

DUTY ROSTER FOR MARCH 24, 2019

Usher for This Week: Louis Long

9:00 AM

Song Leader:

Andrew Durham

Scripture Reading:

David Bansemer

Scripture:

Isaiah 41:21-24

Prayer:

Chevis Webb

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

God Holds the Future in His Hands

Closing Prayer:

Ron Dixon

11:00 AM

Song Leader:

Jim Barton

Scripture Reading:

Gary Sells

Scripture:

Revelation 3:1-3

Prayer:

Al Cotten

Lord's Supper:

Jim Stubblefield

Ron Dixon

Kirk Webb

David Bansemer

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

How Will the Church Survive?

Announcements:

Doug Thweatt

Closing Prayer:

Thom Steger

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Song Leader: John Fix
Invitation: Kevin Hayes
Closing Prayer: Thom Steger

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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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To God Be the Glory

Ephesians 3:21 says, "To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen." On this first day of the week, the Lord's church at Creekview assembles to bring glory to our God who well deserves it. As long as the Lord gives us opportunity, let us embrace this charge that the church at Creekview shall glorify God in this community. Today, let us embrace the opportunity to glorify God by worshipping Him in spirit and in truth.

To Our Visitors:

Welcome to our assemblies. We are thankful that you have come our way and that you value the spiritual things of God. Our goals at Creekview are to be collectively the Lord's church as He would have it and individually Christians as God desires. We hope that these are your goals as well and that we can help one another to achieve them. May the Lord help us all!

news and notes:

- Dot Long is scheduled for back surgery on Tuesday followed by a long recovery. Please pray for her comfort and healing.
- Next Sunday, Ron Hunt and David Bansemer will be preaching for us.
- The new work list for April is available online and on the bulletin board.
- Please pray for these members: Wilma Deering, Mary Ham, Donella Jones, Kay Lanis, Pat Ridings, and Bessie Short. Also remember Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry and Dot Long's sister Melissa.

52 Week Reading Plan: Week 12

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

Gospel Meetings:

Eastside (Bowling Green) - Mar. 24-27
 31-W North (Franklin, KY) - Mar. 24-29
 Bell Road (Nashville) - Apr. 5, song service
 Millersville - Apr. 5, song service
 Warfield Blvd. (Clarksville) - Apr. 11-14

A Real Loser

Who is a loser? Generally, a loser is considered to be someone who constantly falls short of success. For example, Charles Schulz's Charlie Brown tends to fail in almost everything he tries, which causes the other children and even Charlie Brown himself to think he is a loser. Of course, Charlie Brown is a loveable loser, and from time to time his good heart shines through so that others appreciate him. In real life, the world is not so merciful. There is little sympathy for a man who isn't handsome enough, smart enough, athletic enough, or wealthy enough to have an advantage. If he doesn't have a great job, make the right friends, marry a beautiful woman, and other similar accomplishments, then he is a loser by the world's standards.

The world's standards notwithstanding, who really is a loser? Is it not a person who loses the most important possession he has? Jesus asked, "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?" (Matt. 16:26). In other words, if someone succeeds in every worldly endeavor and wins the whole world but loses his soul, then he is a loser. This means that many people who are classified as winners by the world are really losers because their souls are lost without Jesus Christ.

By this standard, let's consider who is a real loser according to the Scriptures.

- A real loser puts his trust in worldly wealth. In the parable of the rich fool (Luke 12:16-21), a rich man was so successful one season that he had to build bigger barns just to store his crops. He thought his great wealth would sustain him for many years, but God said to him, "You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?" This man succeeded in the world, but he wasn't rich toward God. He was a real loser.
- A real loser follows the wisdom of the world and rejects the word of God. Eternal life is available to man only through the gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16; 6:23) so those who reject the gospel forfeit all hope. Yet many choose the contrary wisdom of the world instead of the word of the cross, and they perish (1Cor. 1:18-31). Those who do so are real losers.
- A real loser thinks only of himself and does nothing for the sake of others. Jesus taught that those who care for others will be rewarded with eternal life but those who neglect the needs of

others will be punished for eternity (Matt. 25:31-46). Those who lose eternal life and receive eternal punishment have lost the most anyone can lose.

- A real loser has no faith and is overcome by the world. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world (1John 5:4-5), so persons who are unbelieving and disobedient to Christ will lose. "The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever" (1John 2:17). The one who does not do the will of God loses.
- A real loser gives up his faith rather than serving Jesus until the end. Those who commit themselves to the service of Christ are on their way to winning. However, if they quit the race before finishing the course, then they lose their reward (Heb. 10:35-38). Only those who remain faithful until death win the race (Heb. 12:1-3; Rev. 2:10). Those who desert Jesus and His gospel are real losers (Gal. 1:6-9).
- A real loser waits to submit to the Lord until it is too late. No one wins merely by knowing what to do (Matt. 7:24-27; Jas. 1:22; 4:17). Even if he intends to do serve Jesus later, his intentions can't save him. "Now is 'the acceptable time,' behold, now is 'the day of salvation'" (2Cor. 6:1-2). Like the old saying goes, "He who hesitates loses." There is no greater loser than one who waits too long and misses heaven.
- A real loser puts himself on the wrong side of Jesus at the Judgment. Ultimately, Jesus is the one who will determine winners and losers (2Cor. 5:10). Because this is true, winners will conform themselves to His will so they may be judged favorably. Those who live in defiance of Christ's will are real losers because they will lose everything (John 12:48).

With a proper understanding of winning and losing, what sort of people should we be? What should we be emphasizing to our children? It is good to have friends, jobs, wealth, and other worldly measures of success, but none of these will be of any value if we lose our souls. Therefore, let us live as if we believe this is true. "Run in such a way that you may win" (1Cor. 9:24). Put God first and everything else will fall into place (Matt. 6:33). Don't be a loser!

Stacey E. Durham