

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
Andrew Durham

Scripture Reading:
Chevis Webb
1Kings 12:6-15

Prayer:
Bailey Steger

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
*A Turn of Events from the
Lord*

Closing Prayer:
John Fix

Wednesday, January 15

Song Leader:
David Bansemer

Invitation:

Prayer:
Chevis Webb

Lord's Supper Preparation
January: Durham
February: Long

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
Alex Bansemer

Scripture Reading:
Al Cotten
1Peter 1:10-12

Prayer:
Bill Duryea

Lord's Supper:
Chris Huffines
Louis Long
Jim Barton
Wayne Baker

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
Read Your Bible

Announcements:
John Fix

Closing Prayer:
Kevin Hayes

Usher for This Week:
Doug Thweatt

Creekview *BULLETIN*

Christ Died for Our Sins

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures (1Cor. 15:3-4). What better activity could we have today than worshiping the one who died for us?

To Our Visitors:

We are encouraged by your presence with us and your interest in the things of God. We also encourage you to stay after our services and give us a chance to get to know you.

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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

Divided Methodist Church

Last Friday (1/3/20), leaders from the United Methodist Church announced plans to split the denomination over the issue of homosexuality. This split is the result of a vote cast last summer in which delegates of the denomination from around the world voted 438-384 to ban same-sex marriage and same-sex clergy members. Most of the Methodist churches in the United States were opposed to this outcome and in favor of sanctioning homosexuality. Because their differences are irreconcilable, leaders of the denomination have resolved that the two sides will part ways and form separate denominations.

The problems in this story are deep and numerous. The following is a brief summary of them:

- In both testaments, the Bible clearly teaches God's opposition to homosexuality. In Romans 1:26-27, the practice is called degrading, unnatural, and indecent. In 1Timothy 1:10-11, it is described as "contrary to sound teaching, according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God." In 1Corinthians 6:9-11, we learn that homosexuals will not inherit the kingdom of God unless they repent ("such were some of you") and are washed, sanctified, and justified in Christ.
- From the beginning, marriage has been defined in God's word as the union of a man and a woman (Gen. 2:24). By the historical context of the woman's creation for the companionship of man in Genesis 2:18-23, marriage can never be redefined to be anything else regardless of the opinions of people. This is not merely a tradition of mankind, but rather it is the mandate of God, who is the one that joins a man and a woman in marriage according to Jesus Himself (Matt. 19:4-6).
- The beliefs, practices, and teachings of Christ's church are not to be determined by a vote of delegates at a convention. The true "church of the living God" is "the pillar and support of the truth" (1Tim. 3:15). That truth is found in God's word (John 17:17), not in the opinions of men or the will of any majority.
- The church designed and built by Jesus is not comprised of denominations, but rather it is one, unified body. He built His single church (Matt. 16:18) and died to purchase it with His own blood (Acts 20:28). "There is one body" (Eph. 4:4), and that body is the church (Eph. 1:22-23). Jesus Himself is the head of that body, and the body is subject to Him alone (Eph. 5:24). He adds individual souls to His church when they obey His gospel (Acts 2:41, 47). Those individuals organize, work, and assemble together in local congregations (Rom. 12:4-5; 1Cor. 12:27). Each local congregation is overseen by elders who are responsible only for the flock among them (Acts 14:23; 20:28; 1Pet. 5:1-5). Nowhere in this design, construction, and function of the church is there a place for denominations, conventions, or votes by

delegates to determine the church's policy.

- There is no separate clergy class to be ordained within the church. Jesus designed His church so that members would have different roles (1Cor. 12:12-26; Eph. 4:11-13), but no one in the church is to be exalted above others. The only "Reverend" in the Lord's church is the Lord Himself.

The division within the Methodist denomination presents an opportunity for its members and all who claim to believe in Christ to think carefully about these issues. Anyone who belongs to a church that is founded, organized, and governed contrary to the teachings of Scripture should be leaving that church and looking for the true church of Christ. Indeed, such a person should be looking for the truth of God's word and examining himself to see whether he is following it. It is the Lord who should direct our steps, not conventions of denominations, popular culture, or the majority opinions of men.

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news & notes

- Our sympathy is extended to Doug Thweatt and his family due to the death of his brother last week.
- Please provide a recent photo of yourself or your family to Stacey Durham for the church directory. Email or text is preferred.
- Please pray for the following members: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, and Kay Lanius. Also pray for Jody Baize, Alta Lanius, Wayne Wright, Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry, and the Clemens family.

reading plan

Sunday - Romans 3-4
Monday - Genesis 4-7
Tuesday - Joshua 6-10
Wednesday - Psalms 3-5
Thursday - Job 3-4
Friday - Isaiah 7-11
Saturday - Matthew 3-4

meetings

Eastside - Jan. 17*

*song service