16). Come and get it!

To Our Visitors

Thank you for joining our worship service today. You are welcomed by the Creekview church of Christ to assemble with us every time we meet. We are glad that you have come to join us in this blessed effort

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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

Received with Gratitude

Gratitude and thanksgiving are among our primary responsibilities toward God. The giving of thanks should attend everything we do all of the time. We have a mandate to be “always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God” (Eph. 5:20). Without exception, we are to be thankful for every blessing, for Scripture commands, “In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1Thess. 5:18).

With this responsibility comes a sense of urgency. Every blessing is to be “received with gratitude” (1Tim. 4:4). We are not to receive first and be thankful later. Instead, we are to thank God first and then enjoy the blessing.

At times, our sense of urgency in gratitude is missing. Perhaps we are so eager to receive a blessing that we forget to give thanks for it first. Maybe we are spoiled and have a sense of entitlement so that we do not give thanks at all. Whatever the reason, it is a great mistake and even a sin when we are ungrateful.

Sometimes gratitude comes too late. For example, some people are not thankful for their spouses until they are widowed and alone. Some are not thankful for their children until their homes are empty and their children are gone. Some are not thankful for their jobs until the economy crashes and they are unemployed. Some are not thankful for their good health until they are sick or infirmed by age.

What difference does it make to receive blessings with gratitude? After all, being thankful cannot prevent a spouse from dying. It cannot keep children from growing up and moving away. It cannot stop the economy from crashing and an employer from laying off workers. It cannot prevent injuries, illnesses, or the onset of age.

Actually, being thankful makes all the difference in the world. A thankful spouse is a better spouse because he values his marriage and is careful to honor it (Prov. 18:22; Eph. 5:22-33). A thankful parent is a better parent because he treasures his children and does his best to care for them (Ps. 127:35; Eph. 6:4). A thankful employee is a better worker because he appreciates the opportunity and works hard to earn his living (Eph. 6:5-9). A person who is thankful for his health is a better steward over his own body and does not make choices that cause his own harm (Prov. 23:21; 1Cor. 6:13).

In His great wisdom, God prescribed gratitude for us because it is good

for us. He does not need for us to be thankful, but we need gratitude for our own sake. Gratitude allows us to see beyond our blessings to the God who blesses us. It causes us to think more about God and less about ourselves. It lets us see the value of our blessings and appreciate the sacrifices made to obtain them. It teaches us not to waste our blessings but instead to make the best use of them. Gratitude simply makes us better people.

So then, let us not delay in giving thanks for every blessing. God’s blessings are to be received with gratitude, so let us give thanks as soon as blessings arrive. If we do so, God will be pleased, and we will be better for it.

Stacey E. Durham

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news & notes

- At this writing, Kirk and Jenny Webb are still in the hospital due to COVID-19 but are improving. Your prayers are appreciated.
- John and Christy Fix are still recovering from COVID-19 at home. Please keep them in prayer.
- Also pray for the following: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanisus, and Laurie Polchek. Also remember Ralph Anderson, Jody Baize, Wayne Wright, Dot Long’s sister Melissa, Pat Ridings’ brother, and Donella Jones’ daughter Mishae Neville.

reading plan

Sunday - 1John 1-3
Monday – Deut. 20-22
Tuesday - Nehemiah 1-4
Wednesday – Ps. 137-139
Thursday – Eccl. 11-12
Friday - Malachi
Saturday - Acts 19-20

meetings

None to announce