

DUTY ROSTER FOR APRIL 14, 2019

Usher for This Week: John Fix

9:00 AM

Song Leader:

John Fix

Scripture Reading:

Ron Hunt

Scripture:

Psalms 139:1-5

Prayer:

Ron Dixon

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

*God Knows You; Seek to Know
Him*

Closing Prayer:

Chevis Webb

11:00 AM

Song Leader:

David Bansemer

Scripture Reading:

Al Cotten

Scripture:

2Peter 3:14-18

Prayer:

Gary Sells

Lord's Supper:

Kevin Hayes

Doug Thweatt

Jim Barton

Wayne Baker

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

*Pursuing Excellence and Better
Things*

Announcements:

John Fix

Closing Prayer:

Chris Huffines

LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION

April: Steger

May: Stubblefield

SIGN MESSAGE CHANGING

April: Steger

May: Stubblefield

Elders: Ron Dixon, John Fix, Stacey Durham Deacons: David Bansemer, Kevin Hayes, Thom Steger, Doug Thweatt
Preacher and Editor: Stacey Durham

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Song Leader: Thom Steger

Invitation: John Fix

Closing Prayer: Ron Dixon

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Service Times:

Sundays 9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship

Wednesdays 7:00 PM Bible Study

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Pass It On

Every Christian can thank someone else for teaching him or her the gospel of Christ, whether it was a parent, a family member, a teacher, a preacher, etc. It was God's plan for the gospel to be handed down from generation to generation (2Tim. 2:2). Now it is our turn to pass it on, so let us be sure to do our part in procreating the next generation of men and women who will abide in the most holy faith that was once delivered to the saints (Jude 3, 20). Don't be the weak link that breaks the chain of faith.

To Our Visitors:

Welcome to Creekview. We are thankful that you have come to worship with us today, and we hope that you find everything we say and do to be according to God's word. Please allow us to get to know you, and come back again whenever you have opportunity.

news and notes:

- We rejoice for Bailey Steger, who was baptized into Christ on Wednesday. May God be praised for His new child in the faith.
- A meeting will be held for the men of Creekview on Saturday, April 27, at 10AM in the church building. All men are encouraged to attend.
- Please remember these members in your prayers: Maddy Clemens, Wilma Deering, Mary Ham, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, Dot Long, Pat Ridings, and Bessie Short. Also remember Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry and Dot Long's sister Melissa.

52 Week Reading Plan: Week 15

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

Gospel Meetings:

Skyview (White House) - Apr. 14
Warfield Blvd. (Clarksville) - Apr. 14
Kemper Heights (Madison) - Apr. 14-17
Eastside (Bowling Green) - Apr. 19, singing
Bethany (Orlinda) - Apr. 21-26

Treasures of Wickedness

The old saying goes, “You can’t take it with you.” The Biblical expression of this idea is found in 1Timothy 6:7, which says, “For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either.” Our material possessions will not leave this world, but all of us will, for death separates our souls from our physical bodies. Therefore, it is foolish to invest our existence into material things and earthly wealth, for “not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions” (Luke 12:15). Indeed, those who trust in their riches will lose the source of their security and will be faced with a question like the one God asked the rich fool in Luke 12:20: “You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?”

Even more foolish than those who trust in their riches are those who obtain such riches through wickedness. They cannot take their riches with them, but they will carry the detrimental effects of their ill-gotten gains when they leave this life. When the temporal benefits of their dishonestly gained riches are long forgotten, they will still be suffering the lasting ramifications of their wickedness.

A warning against ill-gotten gains is given in Proverbs 10:2, which says, “Treasures of wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death.” In this verse, “profit” is a relative term. A man can profit in a material way by enlarging his bank account, but money and property will be of no profit to him in the day of his death. On the other hand, “righteousness delivers from death,” but the man who has profited by theft, fraud, deceit, dishonest dealings, or abuse has no righteousness. So then, this man’s “treasures of wickedness” have actually deprived him of the only possession that would have profited him at death.

By taking away the profit of righteousness, the treasures of wickedness take away life itself. In Proverbs 1:19, the Scripture says, “So are the ways of everyone who gains by violence; it takes away the life of its possessors.” This can happen in terms of temporal life, for those who profit by theft and murder often suffer physical death as a consequence of their sins. However, the definite and certain way in which ill-gotten gain “takes away the life of its possessors” is in the eternal, spiritual sense. “Righteousness delivers from death,” but wickedness becomes a death sentence. When the wicked man stands

before Jesus in the Judgment, he will be recompensed for his evil deeds (2Cor. 5:10) and will “go away into eternal punishment” (Matt. 25:46).

So then, the treasures of wickedness follow those who have profited dishonestly and become evidence to be used against them in the Judgment. Consider the condemnation given for such persons in James 5:3-5:

³Your gold and your silver have rusted; and their rust will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire. It is in the last days that you have stored up your treasure!

⁴Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, and which has been withheld by you, cries out against you; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. ⁵You have lived luxuriously on the earth and led a life of wanton pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.

Like a fattened calf that is destined for slaughter, the swollen estates of these dishonestly rich men make them choice subjects in the coming spiritual slaughter. In that day, they will wish that they could disassociate themselves from the treasures of wickedness they amassed, but their ill-gotten gains will follow them to the Judgment as a witness against them.

Therefore, the treasures of wickedness must be avoided. Opportunities to profit from dishonesty, deceit, fraud, and abuse should be shunned regardless of how much material wealth they offer. No amount of worldly gains will be worth the cost for those who lose their eternal souls in exchange. For those who have collected the profits of wickedness, they must repent and divest themselves of their gains. For example, the tax collector Zaccheus told the Lord Jesus, “Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much” (Luke 19:8). Tax collectors were notorious for practicing extortion, but Zaccheus resolved to make restitution for his wickedness. In response, Jesus said, “Today salvation has come to this house” (Luke 19:9). For salvation to come to us, we must also rid ourselves of the treasures of wickedness. We cannot take such profits with us, but their effects can follow us for eternity.

Stacey E. Durham