

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
Thom Steger

Scripture Reading:
Bill Duryea
Psalm 2:1-12

Prayer:
Alex Bansemer

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
*I Have Installed My King
Upon Zion*

Closing Prayer:
Nate Durham

Wednesday, March 17

Song Leader:
Chevis Webb

Invitation:
Kevin Hayes

Prayer:
Ron Dixon

Lord's Supper Preparation
March: Wright/Huffines
April: Duryea

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
David Bansemer

Scripture Reading:
Louis Long
1Peter 1:22-25

Prayer:
Al Cotten

Lord's Supper:
Jim Stubblefield
Brandon Ayers

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
*The Bible Will Not Be
Cancelled*

Announcements:
Ron Dixon

Closing Prayer:
Kevin Hayes

Usher for This Week:
Louis Long

Creekview *BULLETIN*

White As Snow

“Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool” (Isa. 1:18). How blessed we are to have the blood of Jesus to cleanse all our guilty stains. The deep red of sin is gone, and the spotless white of purity now covers us. Praise God!

To Our Visitors

We are encouraged by your presence with us and your interest in the things of God. We hope that you are edified by being with us and that you find all that we do brings glory and honor to God. May He bless you!

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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

Submission Power

The term “willpower” is somewhat of a paradox. On the surface, it would seem to mean the power to execute your own will. However, willpower is really the power to resist or change your own will. For example, it takes willpower to commit yourself to diet and exercise. At first, it is your will to eat whatever you want and spare yourself from the effort to workout. By willpower, you overcome your will and even change it. You succeed in this because you are convinced that the result of diet and exercise, which is good health, is better than the results of immediate gratification and indulgence.

In spiritual terms, willpower is the power to submit your own will to the will of God. This means resisting or changing the impulses that move you so that your words and deeds comply with God’s will. In other words, it means, “Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Col. 3:17). You substitute the Lord’s will for your own. You succeed in this if you are convinced that the result of submission to God, which is eternal life, is better than the alternative (1Cor. 9:25-27; 15:58; 2Cor. 4:16-18; 2Tim. 1:13).

So then, willpower for a Christian becomes submission power. This is the attitude expressed by Mary, the mother of Jesus, who said to the angel Gabriel, “Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). Her words express a complete surrender of her will, for she did not resist the burden that God laid upon her. In the same way, believers in Jesus must approach Him in complete submission. Yielding to His will, they must take His yoke upon them by humbly accepting His burden (Matt. 11:29-30).

Submission power is exercised by self-control. Of course, every person of sound mind controls his own words and actions, but purposeful self-control in this spiritual sense entails self-restraint, self-denial, and self-actuation. Self-control means subduing impulses that conflict with God’s will. It also means that we must be active in doing what is right even when it is inconvenient, uncomfortable, costly, or risky to do so (Jas. 2:14-26; 4:17).

Submission power is exemplified perfectly by our Lord Jesus. It was He who taught us to pray, “Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” (Matt. 6:10), and then prayed Himself in Gethsemane, saying, “Yet not as I will, but as You will” (Matt. 26:39). For the sake of His Father’s will, Jesus emptied Himself, came into the world as a bond-servant, and became obedient to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:5-8). In doing

so, He gave us an example of submission to follow (1Pet. 2:21-25). Because He submitted to His Father, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who submit to Him (Heb. 5:9).

Like Jesus, let us exercise submission power through self-control. This means resisting impulses of the flesh and other worldly influences that would move us to speak and act in ways contrary to God’s will. It also means changing our hearts so that we no longer wish to do anything other than God’s will. How blessed we will be if we can say like David, “I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart” (Ps. 40:8). If we can say this in truth, then we will have the power of submission.

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news & notes

- Please be mindful of Sarah Brown in your prayers. She has been having inner ear trouble.
- John Fix will be having his second cataract surgery on Wednesday. Please pray that all goes well.
- Also remember the following members in your prayers: Barbara Atkins, Jeri Baker, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, and Shirley Smith. Also remember Jody Baize, Mishae Nevils, Wayne Wright, and Dot Long’s sister Melissa.

reading plan

Sunday - 1Corinthians 5-6
Monday - Genesis 40-43
Tuesday - 1Samuel 1-5
Wednesday - Psalms 30-32
Thursday - Job 21-22
Friday - Isaiah 56-61
Saturday - Mark 1-2

meetings

None to announce