



## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Worship 5:00 PM

### Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM  
7:00 PM

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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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# Prayer

**E**ach of us has been in the following situation (if you have not, continue to live and eventually you will); life is going well and unexpectedly, a situation over which we have no control manifests itself in our lives. Our first line of defense is to talk to someone about it. We may talk to a spouse, a fellow Christian, a preacher or elder, but we will talk to someone. In many cases, the person to whom we talk has no solutions as well, because if the situation is beyond your control, it is most likely out of the control of others. Others can empathize, reassure, and even shed a sympathizing tear, but none of those will make the situation go away.

Next, we will scour the internet for solutions. Our favorite phrase today is, "Google it." There are some problems in life for which Google and Alexa have no answers. We may research, try to find examples, or solutions through many different avenues to no avail.

After exhausting resources and trying to get the thoughts and opinions of others, we then may say, "I ought to pray about it." I would like to submit to you that the first thing to do in any situation is to pray about it. Many events will always be out of our control, and since that is the case, we need to take those events to someone who has control over all; our Heavenly Father.

Prayer is sometimes used as a "last resort" after we have no where else or no one else to turn. Make prayer the first resort and then wait upon the Lord to see how He works and moves to help overcome situations.

It is said of Epaphras, "Epaphras who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God" (Col. 4:12).

Life will present us with many challenges, and as finite people, we do not always have solutions to the those challenges. Pray to God, and labor fervently in prayer like Epaphras and see how God will help you stand perfectly and completely in His will. He cares for us and will certainly hear and answer our concerns. Make God, through prayer your first resort!

—K.A. Pugh

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The weekend is a time to have a break from the daily grind. It is a time for relaxation, recreation, and maintenance. As Christians, however, we also work in time for assembling with other Christians. Think about it! What are some reasons you might give for working God into your schedule?

*The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty! Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.*

Ps 93 ESV

Truly, He is worthy of your praise and adoration!  
I hope to see you Sunday.

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