

DUTY ROSTER FOR MAY 19, 2019

Usher for This Week: John Fix

9:00 AM

Song Leader:

Chevis Webb

Scripture Reading:

David Bansemer

Scripture:

1Peter 1:3-5

Prayer:

Ron Dixon

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

Living Things

Closing Prayer:

Jim Barton

11:00 AM

Song Leader:

Jim Barton

Scripture Reading:

Al Cotten

Scripture:

Revelation 1:4-8

Prayer:

Andrew Durham

Lord's Supper:

Thom Steger

Doug Thweatt

Bailey Steger

Wayne Baker

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

Seven Churches, Seven

Lessons

Announcements:

Kevin Hayes

Closing Prayer:

Bill Duryea

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Song Leader: Alex Bansemer
Invitation: Thom Steger
Closing Prayer: Bill Duryea

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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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God Knows and Cares

Our God is all-knowing and all-powerful. If He was uncaring or cruel, then His omniscience and omnipotence would be of no comfort to us. However, we know that He cares about us and provides for our needs. Notice 1Peter 5:6-7: "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you." How blessed we are to have not only a God who knows our needs, but also a God who can do something about those needs. Praise God and give thanks to Him!

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:

- Reminder: Copies of all sermons and bulletin articles are available on the Creekview website. If you wish for an audio copy of any sermons preached at Creekview, please see Wayne Baker.
- Keep the following members in your prayers: Wilma Deering, Mary Ham, Donella Jones, Kay Lanus, 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 20

Sunday-2Corinthians 9-10
Monday - Exodus 25-28
Tuesday - 2Samuel 15-19
Wednesday - Psalms 57-59
Thursday - Job 39-40
Friday - Jeremiah 37-41
Saturday - Luke 3-4

Gospel Meetings:

Eastside (Bowling Green) - June 3-7, VBS
Millersville - June 3-7, VBS
Oak Ave. (Dickson) - June 3-7, VBS
Warfield Blvd. (Clarksville) - June 3-7, VBS

Obeying the Gospel

In 2Thessalonians 1:7-8, Paul wrote that “the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.” From this statement, it is obvious that those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel are subject to wrath and punishment from the Lord. So then, it is necessary to obey the gospel, but what does this mean?

The core of the gospel message is the historical events of Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection. Paul expressed this in 1Corinthians 15:1-4:

¹Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, ²by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...

By these words, it is clear that we are saved by the events of the gospel, but how can we obey a gospel of historical events?

Actually, the gospel is more than only these events. It is also the corresponding message and meaning of these events that prompts believers to act. In “obedience of faith” (Rom. 1:5; 16:26), believers adhere to the instructions given in connection with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Those instructions are given repeatedly throughout the New Testament, but they are expressed succinctly in Acts 2:38. When the guilty Jews who had crucified Jesus asked, “Brethren, what shall we do?” Peter answered, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” So, obeying the gospel of Christ is a matter of repenting of sins and being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness, but what does this have to do with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus?

The gospel teaches us that forgiveness of sins was made possible because “Christ died for the ungodly” (Rom. 5:6). He paid the penalty for our sins so that we could be spared from God’s wrath against sin (Isa. 53:4-6; Rom. 5:9). Moreover, Jesus conquered death by His resurrection so that we could be free from death (1Cor. 15:20-26, 51-57; Heb. 2:14-15). Because He was raised, we will be raised also. Those who believe these teachings of the gospel will act in Jesus’ name, that is, by His authority,

and will follow the instructions of His gospel to obtain forgiveness of sins, salvation from wrath, and hope of eternal life.

All of this commences with baptism, for it is in this faithful act that a believer recreates the events of Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection in his own life. This is described plainly in Romans 6:3-11:

³Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶knowing this, 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; ⁷for he who has died is freed from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. ¹⁰For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Thus, baptism, which is immersion in water (Acts 8:36-39), is a physical act with a deep spiritual meaning in the name of Jesus. The believer in Christ, who was dead to God while he lived in sin (Eph. 2:1-3), dies to sin spiritually by repentance, which is a change of heart and a resolution to sin no more. He is then buried with Christ and into Christ’s death when he is immersed in water. When he arises from the water, he is spiritually raised from his formerly dead existence in sin and begins to live for God. When this is done, he can say, “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” (Gal. 2:20).

In this way, believers in Jesus obey the gospel. This is the only way that the events of Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection can bring forgiveness of sins, salvation from wrath, and hope of eternal life to anyone. Those who do not obey the gospel remain in their spiritual state of death because of their sin, but those who obey it have crucified the old self and have been buried and raised with Jesus to walk in newness of life. What about you? Have you obeyed Christ’s gospel? If not, then why not do so today?

Stacey E. Durham