

DUTY ROSTER FOR JUNE 2, 2019

Usher for This Week: Louis Long

9:00 AM

Song Leader:

Chevis Webb

Scripture Reading:

Bailey Steger

Scripture:

2Corinthians 7:8-10

Prayer:

Ron Hunt

Lesson:

John Fix

*What Can We Learn from
Judah?*

Closing Prayer:

Jim Barton

11:00 AM

Song Leader:

Thom Steger

Scripture Reading:

Al Cotten

Scripture:

Revelation 5:6-14

Prayer:

Chris Huffines

Lord's Supper:

Bill Duryea

Ron Dixon

Jim Stubblefield

Doug Thweatt

Lesson:

David Bansemer

Song Service - Invitation

Announcements:

Doug Thweatt

Closing Prayer:

Kevin Hayes

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Song Leader: Aaron Bain
Invitation: Chris Huffines
Closing Prayer: Chevis Webb

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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

June: Duryea
July: Ridings

SIGN MESSAGE CHANGING

June: Durham
July:

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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Sing With Understanding

Paul wrote, "I shall sing with the spirit and I shall sing with the mind also" (1Cor. 14:15). In the context, Paul spoke of spiritual gifts, but we can apply the message to ourselves in that it teaches us to understand the words that we sing. As we praise God and edify one another in song today, let us carefully consider the messages of each song so that our song service is the best it can be.

To Our Visitors:

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's day. We want you to know that our goal at Creekview is for this church be everything that the Lord desires and nothing that He does not desire. It is good to have you with us today as we strive for this goal in worshipping our glorious God. Please come again whenever you have the opportunity.

news and notes:

- In the 9AM worship, John Fix will be giving the sermon.
- In the 11AM worship, we will have our monthly extended song service.
- The Murray family will no longer be attending at Creekview. They are returning to Walton Chapel.
- The following members have special needs, so please keep them in your prayers: Wilma Deering, Mary Ham, Donella Jones, Kay Lanus, Dot Long, and Bessie Short. Also remember Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry and Dot Long's sister Melissa.

52 Week Reading Plan: Week 22

Sunday - Galatians 1-3
Monday - Exodus 33-36
Tuesday - 1Kings 1-4
Wednesday - Psalms 63-65
Thursday - Proverbs 1
Friday - Jeremiah 47-52
Saturday - Luke 7-8

Gospel Meetings:

Eastside (Bowling Green) - June 3-7, VBS
Millersville - June 3-7, VBS
Oak Ave. (Dickson) - June 3-7, VBS
Walton Chapel (Lafayette) - June 2-7
Warfield Blvd. (Clarksville) - June 3-7, VBS

The Grace, the Gift, and the Joy

Bible students can have great confidence that they have the authentic word of God when they use reliable, accurate English translations, but sometimes certain benefits of the original language are lost in translation. For example, the similarity of the Greek words *pater* (father) and *patria* (family) demonstrate the natural connection between a father and a family, but this obvious linguistic link is lost in the translation of Ephesians 3:14-15 (For this reason I bow my knees before the Father (*Pater*), from whom every family (*patria*) in heaven and on earth derives its name). This is an unfortunate but unavoidable consequence of using translations, but this disadvantage can be somewhat overcome by studying the original languages of the Scriptures.

Three Greek words that lose their natural connections when translated to English are *charis*, *charisma*, and *chara*, which are translated as “grace,” “gift,” and “joy” respectively. All three of these words have their origins in the Greek word *chairō*, which means “to rejoice, to be glad.” Whereas in Greek the connection of these three words to *chairō* is obvious from their similarity, in English there is no obvious connection. Readers of English translations of the Bible do not automatically see how that all of these words are linked to one another and to the idea of rejoicing.

Therefore, let us now make the connections between the grace of God, the gift of God, and the joy that follows. First, notice that grace (*charis*) has a broad definition and is used in many ways in the New Testament. As it relates to one who possesses grace, grace is the attitude that affords joy, pleasure, and delight to others. Grace is good-will, loving-kindness, and favor from one to another that brings joy and gladness. In this way, God is full of grace toward us, for He saves us by grace through faith in Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:8-9). We sometimes define grace as unmerited favor, for God has granted His favor toward us who are undeserving, and for this we rejoice. In His likeness, we also can possess grace, for even our words can impart grace to others (Eph. 4:29). For those who receive grace, grace on their part is gladness expressed in thanksgiving, for *charis* is translated many times in the Bible as “thanks,” such as in 1Corinthians 15:57, which says, “But thanks (*charis*) be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

The New Testament definition for a gift (*charisma*) is a favor which one receives without any merit of his own. The word *charisma* looks familiar to us because of the English word “charisma” that is used to describe a quality of a person that gives him great influence over others. This English meaning has descended from the use of the Greek word *charisma* in the New Testament in connection with miraculous spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit (hence the modern-day “charismatic” churches that claim to possess miraculous gifts). Of course, miraculous spiritual gifts have ceased (1Cor. 13:8-10), but God’s gift of salvation remains. Notice Romans 6:23:

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift (*charisma*) of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It is the gift of God’s grace that leads us to rejoice, for our sins are forgiven, and eternal life is made possible for us through Jesus Christ.

The Greek word *chara* appears fifty-nine times in the New Testament and is translated as “joy,” “gladness,” “joyful,” “joyous,” “joyfulness,” and “joyfully.” Our greatest joy as Christians is the product of God’s wonderful grace and the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. It is this overwhelming joy that supersedes all the sorrows, burdens, and sufferings of this world. Despite these worldly troubles, we “greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory” (1Pet. 1:8) because of our hope in Christ.

Now we can summarize the connections between these three Greek words - *charis*, *charisma*, and *chara* - so that we can better understand our own English words - grace, gift, and joy - and the message of the gospel. Grace (*charis*) is God’s attitude of love and mercy that made our joyous salvation possible. The gift (*charisma*) of God’s grace is salvation in Christ, for which we rejoice now and forever. Our joy (*chara*) is the result of God’s grace and His gift of eternal life. Taken altogether, we see that the gospel message is a joyous one indeed.

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