

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
Nate Durham

Scripture Reading:
Chevis Webb
Luke 5:27-32

Prayer:
Doug Thweatt

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Thinking Like Jesus
Lesson 9: Thinking About
Sinners

Closing Prayer:
Ron Dixon

Wednesday, September 9

Song Leader:
Chevis Webb

Invitation:
Jim Stubblefield

Prayer:
Bailey Steger

Lord's Supper Preparation
September: Steger
October: Thweatt

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
Andrew Durham

Scripture Reading:
Wayne Baker
Psalm 118:19-24

Prayer:
Kirk Webb

Lord's Supper:
Doug Thweatt
Bill Duryea

Lesson:
John Fix

Song Service: Invitation

Announcements:
Doug Thweatt

Closing Prayer:
Al Cotten

Usher for This Week:
Louis Long

Creekview *BULLETIN*

To Worship God

To worship God is to express our love and adoration for Him. It is to exalt Him above all others and make Him the center of our lives. It is to give Him His proper reverence and honor for who He is, what He has done, what He continues to do, and what He will do. Let us truly worship God today.

Streaming Services

All services of the church will be streamed live on the Creekview Facebook page. Each stream will begin a few minutes early so that viewers can connect.

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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

Critical Theory

Chances are that you have never heard of Critical Theory or that you only heard of it recently. It is time for all Christians to become familiar with Critical Theory because it is affecting almost everything in America today. The Lord expects us to “discern the signs of the times” (Matt. 16:3), and this is one of those signs.

Critical Theory is a philosophy that criticizes and blames society and culture for all social problems. It suggests that problems such as poverty and crime exist because people are trapped in circumstances imposed on them by society. It seeks to solve all such problems by redistributing power and wealth from those who have them to others who do not. This results in the destruction of existing social structures and the creation of new ones.

Critical Theory also classifies people as either oppressors or oppressed persons. These classifications are made collectively rather than individually. So then, an individual is deemed to be an oppressor not because he has oppressed someone else but because he belongs to a group that is considered as oppressive. For example, Critical Race Theory (the racial version of Critical Theory) classifies people with white skin as oppressors. Therefore, any white person is an oppressor even if he has not personally oppressed anyone.

With this thumbnail sketch, the impact of Critical Theory on current events is evident. All social problems in America are being blamed on America’s culture, heritage, and history. Every time an individual does something wrong, his offense is framed in terms of collective social circumstances. If he is a member of an oppressive class, then his crime is seen as evidence of his class’ collective guilt. If he is a member of an oppressed class, then his crime is due to the oppression against his class. Because the existing structures of society are blamed for what this individual has done, the reaction is to destroy those structures. Thus, there is rioting, looting, destruction of public and private property, violence, and calls for defunding police.

Christians must recognize that Critical Theory and its application are opposed the most basic principles of the word of God. Foremost, social problems and all other problems are the products of sin. Any philosophy that fails to acknowledge this cannot arrive at the proper solution, which of course is Jesus Christ (Rom. 6:23). Moreover, God holds individuals accountable for what they do, and He does not accuse them or excuse them based on an association with anyone else. Notice Ezekiel 18:20:

“The person who sins will die. The son will not bear the punishment for the father’s iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son’s iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself.”

The Lord will judge each person “according to what he has done, whether good or bad” (2Cor. 5:10), and He advises us to do the same. He said, “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment” (John 7:24), and, “Each tree is known by its own fruit” (Luke 6:44).

Christians should also recognize the damage that is being caused by the application of Critical Theory. The collective solutions that are being proposed

and implemented will not bring blessings to Americans. God governs the world by the basic rule of reaping and sowing (Gal. 6:7) and does not reward those who will not abide by it (2Thess. 3:10). If Americans reject this rule by taking away fruit of one person’s labor and giving it to another, then we institutionalize theft. If Americans adopt a policy of partiality and privilege for certain classes of people, then we embrace injustice (Ex. 23:3, 6; Lev. 19:15). If Americans tear down social structures such as civil government and marriage, which God has designed for our good (Gen. 2:18, 24; Rom. 13:1-7), then we destroy ourselves.

Therefore, understand Critical Theory as the fallacious philosophy that it is. It promises equality, freedom, and justice, but it delivers theft, injustice, and destruction. Those who are promoting this philosophy generally suffer from some combination of ignorance, deception, anger, greed, corruption, and madness. Let it not be so with us, but rather let us reject Critical Theory as yet another empty, dishonest philosophy of men (Col. 2:8).

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news & notes

- New books are available for the upcoming study of Deity for Wednesday night. Be sure to get one.
- Today, we will have our monthly song service during the 11AM hour.
- Your prayers are always appreciated for the following members: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, and Laurie Polchek. Also pray for Jody Baize, Sandlyn Fultz, Tommy Lanius, Wayne and Beverley Wright, and Dot Long’s sister Melissa.

reading plan

Sunday - 2Timothy 3-4
Monday - Numbers 13-16
Tuesday - 1Chronicles 20-24
Wednesday - Ps. 105-107
Thursday - Proverbs 22
Friday - Joel
Saturday - John 13-15

meetings

Lakeview (Hendersonville) –
Sept. 20-23
East Cheatham (Joelton) –
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