

DUTY ROSTER FOR JUNE 23, 2019

Usher for This Week: Al Cotten

9:00 AM

Song Leader:

Chevis Webb

Scripture Reading:

Kevin Hayes

Scripture:

Acts 4:23-31

Prayer:

Andrew Durham

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

With All Boldness

Closing Prayer:

TBD

11:00 AM

Song Leader:

David Bansemer

Scripture Reading:

Chris Huffines

Scripture:

Psalms 139:13-16

Prayer:

Bill Duryea

Lord's Supper:

John Fix

Louis Long

Kirk Webb

Chevis Webb

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

Speaking Biblically About

Abortion

Announcements:

Doug Thweatt

Closing Prayer:

TBD

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Song Leader: Thom Steger
Invitation: David Lanius
Closing Prayer: Stacey Durham

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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

CREEKVIEW BULLETIN

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Remember, Proclaim, Examine

Notice two purposes accomplished by partaking of the Lord's Supper according to 1Corinthians 11:23-29 . We remember the Lord Jesus, and we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. By this same passage, we also learn that we must observe the Supper in a manner worthy of the Lord. Each person should examine himself to see whether he is indeed doing so. With all of this in mind, today let us join together in a worthy manner to reverently commemorate our Lord and His sacrifice that has brought us the hope of eternal life.

To Our Visitors:

Welcome to our assemblies. If you have been with us before, we are glad and thankful to see you again. Thank you for joining us as we offer worship and praise to our God in heaven and build up one another in the most holy faith. May God bless us all as we assemble together today.

news and notes:

- Bessie Short continues to decline in health and is under hospice care. Please pray for her comfort and peace.
- Maddy Clemens had her tonsils removed on Wednesday and is doing well. Please pray for her recovery.
- Please keep the following members in your prayers: Wilma Deering, Mary Ham, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, and Dot Long. Also remember Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry and Dot Long's sister Melissa.

52 Week Reading Plan: Week 25

Sunday-Ephesians 4-6
 Monday - Leviticus 4-6
 Tuesday - 1Kings 14-18
 Wednesday - Psalms 72-74
 Thursday - Proverbs 5-6
 Friday - Ezekiel 7-12
 Saturday - Luke 13-14

Gospel Meetings:

West End (Bowling Green) - June 30-July 3,
 VBS

The Boldness of Jesus

After Peter and John healed a lame man, they preached the gospel to the crowd that gathered at the portico of the temple (Acts 3:1-26). Disturbed by their teaching of the resurrection, the Sadducees and the temple guard arrested them and brought them before the Sanhedrin, which was the same council of the Jews that had sent Jesus to Pilate and had demanded His crucifixion (Acts 4:1-6). The council asked, "By what power, or in what name, have you done this?" (Acts 4:7). Peter answered and declared that this miracle had been done "by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead" (Acts 4:10). Of course, this answer showed that Peter and John were disciples of Jesus, but it was also their manner that caused the members of the Sanhedrin to associate them with Jesus according to Acts 4:13 (NKJV):

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

The boldness of Peter and John was very much like that of Jesus Himself. Although Jesus had remained mostly silent when He was tried by the Sanhedrin, He was quite bold when He did speak. When the high priest demanded that He say whether He was the Christ, the Son of God, Jesus boldly answered, "You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power, and coming on the clouds of heaven" (Matt. 26:62-64). For this, the high priest declared that Jesus had blasphemed, and the council condemned Him. Even so, Jesus was not afraid or timid, but He "kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously" (1Pet. 2:23). He boldly spoke the truth even though the consequences to Him were severe.

Such boldness was typical of Jesus when He spoke to those leaders who opposed Him. He was not intimidated by their power or their threats, and He boldly answered them with the truth. Consider a few examples of the Lord's bold speech:

- When He healed a lame man in Jerusalem, the Jewish leaders "were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath" (John 5:16). In other words, they accused Him of violating God's prohibition against working of the Sabbath. In response, the Lord's answer was very bold in John 5:17:

But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working."

Jesus boldly stated that He was indeed working on the Sabbath and

that His Father was working, too. This further enraged the Jews because He "was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God" (John 5:18).

- When some of the Jewish leaders said they were the offspring of Abraham, Jesus said, "If you are Abraham's children, do the deeds of Abraham. But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do. You are doing the deeds of your father" (John 8:39-41). They answered Him by claiming to be the children of God, but Jesus boldly refuted them in John 8:44:

"You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

The Lord was not concerned about offending the children of the devil, but rather He boldly exposed them with the truth.

- In that same conversation, the Jews seized on Jesus' claim that those who keep His word will never die (John 8:52-53). They asked whether He was greater than Abraham and the prophets who all had died. Jesus said, "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad" (John 8:56). They then asked, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" (John 8:57). Jesus boldly answered in John 8:58:

"Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

With this answer, Jesus made a claim to the eternal nature that belongs only to God. Not only did He say that He existed before Abraham, but He also identified Himself with God's own name Jehovah, which means, "I AM" (Ex. 3:13-15).

The examples of Peter, John, and most of all Jesus demonstrate that boldness is associated with the preaching of the gospel. Indeed, "God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline" (2Tim. 1:7). This does not mean that we should be proud, smug, or rude when speaking to others about Jesus, but rather we should be supremely confident and not in the least ashamed of the saving message of His grace (Rom. 1:16; 2Tim. 1:8-12; 1Pet. 3:14-15). Therefore, let us have great boldness in the likeness of Jesus so that we also can be associated with the Lord.

Stacey E. Durham