

A Skin-and-Bones God

If you wanted to know what kind of person is the Queen of England, which would be more insightful, reading a book about her, or spending a month visiting with her in person? Obviously the time spent with the Queen would go much farther in revealing her nature than merely reading about her in a book. Is the same true of God?

In last week's New Testament Bible reading, the apostle John writes something so deep and profound that we have a difficult time grasping its significance. Others found his words outrageous. He writes, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. . . . The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:1-2, 14). For most of us, when we hear the phrase "Word of God" we envision the printed words of the Bible. But John uses that phrase in reference to the person of Jesus. Logos (the Greek word translated as "word") meant the "thought" or "reason" being expressed in words. So at times, the Greeks used the word "logos" to mean the unifying, determining intellect behind everything, namely God.

The idea that the ultimate, eternal mind was both "with God" and "was God" from the very beginning only makes sense. But then John does something radical. He says that this "mind of God" became a human. To the Greeks, this was impossible because God as spirit is good, but anything material was flawed and imperfect. The perfect mind of God becoming part of this physical world and participating in it? Nonsense!

Yet that's exact what Jesus did, and thereby revealed God to us in a way beyond what mere words could describe. God didn't just send an idea, a philosophy, or a teaching. God sent Himself as a person to show us what He is like. That's why the more we get to know Jesus, the more we get to know God. The more we become like Jesus, the more we become like God. As Christians, we don't just follow a set of ideas and teachings collected in a book; we follow a person, the God-person, Jesus Christ. That's much better than just a bunch of words.

Curtis Williams

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

Date	New Testament	Old Testament
Monday, 10/20	John 4	Jeremiah 37-40
Tuesday, 10/21	John 5	Jeremiah 41-44
Wednesday, 10/22	John 6	Jeremiah 45-48
Thursday, 10/23	John 7	Jeremiah 49-52
Friday, 10/24	John 8	Lamentations 1-4
Saturday, 10/25	Reflection*	Reflection
Sunday, 10/26	Reflection	Reflection

*Saturdays and Sundays are reserved as days to re-read and reflect upon previous readings, or catch up on readings missed during the week.

Sunday, October 26

4405 Williford, Sachse

5:00 to 5:30 p.m. — Pumpkin Decorating

Families, bring a pumpkin to carve or decorate.

Some decorating supplies will be furnished.

Bring anything special you need for your pumpkin.



5:30 to 6:00 p.m. — Ministry Fair

Our new ministry teams will be represented and you can sign up for the team of your choice or volunteer to help in the various ministry areas.

6:00 to 6:45 p.m. — Fish Fry
Sign up today for what to bring.

6:45 p.m. — Trunk or Treat begins.

Be thinking of a way to decorate your trunk and be stocking up on goodies for the kids.

You're welcome to also give out non-sweet things like small toys, pencils, packaged pretzels, etc.

Kids wear your costumes!



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Sunday morning schedule

Bible classes.....9:30 am
Worship service.....10:30 am

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Order of Worship

Opening Songs

Welcome & Call to Worship

Song: *Rock of Ages*

Song: *Victory in Jesus*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:17-30

Prayer

Song: *Here I Am to Worship*

Song: *I Stand in Awe*

Song: *Highest Place*

Song: *Fairest, Lord Jesus*

Offering

(Children's Offering* and kids dismissed to Children's Worship**)

Song: *Thank You, Lord*

Message: "The Day They Crucified My Lord"

Song: *The Old Rugged Cross*

Communion

Song: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Song: *Lamb of God*

Family News

Song: *It Is Well With My Soul*

Prayer

New to North Pointe and have children?

Children are an important part of the North Pointe church. For this reason we offer the following opportunities for children during our worship service:

Nursery: A staffed nursery with pagers for parents, is provided during the worship service. The nursery for babies, toddlers and two year olds is located in E Hall past the restrooms. A separate, non-staffed nursery is also available for parents to use as needed.

***Children's Offering:** To teach our children the discipline of giving we provide them an opportunity to contribute in a visible way. This money is used for various ministries.

****Children's Worship:** Because children have their own unique level of learning and expression we offer a special worship period for children 3 years of age through 2nd grade. Children are dismissed to Children's Worship following the Children's offering.

***What is "Face-to-Face with God"?

This time during our worship service allows three opportunities for personal prayer. Your may: 1) remain in your seat and spend time privately praying to God, 2) go to the back of the cafeterium where a member of our prayer team will pray for you or with you, privately and confidentially, or 3) come to the front row of seats with your public prayer request where the prayer leader will include your request in his prayer concluding this period.

North Pointe News

New Baby

Congratulations to **Curtis** and **Karen Williams** on the birth of **Jonah Lee Williams**, born October 13, 2008. He weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Today

The **Administrative Team** will meet right after church today for a very brief meeting.

The **Praise Team** will have a pot-luck lunch and practice following services at the church office.

The **Knox Pointe Group** will not be meeting tonight.

This Week

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 22

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Home of **Deanna Priebe**

316 Love Bird Lane, Murphy

Future Events

Baby Blessing Day

Sunday, November 16

We will be blessing six babies on this Sunday. We need to fill up baskets with baby stuff! Please be bringing items for the baskets. Suggested items: travel size wet wipes, baby lotions, shampoo, miniature picture frames, socks or any kind of smaller items for babies that will fit into the baskets.

Special Contribution for Orphan Sunday

Sunday, November 16

Lifeline of Hope currently brings aid and assistance to 20,000 homeless children in 11 countries. You will have an opportunity to give to this organization that supplies many needs for orphans.

“... so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation in which you shine like stars in the universe ...”
Philippians 2:15



This Week

Children's Chorus

Chorus will not meet this week so that families can attend the Going Away Party for the Browns. Chorus will resume on Wednesday, October 29 as usual.

Future Events

Trunk-or-Treat and All Church Fish Fry

Sunday, October 26

5:00 p.m.

Kids wear your costumes and bring your buckets to collect your goodies. See the back page for more details.

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Christmas Cookie Party

Saturday, December 6

Elementary ages will enjoy decorating and eating Christmas cookies!
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Christmas Musical "Visions of Christmas"

Presented Sunday, December 14

9:30 a.m.

Leadership Training for Christ

Friday, April 10, 2009

Chorus and Bible Bowl practice starts soon.

Beverly Ritz

North Pointe Youth Ministry

Today

Teens are leaving right after church this morning to go to the State Fair. Bring at least \$20. We will return to the church office at 5:00 p.m.

This Week

Going Away Party for the Brown's

Wednesday, October 22

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Home of **Mike** and **Frances Campbell**

6006 Pleasant Valley Road, Wylie

See **Geri Wyatt** for food assignments.

Future Events

Teen Pumpkin Carving Contest

Sunday, October 26

5:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Part of Trunk-or-Treat event

Youth Retreat

Saturday, November 1 – Sunday, November 2

Theme: *Fear God!*

Camp Deer Run, Winnsboro, Texas

Cost: \$50, Sign up and pay up today!

Matt Lee

Record for Sunday, October 12

Worship Attendance: 161

General Offering: \$3,730.00

Children's Offering: \$22.17