

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
Chevis Webb

Scripture Reading:
Bailey Steger
Romans 10:5-10

Prayer:
Jim Barton

Lesson:
Stacey Durham
Confessing Jesus

Closing Prayer:
Chris Huffines

Wednesday, October 14

Song Leader:
Andrew Durham

Invitation:
David Lanius

Prayer:
Alex Bansemer

Lord's Supper Preparation
October: Thweatt
November:

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
David Bansemer

Scripture Reading:
Jim Stubblefield
Psalm 76:4-9

Prayer:
Louis Long

Lord's Supper:
Andrew Durham
Nate Durham

Lesson:
Stacey Durham
Be Still and Know That I Am God

Announcements:
John Fix

Closing Prayer:
Ron Hunt

Usher for This Week:
Thom Steger

Creekview *BULLETIN*

Blessed Forgiveness

“How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven” (Ps. 32:1). If you are a Christian, recognize your blessed condition and praise the Lord who made it possible. Worship Him today with all the thanks your heart can offer.

To Our Visitors

The church of Christ at Creekview is made up of a group of Christians who are trying to live by the gospel of Jesus. We invite all to study the Word of God with us. We welcome all questions and comments and will meet privately to study with you if you desire.

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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

Worth It or Not Worth It

How do you make your decisions? Are you guided by popular opinion or core principles; immediate gratification or long-term results; self-concern or concern for others? The answers to these depend on your value system. If you are a Christian, then your value system is determined by the Lord Jesus. He tells us to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matt. 6:33), and He also tells us to love God above all others and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matt. 22:36-40). These principles form a Christian's basis for decision making.

One of the best ways to make decisions is to consider costs and rewards. For any decision, ask yourself, "Will the reward be worth the cost?" This evaluation is where your value system becomes effective. If you measure worth by the Lord's standards, then the decisions you make will often be different from those you would make by worldly standards.

Let us consider some decisions that were made in the records of Scripture and ask the question, "Was the reward worth the cost?" By reviewing the real-life decisions of others, we can clarify our own priorities for decision making.

- *Moses chose Israel over Egypt.* By doing so, he rejected the ease of being the son of Pharaoh's daughter and instead endured forty years of extreme hardship in the wilderness with the stubborn, rebellious people of Israel. Was the reward worth the cost? By worldly standards, the answer would be no, but Moses considered the "reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward" (Heb. 11:26). The reward he sought was not the promised land of Canaan but the promised land of heaven.
- *David chose adultery.* He indulged the immediate gratification of his fleshly lust, but one night's pleasure with another man's wife brought division, strife, and shame to his kingdom and family for the rest of his life (2Sam. 12:9-12). Was the reward worth the cost? By any standard, the answer is no. Of course, David was a believer in God, but he set aside the standards of God's law and made a decision based on a fleshly impulse. If God had not forgiven him, it would have cost him his soul.
- *Stephen chose to tell the truth.* He convicted the Jewish leadership of murdering the Christ and was stoned to death for it (Acts 7:51-60). Was the reward worth the cost? By a worldly evaluation, there was no reward, for Stephen received only pain and death. However, he knew that the reward for giving his earthly life in the service of Jesus is eternal spiritual life (John 12:25). To him, the reward was well worth the cost.

- *Paul chose to serve Jesus.* As a result, he forfeited everything that had mattered to him and suffered a tremendous ordeal for the rest of his life (2Cor. 11:23-28). Was the reward worth the cost? A worldly man would say no, but Paul said, "More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ" (Phil. 3:8). Paul was convinced that the reward of knowing Jesus is worth any cost.

Examples like these abound in the Scriptures, and they teach us the wisdom of making our decisions by the value system of heaven rather than that of the world. Ultimately, the eternal rewards for our decisions will be made by the Lord Jesus when He judges each soul (2Cor. 5:10; 2Tim. 4:8). When that Judgment has been made, will the rewards of your life be worth what they cost you in exchange? Think about this every time you make a choice.

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news & notes

- Kay Lanius is still undergoing treatment in the hospital.
- Ralph Anderson is now recovering in a rehab hospital.
- Donella Jones' daughter Mishae is still awaiting back surgery to be scheduled.
- Please continue to pray for Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, and Laurie Polchek. Also pray for Jody Baize, Tommy Lanius, Wayne Wright, Dot Long's sister Melissa, and Pat Ridings' brother.

reading plan

Sunday - Hebrews 8-10
Monday - Numbers 33-36
Tuesday - 2Chronicles 16-20
Wednesday - Psalm 119
Thursday - Proverbs 29-30
Friday - Micah
Saturday - Acts 5-6

meetings

None to announce