

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
John Fix

Scripture Reading:
Ron Hunt
Ephesians 4:11-16

Prayer:
David Bansemer

Lesson:
Stacey Durham
The Organization of the Church

Closing Prayer:
Kevin Hayes

Wednesday, October 21

Song Leader:
Nate Durham

Invitation:
Thom Steger

Prayer:
Stacey Durham

Lord's Supper Preparation
October: Thweatt
November:

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
Jim Barton

Scripture Reading:
Doug Thweatt
Romans 8:18-25

Prayer:
Bill Duryea

Lord's Supper:
Alex Bansemer
David Bansemer

Lesson:
Stacey Durham
In Hope We Have Been Saved

Announcements:
John Fix

Closing Prayer:
Wayne Baker

Usher for This Week:
Doug Thweatt

Creekview *BULLETIN*

Welcome

We want to welcome everyone on this Lord's Day into the assembly of the Lord's church at Creekview. It is a great blessing for all of us to be here today, and we thank God for another opportunity to come before Him in praise and worship.

To Our Visitors

We are delighted to see you in our midst today. Thank you for joining us on this blessed day to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving to our Father in heaven. May God bless you and your family.

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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

Unreasonable

Jesus Christ was the most reasonable man who ever lived. His entire ministry was a demonstration of evidence and logic. He explained the truth about Himself using the Old Testament Scriptures. He reasoned with people about the kingdom of God by His teachings and parables. He proved His identity and divine authority with miracles and signs, the greatest of which was His resurrection from the dead. Not a single claim that He made was unsubstantiated.

Nevertheless, many who heard His words and saw His works did not believe Him. This was not because the Lord had failed to provide sufficient reasons for them to believe. Instead, it was because they were unreasonable.

To be unreasonable is to be stubbornly resistant to logic and evidence. For example, Nabal, whose name appropriately means “fool,” was unreasonable in his response to David’s request for provisions. Nabal’s own servants said that he was “such a worthless man that no one can speak to him” (1Sam. 25:7). This description is fitting for anyone who is unreasonable, for such a person refuses to listen to sound words.

Generally, there is one root cause for which a cognizant person becomes unreasonable. It is that he is unwilling to accept the logical conclusion of the evidence that is set before him. This was the case with many of the Jews in Thessalonica when Paul “reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, ‘This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ’” (Acts 17:2-3). Those who were reasonable were persuaded by the evidence, but the unreasonable Jews became jealous and formed a mob to set the city into an uproar. They were unwilling to accept the logical conclusion of Paul’s argument, but they could not refute it, so they resorted to chaos and violence.

Should Christians attempt to reason with people who are unreasonable? The answer is yes, but our efforts should be limited. For example, Paul and Barnabas preached the gospel at Antioch of Pisidia, but the Jews opposed them. Therefore, they said, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first; since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles” (Acts 13:46). If our hearers prove to be unreasonable like those at Thessalonica and Antioch, then our Lord advises us, saying, “Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces” (Matt. 7:6). We should not continue to expend effort reasoning with people who have proved to be unreasonable.

Why should we reason with unreasonable people at all? For their sake, it gives them the opportunity to hear the word of God. Rather than treating them with prejudice, let them judge themselves as worthy or unworthy of its message by their reception or rejection of it. For our sake, we are carrying out the orders of our Lord to “preach the gospel to all creation” (Mark 16:15). This is our responsibility regardless of how our hearers receive the message. For the Lord’s sake, He is glorified by the teaching of His word, and it is also His desire that all men hear the truth and be saved (1Tim. 2:3-4).

When we do encounter unreasonable people, let us pray that “they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil” (2Tim. 2:26). It is their submission to Satan’s rule that keeps them in the darkness of willful ignorance and blocks them from the light of God’s word. Unless they allow the sound words of Christ’s gospel to enter their hearts, they cannot be saved. Being unreasonable will be the reason that they are lost for eternity, and that is a sad conclusion indeed.

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news & notes

- Sarah Brown has joined our membership at Creekview. Welcome her into the congregation.
- Kay Lanius went home on Thursday. Please continue to pray for her and Kim.
- Please continue to pray for Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, and Laurie Polchek. Also pray for Ralph Anderson, Jody Baize, Tommy Lanius, Wayne Wright, Dot Long’s sister Melissa, Pat Ridings’ brother, and Donella’s daughter Mishae.

reading plan

Sunday- Hebrews 11-13
Monday - Deuteronomy 1-3
Tuesday - 2Chronicles 21-24
Wednesday – Ps. 120-121
Thursday - Proverbs 31
Friday - Nahum
Saturday - Acts 7-8

meetings

Warfield Blvd. (Clarksville) –
Oct. 22-25