

DUTY ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2019

Usher for This Week: Thom Steger

9:00 AM

Song Leader:

Andrew Durham

Scripture Reading:

Chevis Webb

Scripture:

Psalms 33:6-9

Prayer:

Doug Thweatt

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

Evolution Weekend 2019

Closing Prayer:

Wayne Baker

11:00 AM

Song Leader:

David Bansemer

Scripture Reading:

Al Cotten

Scripture:

1 Timothy 6:20-21

Prayer:

Chris Huffines

Lord's Supper:

Kevin Hayes

John Fix

Bill Duryea

Kirk Webb

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

*The Confluence of Religion
and Science*

Announcements:

Ron Dixon

Closing Prayer:

Alex Bansemer

LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION

February: Durham

March: Long

SIGN MESSAGE CHANGING

February:

March: Wright

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Song Leader: Thom Steger
Invitation: Jim Stubblefield
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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CREEKVIEW BULLETIN

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No Time Like the Present

If anything stands between you and God, then the best time to be reconciled to God is now. Why wait another minute? "Behold, now is 'the acceptable time,' behold, now is 'the day of salvation.'" (2Cor. 6:2) If you have been waiting for the right moment to make your soul right with God through Christ, your time has come. Do not delay any longer!

To Our Visitors:

We are very thankful that you have come to be with us as we approach God in worship today. All true worshipers of God are always welcome here. We want you to know that our goals at Creekview are to learn, practice, and teach those things that are given to us through the word of God, the Bible. We hope that you find that we are accomplishing these goals and that you will want to join us again. If we can be of any assistance to you in your walk with God, please let us know.

news and notes:

- Jim Cook was hospitalized last week due to respiratory problems. Please pray for his comfort and recovery, and pray for Kay as well.
- Please pray for the following members: Billy & Wilma Deering, Mary Ham, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, Dot Long, Lana Richardson, Pat Ridings, and Bessie Short. Also remember Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry, and Dot Long's sister Melissa.

52 Week Reading Plan: Week 6

Sunday - Romans 11-12
Monday - Genesis 20-23
Tuesday - Judges 1-6
Wednesday - Psalms 15-17
Thursday - Job 11-12
Friday - Isaiah 29-33
Saturday - Matthew 14-16

Gospel Meetings:

Eastside (Bowling Green) - Feb. 15, song service

Fighting Back the Flames

The world is on fire. It burns with the immoral conduct of people who are fueled by the lust of the flesh. It burns with displays and images of immodesty and indecency that are created to stoke the lust of the eyes. It burns with lies and erroneous teachings that arise from the boastful pride of those who seek to exalt themselves over others and against God.

Of course, this is nothing new. These fires were burning before we arrived, and they will continue for the duration of the world's existence. The Scripture warned us about them long ago in 1John 2:15-17:

¹⁵Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

As these fires burn, it our responsibility as Christians to fight back the flames from ourselves, our families, and the Lord's church. Because we live in the midst of the world, we cannot help being affected by what happens around us. The heat and smoldering embers from the world's fires can easily start fires among us unless we take measures to prevent them.

Within the church, all of us share this responsibility, but the leaders of the church carry a greater burden. Elders are accountable for the church like shepherds over a flock, just as Paul indicated to the Ephesians elders in Acts 20:28-30:

²⁸"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them."

"When the Chief Shepherd appears" (1Pet. 5:4), the elders will have to answer for how they oversaw the household of God (1Tim. 3:4-5, 15). If they allow the flames of the world to burn the house of God, then they fail with the stewardship entrusted to them.

Those who teach and preach within the Lord's church also carry a greater share of this responsibility. They are the watchmen who stand guard to

sound warnings of the dangers that approach. This responsibility is exemplified in the instructions given in Ezekiel 33:7-9:

⁷"Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them warning from Me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require from your hand. ⁹But if you on your part warn a wicked man to turn from his way and he does not turn from his way, he will die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your life."

Teachers of God's word stand on the watchtower and sound the warnings and the alarms for the fires that surround us. They have to be sharp in their vision and clear in their words so that their hearers are fully aware of the dangers.

In concert with the efforts of leaders within the church, every Christian is responsible for fighting back the flames of the fires that surround us. All of us should heed the guidance given by those who oversee the church according to Hebrews 13:17:

Obeys your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

Individually, each of us should be careful how we walk (Eph. 5:15), looking out for and resisting the devil who lurks like a vicious predator (1Pet. 5:8-9). Moreover, let us not grow dull of hearing (Heb. 5:11) or contemptuous of the word of God (2Tim. 4:1-4), no matter how frequently we must hear the same warnings.

The dangers of the world are not going away, and we must be diligent to prevent the flames from engulfing us. Do not think that the church is fireproof. Things that we think could never get into the church may enter if we are not careful. It has happened before, and it can happen again. Do not assume that the church will remain impervious to the pressures of society on issues like evolution, homosexuality, and abortion. The advocates of these things are working hard to promote their agenda among us and our children, so we must work even harder to defeat them. The world is on fire; let us not burn with it.

Stacey E. Durham