

# WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

**9:00 AM**

Song Leader:

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Scripture Reading:

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Prayer:

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Lesson:

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Title:

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Closing Prayer:

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**Wednesday, May 27**

Song Leader:

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Invitation:

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Prayer:

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**Lord's Supper Preparation**

May: Duryea

June: Ridings

**10:00 AM**

Song Leader:

Jim Barton

Scripture Reading:

Nate Durham

Matthew 12:22-30

Prayer:

Ron Dixon

Lord's Supper:

Jim Stubblefield

Bill Duryea

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Lesson:

Stacey Durham

Title:

*Whose Side Are You On?*

Announcements:

Stacey Durham

Closing Prayer:

John Fix

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**Usher for This Week:**

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# Creekview *BULLETIN*

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## How Great He Is

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The hymn "How Great Thou Art" has a beautiful progression of thought. As we think about the wonder of creation, the grace of Christ's sacrifice, and the hope of His coming to take us to heaven, we simply must declare, "How great Thou art!" Let this spirit be in us as we worship today.

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## Streaming Services

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Our worship service will be streamed live Sunday morning at 10AM on the Facebook page of Stacey Durham. The live stream will begin a few minutes early so that viewers can connect.

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**SERVICE TIMES**

**SUNDAYS:**

WORSHIP: 9:00 AM  
BIBLE STUDY: 10:00 AM  
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**WEDNESDAYS:**

BIBLE STUDY: 7:00 PM

## A National Opportunity

What shall our nation make of the COVID-19 pandemic? Many people have suffered with this illness, and more than 90,000 COVID related deaths have been reported in the United States at the time of this writing. Many more have suffered due to the nationwide shutdown. Since this all began, 38.6 million people have filed for unemployment benefits, resulting in the highest unemployment rate since the Great Depression.

As dreadful as it is, this crisis is a great opportunity for our nation. Historically, times of hardship have tended to turn the eyes of our nation to God. In the past, wars, economic depressions, and epidemics have been interpreted as the discipline of God, which led people to change their ways and seek God's forgiveness. The principle of this process is given in God's words to Israel in 2Chronicles 7:13-14:

<sup>13</sup>"If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people, <sup>14</sup>and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Of course, this promise was for Israel, not the United States, but the principle is still valid. "Righteousness exalts a nation" (Prov. 14:34), and that is true for every nation in every era.

One of the greatest applications of this principle in the United States came during the Civil War. At a time when the Union was losing battle after battle, the United States Senate called upon President Abraham Lincoln to proclaim a day of national prayer and fasting. In response, the president issued a proclamation on March 30, 1863. The following is a portion of that proclamation:

And whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.

And, insomuch as we know that, by His divine law, nations like individuals are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment, inflicted upon us, for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power,

as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

Except for the cited cause ("civil war"), these words could be spoken of our nation today. Certainly, the calamity of the Civil War was immeasurably worse than our current crisis, but the dynamic is the same. If our nation would accept the current crisis as an opportunity for repentance, then perhaps we could avoid an even greater calamity. Will we seize this opportunity before it is too late?.

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## news & notes

- Lana Richardson is recovering from shoulder surgery performed last week. Please pray for her comfort and healing.
- All services at Creekview are now streamed live on the internet. These will be available for you to view if you are unable to attend.
- Also remember the following members in your prayers: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, and Laurie Polcheck. Also pray for Jody Baize, Alta Lanius, Wayne Wright, and Dot Long's sister Melissa.

## reading plan

Sunday - 2Corinthians 11-13  
Monday - Exodus 29-32  
Tuesday - 2Samuel 20-24  
Wednesday - Psalms 60-62  
Thursday - Job 41-42  
Friday - Jeremiah 42-46  
Saturday - Luke 5-6

## meetings

*None to announce*