

DUTY ROSTER FOR MAY 12, 2019

Usher for This Week: Thom Steger

9:00 AM

Song Leader:

Alex Bansemer

Scripture Reading:

Chevis Webb

Scripture:

Hebrews 3:7-13

Prayer:

Bailey Steger

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

Softening Your Heart

Closing Prayer:

Chris Huffines

11:00 AM

Song Leader:

John Fix

Scripture Reading:

Andrew Durham

Scripture:

1 Timothy 3:14-16

Prayer:

Al Cotten

Lord's Supper:

Ron Hunt

Ron Dixon

Gary Sells

Kirk Webb

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

Improving the Local Church

Announcements:

Kevin Hayes

Closing Prayer:

Doug Thweatt

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Song Leader: Stacey Durham
Invitation: John Fix
Closing Prayer: Jim Stubblefield

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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

May: Stubblefield
June: Duryea

SIGN MESSAGE CHANGING

May: Stubblefield
June:

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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Be Devoted to One Another

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality (Rom. 12:10-13).

To Our Visitors:

Welcome to our assemblies. If you have been with us before, we are glad and thankful to see you again. If you are new to us, we would like to introduce ourselves. The church of Christ at Creekview is made up of a group of people who are striving to follow the Bible and simply be Christians. We are working to be the true church of Christ in this generation. We search the Scriptures together to find what our Lord would have us to do, and we invite you to join us.

news and notes:

- A work day at the building is planned for Saturday, May 18, at 9AM. Any men who can help with yard work, cleaning, maintenance, etc. are requested to come.
- A gospel meeting has been planned at Creekview for September 6-8. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend.
- Please pray for the following members: Wilma Deering, Mary Ham, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, Dot Long, Bessie Short, and Tonya Stubblefield. Also remember Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry and Dot Long's sister Melissa.

52 Week Reading Plan: Week 19

Sunday - 2 Corinthians 6-8
 Monday - Exodus 21-24
 Tuesday - 2 Samuel 10-14
 Wednesday - Psalms 54-56
 Thursday - Job 37-38
 Friday - Jeremiah 32-36
 Saturday - Luke 1-2

Gospel Meetings:

Eastside (Bowling Green) - May 17, song service
 Eastside (Bowling Green) - June 3-7, VBS
 Oak Ave. (Dickson) - June 3-7, VBS

Crucifying the Flesh

Crucifixion was a brutally painful form of death. The process was usually begun with a severe beating such as scourging. The victim was then nailed through the hands and feet (or the wrists and ankles) to a wooden cross with spikes large enough to support his weight. Hanging from the cross by these spikes for hours, he would die slowly due to blood loss, asphyxiation, exposure, and exhaustion.

Such a punishment was typically reserved only for the worst criminals in Roman society, but on a fateful day in Jerusalem almost two thousand years ago, it was applied to the Son of God. Although Pilate found no guilt in Jesus and said so three times (John 18:68; 19:4, 6), the Lord was delivered to be crucified. It was the “predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God” (Acts 2:23) that Jesus would suffer such a cruel death on behalf of us, the sinners “to whom the stroke was due” (Isa. 53:8). It would not have been sufficient for Jesus to have merely lived in the flesh and died of natural causes at an old age. For His sacrifice to be effective, He had to die in the brutal fashion of crucifixion so that atonement was complete for the sins of the world.

Knowing this, any Scriptural reference to crucifixion as a figure for our conversion to Christ is a bold, powerful, and significant statement. It is not to be taken lightly when we make a claim such as the one made by Paul in Galatians 2:20:

“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”

Indeed, it is no small thing to invoke Christ’s crucifixion as a figure for our own transformation, yet we must do so. Obedience to the gospel requires us to be “baptized into His death” (Rom. 6:3) and “that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin” (Rom. 6:6).

So then, we understand what must be done. In a spiritual sense, a crucifixion must take place in the life of every person who wishes to be saved in Jesus. The “old self” must be crucified with Jesus, which means that the person who lived for “the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life” (1John 2:16) must die. In

other words, a Christian must put those impulses to death in his own life, which is precisely the meaning of Paul’s words in Galatians 5:24:

Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

The significance of the figure of crucifixion in Galatians 5:24 must not be overlooked. In Christ, our new attitude toward sin in our own lives cannot be friendly or even neutral. Instead, we are to be downright hostile toward sin. We are not to wait for sin to die slowly or to just hope it goes away on its own. Rather, we are to violently attack it and kill it in ourselves. Crucify it!

Specifically, this means that we must cease from practicing the deeds of the flesh. Just before Paul mandated crucifixion for “the flesh with its passions and desires,” he described the deeds of the flesh and their outcome in Galatians 5:19-21:

¹⁹Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, ²¹envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

There must be no trifling with “such things” or else we will forfeit the kingdom of God. Knowing that these deeds could cost us our souls, we should be motivated to put them to death. In Romans 13:14, Paul wrote, “But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.” Don’t make even the least allowance for indulging these lusts. Instead, utterly put these to death and crucify them.

When Jesus was crucified, there was no mercy from His opponents. For us, our opponents are Satan and the sin that he tempts us to indulge, so let us have no mercy on them. “Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul” (1Pet. 2:11). Let us understand that this is a fight to the death, and either we will kill sin in our lives or else it will kill us, “for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live” (Rom. 8:13). Therefore, let us crucify the flesh with its passions and desires so that we may live for eternity through Jesus.

Stacey E. Durham