

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:

Scripture Reading:

Prayer:

Lesson:

Title:

Closing Prayer:

Wednesday, April 8

Song Leader:

Invitation:

Prayer:

Lord's Supper Preparation

March: Fix

April: Stubblefield

11:00 AM

Song Leader:

Scripture Reading:

Prayer:

Lord's Supper:

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

Title:

*When the Patience of God
Kept Waiting*

Announcements:

Closing Prayer:

Usher for This Week:

Creekview *BULLETIN*

Be Encouraged

Our assemblies are still suspended, but be encouraged. "Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful" (John 14:27). This situation will soon be resolved, and the church will be together again. Lord willing and with His help, we will all get through this soon.

Sermon Online:

A sermon will be presented live online Sunday morning at 11AM on the Facebook page of Stacey Durham. This is a public presentation, so anyone can see it without a Facebook account.

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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

Is God Angry at Us?

With the coronavirus pandemic among us, some people are asking whether God is angry with us. After all, the modern world has given Him many reasons to be angry, such as the plague of abortion, rampant sexual immorality and homosexuality, unbridled greed and materialism, and a general disregard for God's word. So then, should we interpret the coronavirus pandemic as an expression of God's anger?

To answer this question, we should first acknowledge that God's anger against man's sin has been known since long before anyone ever heard of COVID-19. This knowledge traces all the way back to the first sinner, Adam, and has been evident ever since. The revelation of God's wrath is described in Romans 1:18-21:

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. ²¹For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

We should also recognize that every bad thing in this world is a consequence of man's sin. When God made the world, "it was very good" (Gen. 1:31). There were no viruses or diseases, and there was no death. There were also no tornadoes, earthquakes, hurricanes, or other natural disasters. However, the effect of sin upon the world corrupted God's very good creation.

Consider Romans 8:20-22:

²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

So then, the current pandemic is not unlike any other trouble suffered by mankind in terms of the wrath of God. Like all sickness, injuries, and any other afflictions that portend physical death, the coronavirus is a product of this fallen world. Whether it is a plague sent by God specifically to punish and discipline the modern world for its sins cannot be known without a new revelation of the Holy Spirit, which will not be coming. God's word is

complete in the Bible, and the spiritual gifts of knowledge and prophecy have ceased (1Cor. 13:8-10; Jude 3). Therefore, any conclusion that the coronavirus is a special expression of God's wrath is merely speculation.

One thing we know for certain is that there are far worse expressions of God's wrath than the coronavirus or any other physical consequence. Souls that are disobedient and unfaithful to God will suffer the eternal consequence of His wrath when they are separated from Him forever (Matt. 25:46; Rom. 2:5; 2Thess. 1:9). However, those who are justified by faith and the blood of Christ Jesus "shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him" (Rom. 5:9). Therefore, let every soul hear the gospel and resolve "to serve a living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come" (1Thess. 1:9-10). Then they will have nothing to fear, including the coronavirus. Lord willing and with His help, we will get through this soon.

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news & notes

- Due to the COVID-19 virus, all services are suspended indefinitely.
- No news is good news! All of our members are doing well. Keep praying especially for those who work in healthcare: Kelly Hayes, Becky Hunt, and Brianna Owen.
- Also remember to pray for the following: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, Louis Long, and Noah White. Also pray for Jody Baize, Katy Hunt, Alta Lanius, Wayne Wright, and Dot Long's sister Melissa.

reading plan

Sunday - 1 Corinthians 13-14
Monday - Exodus 5-8
Tuesday - 1 Samuel 21-25
Wednesday - Psalms 42-44
Thursday - Job 29-30
Friday - Jeremiah 12-16
Saturday - Mark 9-10

meetings

None to announce