

## DUTY ROSTER FOR DECEMBER 9, 2018

**Usher for This Week: Doug Thweatt**

**9:00 AM**

**Song Leader:**

Andrew Durham

**Scripture Reading:**

Kevin Hayes

**Scripture:**

Genesis 6:5-8

**Prayer:**

Kirk Webb

**Lesson:**

Stacey Durham

*Noah was Saved by Grace*

**Closing Prayer:**

TBD

**11:00 AM**

**Song Leader:**

Thom Steger

**Scripture Reading:**

Wayne Baker

**Scripture:**

Hebrews 11:7

**Prayer:**

Gary Sells

**Lord's Supper:**

David Bansemer

Alex Bansemer

Al Cotten

Andrew Durham

**Lesson:**

Stacey Durham

*Noah was Saved Through*

*Faith*

**Announcements:**

Doug Thweatt

**Closing Prayer:**

John Fix

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

**Song Leader:** Cheivs Webb  
**Invitation:** David Bansemer  
**Closing Prayer:** Chris Huffines

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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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**LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION**

**December:** Fix  
**January:** Dixon

**SIGN MESSAGE CHANGING**

**December:**  
**January:**

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

# CREEKVIEW BULLETIN

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## Beyond Comparison

**Do you have problems? We all do, so we must keep them in perspective. Paul wrote, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Rom. 8:18). In another place, he wrote, "For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison" (2Cor. 4:18). If we endure the problems of this life with patient faith, then the reward from God will be well worth any trouble.**

### To Our Visitors:

We hope that you find our services to be Scriptural in all things and edifying to your soul. We count it as a great honor and privilege to gather before the Lord for worship, and we hope that this sense of reverence is evident in all that we do. Thank you for coming to be with us today, and may God bless you as you walk with Him.

## news and notes:

- Signup sheets for the Lord's Supper preparation and changing the sign in 2019 are posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up for these duties if you can.
- Please keep the following members in your prayers: Jim & Kay Cook, Billy & Wilma Deering, Mary Ham, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, and Bessie Short. Also remember Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry, Dot Long's sister Melissa, and baby Esther Hunt.

### 52 Week Reading Plan: Week 49

Sunday - 1John 4-5  
Monday - Deuteronomy 23-25  
Tuesday - Nehemiah 5-9  
Wednesday - Psalms 140-142  
Thursday - Song of Sol. 1-2  
Friday - Revelation 1-6  
Saturday - Acts 21-22

### Gospel Meetings:

Eastside (Bowling Green) - Dec. 21, song service

## Did Scientists Discover Noah?

There is a long history of men who have searched for Noah's ark. Expeditions have explored the mountains of Ararat in Turkey at great risk and expense. Some have claimed that they saw the ark, and others even said they entered it. However, no photographic evidence has survived to support these claims, and all recent expeditions have failed. This should come as no surprise, for no one should expect for a wooden structure over 4,000 years old to have survived underneath fast-moving glaciers at 17,000 feet of elevation.

More recently, a different kind of evidence has emerged that may support the Bible's account of the global flood. This evidence comes from an unlikely source and is by no means in complete agreement with the Bible's records, but it is compelling, nonetheless. The journal *Human Evolution* reports a study in which the "genetic bar codes" of five million creatures from 100,000 species were examined. Researchers concluded that all humans descended from a single pair of ancestors after a catastrophic event nearly destroyed the entire human race. They also determined that nine out of every ten species also came from a single pair of ancestors.

Do these findings sound familiar? According to the Bible, God sent a flood of water over the entire surface of the earth around 4,000 years ago. As a result, every air-breathing creature was killed according to Genesis 7:19-22:

<sup>19</sup>The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered. <sup>20</sup>The water prevailed fifteen cubits higher, and the mountains were covered. <sup>21</sup>All flesh that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind; <sup>22</sup>of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died.

The only exceptions to this worldwide catastrophe were those whom God preserved aboard the ark. Notice Genesis 7:23:

Thus He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth; and only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark.

When the flood waters receded, Noah and his family were charged by

God to "be fruitful and multiply; populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it" (Gen. 9:7). Thus, every man and woman living today are descended from a single pair of ancestors, Noah and his wife. Likewise, all air-breathing creatures are the offspring of those animals that were saved on Noah's ark.

Of course, this study was not published to give support to the Bible. After all, the journal *Human Evolution* exists to promote a theory that is utterly opposed to the Bible's account of creation. Furthermore, the researchers in this study concluded that the catastrophe in question occurred 100,000 to 200,000 years ago, while the Bible reveals that the earth has existed less than 10,000 years. As for the catastrophe itself, the researchers assumed that something catastrophic must have nearly wiped out the human race because it is the only way for evolutionists to explain how all humans could have the same two ancestors.

Regardless, the hard evidence from this study does agree with the Bible. The hard evidence consists of the genetic bar codes that prove the two common ancestors for all humans and the similar results found for all animals. The researchers' explanation of a vast catastrophe also agrees with the Bible, although their interpretation of a timeframe for the catastrophe disagrees.

Our faith in the Bible does not depend upon scientific research, but such evidence does confirm the Bible's teachings. We believe that the Bible is God's word for many reasons, such as its unity, accuracy, scientific foreknowledge, fulfilled prophecies, and more. By faith, we believe the Bible's records of events such as creation or the global flood even without seeing them ourselves (Heb. 11:1-3). We believe these things because the inspired word of God teaches them, not because scientists have discovered them. That said, true science continuously proves the Bible to be true. Evolutionary scientists may be surprised by this, but Christians certainly are not.

Stacey E. Durham