

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:

Scripture Reading:

Prayer:

Lesson:

Title:

Closing Prayer:

Wednesday, March 25

Song Leader:

Invitation:

Prayer:

Lord's Supper Preparation

March: Fix

April: Stubblefield

11:00 AM

Song Leader:

Scripture Reading:

Prayer:

Lord's Supper:

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

Title:

*The Spiritual Approach to
the Coronavirus*

Announcements:

Closing Prayer:

Usher for This Week:

Creekview *BULLETIN*

Suspended Assemblies

Our assemblies have been temporarily suspended in compliance with the efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus. In the meantime, the elders encourage all members to worship at home. Lord willing and with His help, we will all be together again soon.

Sermon Online:

A sermon will be presented live online Sunday morning at 11AM on the Facebook page of Stacey Durham. This is a public presentation, so anyone can see it without a Facebook account.

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SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAYS:

WORSHIP: 9:00 AM
BIBLE STUDY: 10:00 AM
WORSHIP: 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAYS:

BIBLE STUDY: 7:00 PM

How I Long for You All

When visiting members of the church who are homebound because of poor health, I have noticed a common refrain. Almost all of them say that they miss attending the assemblies of the church more than anything else. It truly grieves them that they cannot worship God in spiritual communion with their fellow Christians.

Now, I expect that the rest of us will soon feel the same way. As I write this, our nation is in the midst of a grand effort to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. The government has advised citizens to stay at home and abstain from social gatherings exceeding ten people, which directly affects most churches. The leadership in many local churches has decided to comply with these guidelines and has temporarily suspended all assemblies. As a result, members of those churches who are accustomed to being together may go for weeks without seeing one another.

Lord willing and with His help, we will get through this time, and it will become just a bad memory. In the meantime, we can gain a new appreciation of how much the assemblies of the church mean to us. It is a tremendous blessing to gather with “those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours” (2Pet. 1:1). These are our brothers and sisters in the family of God, and we come together to worship our dear Father in unity. We “consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds” (Heb. 10:24), and we build up one another in the “most holy faith” (Jude 20). The Lord in His wisdom equipped the church so that all members could edify one another in the love of Christ (Eph. 4:11-16). Indeed, it is a special privilege to be a part of the holy assemblies of God’s own people.

Surely, we will all feel the pain of this separation. Paul expressed such pain when he wrote to the church at Philippi, saying, “For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus” (Phil. 1:8). It is the latter phrase in Paul’s words that makes separation from one another so hard, for we have the “affection of Christ Jesus” for all of our brothers and sisters in the Lord. How difficult it is to be away from the ones you love.

Perhaps these sentiments seem exaggerated. After all, Paul was in prison far away in Rome and had not seen the Christians at Philippi for years. As for us, we may only miss a few weeks of assembling with the local church, and our prospects for coming together again in a short time are very good. Nevertheless, the point is to take stock of the great blessing of gathering

with the saints for worship. If we have ever taken this blessing for granted, now is a good time to reassess and realize how truly blessed we are.

Until we meet again, let us be attuned to the affection of Christ Jesus that we have for one another. We are blessed to live in an age of instant, easy communication, so let us take advantage. Let us be calling, texting, emailing, and otherwise communicating with one another. Although we will not be assembling as a church, we are still the church, nonetheless. Our identity as Christ’s body is not confined to the walls of our meeting place. Therefore, let us express the affection of Christ Jesus for one another, pray for God to guide us and help us through this time of uncertainty, and eagerly anticipate the time when we can come together again.

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news & notes

- Due to the COVID-19 virus, all services are cancelled for the rest of March. Wednesday services are cancelled until May.
- Dot Long’s sister Melissa has had a relapse of cancer. Please pray for her and the family.
- Also continue to pray for the following members: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, Louis Long, and Noah White. Also pray for Jody Baize, Katy Hunt, Alta Lanius, and Wayne Wright.

reading plan

Sunday - 1Corinthians 7-8
Monday - Genesis 44-47
Tuesday - 1Samuel 6-10
Wednesday - Psalms 33-35
Thursday - Job 23-24
Friday - Isaiah 62-66
Saturday - Mark 3-4

meetings

None to announce