

DUTY ROSTER FOR MARCH 17, 2019

Usher for This Week: Doug Thweatt

9:00 AM

Song Leader:

David Bansemer

Scripture Reading:

Ron Hunt

Scripture:

1Samuel 17:1-11

Prayer:

Doug Thweatt

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

David Versus Goliath

Closing Prayer:

Kirk Webb

11:00 AM

Song Leader:

John Fix

Scripture Reading:

Al Cotten

Scripture:

Exodus 20:1-6

Prayer:

Gary Sells

Lord's Supper:

Chris Huffines

Alex Bansemer

Chevis Webb

Louis Long

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

Jealous for the Lord

Announcements:

Doug Thweatt

Closing Prayer:

Bill Duryea

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Song Leader: Thom Steger
Invitation: John Fix
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

March: Long
April: Steger

SIGN MESSAGE CHANGING

March: Wright
April: Steger

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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Sweet Rest

We have all heard the invitation of our Lord in Matthew 11:28-30, but listen to it again and appreciate what the Lord is offering. "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." If you are spiritually and emotionally tired, then Jesus is offering you sweet, happy rest that you cannot otherwise find. This rest comes with a burden, but He says, "My yoke is easy, and My load is light." Come to Him, take His easy and light burden, learn from Him, and find rest for your soul.

To Our Visitors:

We hope that you find our services to be Scriptural in all things and edifying to your soul. We count it as a great honor and privilege to gather before the Lord for worship, and we hope that this sense of reverence is evident in all that we do. Thank you for coming to be with us today, and may God bless you as you walk with Him.

news and notes:

- Dot Long is still awaiting her back surgery, which is scheduled for March 26. Please continue to pray for her.
- Also keep these members in your prayers: Wilma Deering, Mary Ham, Ron Hunt, Donella Jones, Kay Lanisus, Pat Ridings, and Bessie Short. Also remember Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry and Dot Long's sister Melissa.
- If you are not attending Wednesday night Bible study, then why not? Come this week, and you'll be glad you did

52 Week Reading Plan: Week 11

Sunday - 1Corinthians 5-6
 Monday - Genesis 40-43
 Tuesday - 1Samuel 1-5
 Wednesday - Psalms 30-32
 Thursday - Job 21-22
 Friday - Isaiah 56-61
 Saturday - Mark 1-2

Gospel Meetings:

Cason Lane (Murfreesboro) - Mar. 17
 Broadmoor (Nashville) - Mar. 17-22
 Eastside (Bowling Green) - Mar. 24-27
 31-W North (Franklin, KY) - Mar. 24-29

Where Did You Hear That?

In this “age of information,” we are not too picky about where we get our information. By now, everyone has heard of “fake news,” which fills the internet and cable news channels. Obviously, anything fake does not make for a reliable source, yet fake stories spread like wildfire across social media as people copy and share them without bothering to see whether they are true. Even before the internet and cable television, there have always been the popular standards of “they say” and “I’ve always heard.” For example, “They say that eating chocolate causes acne,” or “I’ve always heard that cracking your knuckles will give you arthritis.” Who are “they” that you should listen to them? Why do you believe something just because you have always heard it?

The sources of our information matter. If we are making decisions based on unreliable sources, then our decisions are likely to be wrong. This is of little consequence if those decisions are only about chocolate or knuckle cracking, but substantial decisions should be made on good information taken from dependable sources. You shouldn’t make decisions about your health, safety, or financial wellbeing just because you saw something on social media. More importantly, you shouldn’t make spiritual choices unless you have good information from the only dependable source about such matters, which is the Bible.

The Bible is the best source of information because its writers got their information directly from God Himself. Consider the apostle Paul, who explained his source of information in Galatians 1:11-12:

¹¹For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. ¹²For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Paul’s source was not man, but rather it was Jesus. Moreover, he got his information directly from Jesus and not from some other man who relayed the message from the Lord. Paul “received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ,” which means that his information is eminently reliable and trustworthy.

Another Bible writer to consider is the apostle Peter, who also received his information firsthand. He explained this in 2Peter 1:16-18:

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son

with whom I am well-pleased” - ¹⁸and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

Peter was an eyewitness of the events he preached, such as the transfiguration of Jesus (Matt. 17:1-9), which makes him a highly reliable source. The apostle John made a similar statement in 1John 1:1-3:

¹What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life - ²and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us - ³what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

Peter, John, and all of Christ’s apostles were sent by Him to be witnesses of Him (Acts 1:8), and their testimony is reliable because they saw Him themselves.

Indeed, all of the Bible’s writers rise to the very highest standard of information. This information has been delivered and verified by God Himself, for “after it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will” (Heb. 2:3-4). In 2Peter 1:20-21, Peter wrote,

²⁰But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Because “all Scripture is inspired of God,” it is “profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work” (2Tim. 3:16-17). In other words, the Bible is a completely dependable and verifiable source, and we can make good choices based on its information.

Therefore, let’s set aside unreliable sources, fake news, and low standards such as “they say” and “I’ve always heard.” Instead, let’s seek only good information from credible sources. In spiritual matters, the only source that meets the necessary criteria for reliability is the Bible, so let us insist on the Scriptures and nothing else.

Stacey E. Durham