

DUTY ROSTER FOR JANUARY 27, 2019

Usher for This Week: David Bansemer

9:00 AM

Song Leader:

Chevis Webb

Scripture Reading:

Doug Thweatt

Scripture:

Acts 2:40-47

Prayer:

Ron Dixon

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

*Addition, Multiplication,
Subtraction, and Division*

Closing Prayer:

Wayne Baker

11:00 AM

Song Leader:

Andrew Durham

Scripture Reading:

Al Cotten

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 3:1-7

Prayer:

Gary Sells

Lord's Supper:

Chris Huffines

TBD

Bill Duryea

John Fix

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

Acts Like Men

Announcements:

John Fix

Closing Prayer:

Doug Thweatt

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

Song Leader: John Fix

Invitation: Kevin Hayes

Closing Prayer: Alex Bansemer

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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

January: Dixon
February: Durham

SIGN MESSAGE CHANGING

January: Hayes
February:

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

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He Who Hesitates is Lost

The phrase "he who hesitates is lost" does not come from the Bible, but the principle is Scriptural. The idea is that one who delays to seize an opportunity will lose it. If one delays obedience to the gospel, then how great is the loss! If you have not obeyed the gospel, then heed these words: "Now why do you delay? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name" (Acts 22:16). May you say unto God today, "I hastened and did not delay to keep Your commandments" (Ps. 119:60).

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:

- Our sympathy is extended to the Sells' family for the passing of Annette's mother last week.
- Please pray for the following members: Jim & Kay Cook, Billy & Wilma Deering, Mary Ham, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, Dot Long, Lana Richardson, and Bessie Short. Also remember Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry, and Dot Long's sister Melissa.

52 Week Reading Plan: Week 4

Sunday - Romans 7-8
Monday - Genesis 12-15
Tuesday - Joshua 16-20
Wednesday - Psalms 9-11
Thursday - Job 7-8
Friday - Isaiah 18-22
Saturday - Matthew 8-10

Gospel Meetings:

Skyview (White House) - Feb. 8, song service

I Know How You Feel

This was quite a week in the news cycle. It seemed that one story after another promoted and celebrated behaviors that are immoral and indecent while making villains and victims out of innocent people. The lowlight of the week was the passage of a new abortion law in New York state. The new law allows the murder of babies any time prior to birth. When this law was passed, the New York legislature erupted in applause with a standing ovation. This was yet another step in the degradation of America.

As Christians, we are provoked in many ways by these stories. We know what is right and wrong by God's word, and it is heartbreaking to see such flagrant disregard for morality. Even the innate conscience and nature itself teach us that the immoral behaviors that are being legalized, normalized, embraced, and celebrated are wrong (Rom. 1:26-32; 2:14-16). As these things swirl around us, our emotions are stirred, and there is an impulse to act. What shall we do?

You may have a notion to withdraw from the world. As attractive as this idea is, it must be dismissed for three reasons. First, you cannot go out of the world, for it is practically impossible to do so (1Cor. 5:10). Second, Christians have a mandate from the Lord to be in the world for the sake of preaching the gospel (Matt. 28:18-20). Third, ignorance is not bliss. Even if you shut off the world and pay as little attention to these things as possible, the world's problems will find a way to affect you and your family. If you are unaware, then you will be unprepared.

You may be provoked to anger by the immorality and vileness you see. It is okay to be angry, but it is not okay to allow that anger to cause sin (Eph. 4:26-27). The devil finds fertile ground for temptation and sin in hearts that are hot with anger, so any anger needs to be resolved quickly. If you can find something constructive and counteractive to the evil that is done, then take action. If you can defend the weak and rescue the innocent, then do that. However, we must always govern and restrain ourselves by what is good, right, and permissible according to God's word. We are never to take our own revenge, but rather we are to "leave room for the wrath of God" (Rom. 12:19). The best course of action is always to "overcome evil with good" (Rom. 12:21). Moreover, we should "pray without ceasing"

(1Thess. 5:17) and thereby find an outlet to calm any anger. Indeed, pray that the wickedness might stop, that those who are committing and promoting evil will be brought to repentance, and that our families and our brethren might be spared from the effects of such corruption.

Anxiety is another reaction you may experience due to the increase in wickedness. You may worry about how these things will affect your family now and in generations to come. You may worry about the church and how preaching messages contrary to society's corruption may invite persecution. You may worry about the wrath of God providentially descending on a nation that is forgetting Him (Ps. 9:17). Regardless of the object of your worry, the solution is the same according to 1Peter 5:6-7:

⁶Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, ⁷casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

It is important to remember that "the whole world lies in the power of the evil one" (1John 5:19), but "greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world" (1John 4:4). We know how this story ends, for Satan loses, and Jesus wins. If we are on the side of Jesus, then we win, too. Notice 1John 5:4-5:

⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith. ⁵Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Finally, you may feel a profound sadness for the moral regression and degradation we are witnessing. Truly, the only way to offset and overcome this sadness is through the joy of salvation in Christ Jesus. As the darkness of this world grows even darker, the brightness of Christ's glory shines through all the more. Every story of corruption and wickedness only confirms God's word concerning the world and compels us to look for a way out. What a joy it is to know that we can escape this world of sin and death (Rom. 8:24-9:1; 2Pet. 1:4). Therefore, take the way of escape offered by God through Jesus and help others to do the same. Nothing will make you feel better than to share the hope of eternal life with those who love God as you do.

Stacey E. Durham