

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
Andrew Durham

Scripture Reading:
Wayne Baker
Luke 8:19-21

Prayer:
Alex Bansemer

Lesson:
Stacey Durham
Thinking Like Jesus
Lesson 10: Thinking About Family

Closing Prayer:
Ron Dixno

Wednesday, October 7

Song Leader:
Chevis Webb

Invitation:
Bailey Steger

Prayer:
David Bansemer

Lord's Supper Preparation
October: Thweatt
November:

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
Nate Durham

Scripture Reading:
Bill Duryea
Habakkuk 2:18-20

Prayer:
Doug Thweatt

Lord's Supper:
Ron Dixon
John Fix

Lesson:
Jim Stubblefield
Song Service - Invitation

Announcements:
John Fix

Closing Prayer:
Al Cotten

Usher for This Week:
Doug Thweatt

Creekview *BULLETIN*

May the Word Dwell in Us

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God (Col. 3:16).

To Our Visitors

Welcome to Creekview. We are thankful that you have come to worship with us today, and we hope that you find everything we say and do to be according to God's word. Please allow us to get to know you, and come back again whenever you have opportunity.

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SUNDAYS:

WORSHIP: 9:00 AM
BIBLE STUDY: 10:00 AM
WORSHIP: 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAYS:

BIBLE STUDY: 7:00 PM

Politics and Panic

If you are an addict of cable news, chances are that you are in a state of panic right now. Depending on which network you watch, you are probably convinced that if the wrong candidate wins the White House, then America will turn into either Nazi Germany or Communist China. Either way, the 24-7 drumbeat of the panic press leaves you in a state of anxiety, outrage, and despondency.

Before I tell you not to panic, let me make some disclaimers. I am not saying that politics and elections do not matter. Clearly, they do, and elections have consequences as has been said many times. I am not saying that you should not vote. Voting is a fundamental right that we are blessed to have in our nation, and we need well-informed, God-fearing people to participate in the election process. Finally, I am not saying that you should not pay attention to news. Events, issues, and candidates matter, and we cannot be informed if we disconnect from all media.

Now I can tell you not to panic. The panic that is incited by news media is designed to do two things. The first is to get you to watch their programming so they can sell advertising and make more money. The second is to steer you to their preferred candidates. If you are a Christian, then neither of these goals align with your goals according to Christ's agenda. Therefore, do not succumb to the panic press.

Instead of panicking, remember this commandment that is found dozens of times in Scripture: Do not fear. When did the Lord ever prescribe panic for His faithful people? Never! So then, whenever you hear another panic-inducing news story, remember God's prescription for fearlessness. Even if the election is won by the political candidates you oppose, you still have no need to panic or fear.

How can you have a mindset of fearlessness? Every Christian knows that faith is the answer. Jesus says, "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me" (John 14:1). To His believers, God promises, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you," so that we may confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid; What will man do to me?" (Heb. 11:5-6).

Also, a proper sense of priorities will make you impervious to the panic press. Consider this: How concerned was Jesus with politics? Judging by His words, He was not concerned very much. He did not endorse either of the two main Jewish political parties, the Pharisees and Sadducees, but rather He often condemned them. Concerning Roman politics, He once called Herod a fox (Luke 13:31), and He told Pilate that his authority had been given from above

(John 19:11). Otherwise, Jesus had little to say about the struggle for political power. On the other hand, He had much to say about the kingdom of God, and this should be our primary concern as well (Matt. 6:33).

Remember, Jesus is our King, and that never changes. His name is not on any ballot, and His reign is not subject to man's election. God has made Him both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36), and He has all authority in heaven and on earth (Matt. 28:18). Civil governments exist by God's will and for His purposes (Rom. 13:1-7; 1Pet. 2:13-14). Those that forget God and defy His purposes will be cast down (Ps. 9:17), but Christ's kingdom transcends all the kingdoms of men (Dan. 2:44). So then, take the election seriously, educate yourself about the issues and the candidates, and use God's word as your guide when you vote. Most importantly, "sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts" (1Pet. 3:15) and let the panic over politics fade away.

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news & notes

- Kay Lanius' condition remains unchanged. Please pray for relief for her and Kim.
- Ralph Anderson's condition has greatly improved. Please continue prayers for him.
- Donella Jones' daughter Mishae needs back surgery this week. Please pray for her.
- Please continue to pray for Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, and Laurie Polchek. Also pray for Jody Baize, Sandlyn Fultz, Tommy Lanius, Wayne Wright, Dot Long's sister Melissa, and Pat Ridings' brother.

reading plan

Sunday- Hebrews 5-7
Monday - Numbers 29-32
Tuesday - 2Chronicles 11-15
Wednesday - Ps. 117-118
Thursday - Proverbs 28
Friday - Jonah
Saturday - Acts 3-4

meetings

None to announce