

DUTY ROSTER FOR JUNE 9, 2019

Usher for This Week: Chris Huffines

9:00 AM

Song Leader:

John Fix

Scripture Reading:

Chevis Webb

Scripture:

Hebrews 5:12-14

Prayer:

Bailey Steger

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

What Can You Do?

Lesson 6 - You Can Teach

Closing Prayer:

Doug Thweatt

11:00 AM

Song Leader:

Jim Barton

Scripture Reading:

Bill Duryea

Scripture:

Luke 14:15-24

Prayer:

Al Cotten

Lord's Supper:

Andrew Durham

Alex Bansemer

Gary Sells

Wayne Baker

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

Excuses for Refusing the

Lord's Invitation

Announcements:

Doug Thweatt

Closing Prayer:

Ron Dixon

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Song Leader: Chevis Webb
Invitation: TBD
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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Priorities

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you” (Matt. 6:33). The Lord instructed us to set our highest priorities upon the things of God, and then He gave us a guarantee that if we would do so, then God would provide the material things of life. So many people have their priorities exactly backwards from what the Lord advised. They seek worldly things first and leave the leftovers for God. How about you? What are your priorities? Be sure that God and His kingdom are first!

To Our Visitors:

We are delighted to see you in our midst today. Thank you for joining us on this blessed day to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving to our Father in heaven. May God bless you and your family.

news and notes:

- Bessie Short is now under hospice care at home. Please pray for her as well as her sisters Mary Morgan and Billie Glover as they care for her.
- Several of our members are travelling this summer, so please keep them all in your prayers.
- Please make special mention of the following members 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 23

Sunday - Galatians 4-6
Monday - Exodus 37-40
Tuesday - 1Kings 5-9
Wednesday - Psalms 66-68
Thursday - Proverbs 2-3
Friday - Lamentations
Saturday - Luke 9-10

Gospel Meetings:

None to announce

What is Truth?

It is well known that the governor Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, “What is truth?” (John 18:38). This question came as he was considering the charges made against Jesus by the Jews. They had accused Jesus of claiming to be a king (Luke 23:2), so Pilate had first asked Him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” (John 18:33). Jesus had answered him, “You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice” (John 18:37). Seizing on Jesus’ reference to truth, Pilate asked, “What is truth?”

Pilate’s question wasn’t asked to elicit an answer from Jesus, but instead it was an expression of Pilate’s belief that there is no absolute truth. For him, truth seemed to be an indefinite thing that changes and bends to conform to circumstances. To people like Pilate, truth can be redefined and rearranged to suit their needs. Parts of the truth can be omitted, ignored, or overlooked, and they will still consider themselves to be truthful. They can also find a new point of view, an angle, or a perspective so they can see truth in some other way if they wish. By such thinking, they defend themselves against any suggestion that they are contrary to truth by saying, “What is truth?”

Although Jesus did not answer Pilate’s question on this occasion, He has given us an answer. Truth is not some nebulous, unknown concept. It is not a pliable material that can be molded into whatever shape we wish. Instead, truth is a real entity defined by God Himself. Jesus stated this in the simplest terms when He prayed to His Father, saying, “Your word is truth” (John 17:17). This fact, which is absolutely truthful itself, is expressed in abundance throughout the Scriptures. Jesus went even farther in defining the truth when He said, “I am the truth” (John 14:6). Jesus, who is the Word of God and God Himself (John 1:1), is truth.

How are we to understand this? We know some things that are true that seem to have nothing to do with God’s word or Jesus. There is truth concerning the price of a gallon of milk, the height of the Empire State Building, and the best-selling brand of shoes, but how do these relate to God’s word? First and foremost, Jesus spoke in a spiritual sense concerning truth. In John 6:63, He said, “The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.” His purpose for

coming into the world was to be a king over a kingdom that is not of this world, which He stated in His conversation with Pilate (John 18:36). His kingdom is spiritual, and He spoke words of spiritual truth. Thus, He said in John 8:31-32, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free” (John 8:31-32).

So then, we understand that God has communicated spiritual truth through His word, but the truth of His word also governs in this material world. The principle expressed in Jesus’ prayer, “Your word is truth,” applies to all things. Even those truths such as the price of a gallon of milk, the height of the Empire State Building, and the best-selling brand of shoes are rooted in facts and laws that were established by God. Indeed, a correct understanding of everything in the world is grounded in the truth of God’s word beginning in Genesis chapter 1. It is there that we learn the truthful origin of all things as well as our purpose and an explanation of all the problems that exist because of sin. The most basic truths, such as “two plus two equals four” and “male and female He created them” (Gen. 1:27), are true because God has made them true. When we understand this, then we understand the answer to Pilate’s question, “What is truth?”

Therefore, the only questions remaining concerning the truth is whether we will seek it and whether we will believe it. The discovery of truth is one of the great purposes of our existence, and God has made truth readily available. Jesus said in Matthew 7:7-8,
⁷“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”

The truth is there for the taking, but discovery alone will not benefit us. We must believe the truth of God’s word and be transformed by it (Rom. 12:1-2). Belief in all of God’s truth, including the creation of the world and the purpose of man, is essential and necessary to our eternal existence. Jesus said, “If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?” (John 3:12). What about you? Do you know the answer to Pilate’s question? Are you living by the truth of God’s word in both earthly things and heavenly things?

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