

DUTY ROSTER FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Usher for This Week: Ron Dixon

9:00 AM

Song Leader:

Johnny Murray

Scripture Reading:

Chevis Webb

Scripture:

Ephesians 2:11-18

Prayer:

Ron Dixon

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

A Higher Standard

Lesson 11 - An Unworldly

Peace

Closing Prayer:

Ron Hunt

11:00 AM

Song Leader:

Andrew Durham

Scripture Reading:

Al Cotten

Scripture:

John 4:19-24

Prayer:

Chris Huffines

Lord's Supper:

Thom Steger

Doug Thweatt

Wayne Baker

Gary Sells

Lesson:

John Fix

Song Service - Invitation

Announcements:

Ron Dixon

Closing Prayer:

Jim Barton

LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION

November: Hayes

December: Fix

SIGN MESSAGE CHANGING

November: Webb

December:

Elders: Ron Dixon, John Fix, Stacey Durham Deacons: David Bansamer, Kevin Hayes, Thom Steger, Doug Thweatt
Preacher and Editor: Stacey Durham

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Song Leader: Andrew Durham

Invitation: Johnny Murray

Closing Prayer: Doug Thweatt

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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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Election Day

This Tuesday may be election day for public offices, but Christians are on a continuous campaign to win the election of God. Regarding Christian characteristics, Peter wrote, "Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2Pet. 1:10-11). Will you attain the election of God through Jesus?

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:

- Today, we will have our monthly song service during the 11AM hour. All members are encouraged to stay for the duration of that service. Don't forsake your brethren's teaching and admonition (Col. 3:16)!
- Please remember the following members in your prayers: Jim & Kay Cook, Billy & Wilma Deering, Mary Ham, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, Jim Stubblefield, and Bessie Short. Also remember Donella Jones' sister and Peggy Bailey's daughter.
- If you are not attending Wednesday night Bible study, then why not? Come this week, and you'll be glad you did.

52 Week Reading Plan: Week 44

Sunday- James 4-5

Monday - Deuteronomy 7-9

Tuesday - 2Chronicles 29-32

Wednesday - Psalms 125-127

Thursday - Ecclesiastes 3-4

Friday - Zephaniah

Saturday - Acts 11-12

Gospel Meetings:

Millersville - Nov. 4-6

Hickory Ridge (Lebanon) - Nov. 5-9

Eastside (Bowling Green) - Nov. 16, song service

A New Age Wave

A Pew Research Center survey was released last month (October, 2018) showing the popularity of New Age beliefs among American adults. The specific beliefs analyzed were belief in spiritual energy within physical things (rocks, mountains, trees, etc.), belief in psychics, belief in reincarnation, and belief in astrology. The results showed that 62% of Americans believe in at least one of these. An almost identical number (61%) of Americans who identified themselves as Christian believe in these as well. This number includes evangelicals (47% hold these beliefs), mainline denominationalists (67%), Catholics (70%), and historically black denominationalists (72%).

Such New Age beliefs are utterly incompatible with the teachings of Scripture, so the number of those who claim to be Christians and hold these beliefs at the same time should be zero. Consider the Scriptural opposition to each of the four beliefs analyzed in the survey:

- The Bible teaches that man is made in the image of God and has a spirit that continues to exist beyond this world (Gen. 1:26-27; Luke 16:22-23). No other created thing, living or not living, has a spiritual attribute. Passages such as Ecclesiastes 3:19-21 should not be interpreted to mean that beasts have spirits. They simply mean that beasts have the breath of life within them (Gen. 7:15).
- According to the Bible, no man knows the future (Prov. 27:1; Eccl. 8:7; Jas. 4:14). Psychics who say they can look into the future claim a power they do not have. The only men who have ever had such ability were prophets who were given divine revelations into God's knowledge of the future. Only God has such power, which He declares in Isaiah 46:9-10:
⁹"Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me,
¹⁰declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, 'My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure.'"
- Reincarnation is the belief that life forms die and then return to life in some other form. This is a common belief in Eastern religions, but the Bible teaches no such thing. Instead, the Bible says that "it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment" (Heb. 9:27). People, animals, and other living things are

not reincarnated as anything in this world.

- Astrology is the belief that the movements and locations of the stars and planets affect events on earth. This is the basis of horoscopes, which many people read as predictors of the events in their lives. The Bible opposes these beliefs and practices, which it describes in terms of divination and sorcery (Lev. 19:26; Gal. 5:19-21). Nations such as Babylon practiced astrology, but God instructed His people to abstain from such things in passages like Jeremiah 10:2:

Thus says the LORD, "Do not learn the way of the nations, and do not be terrified by the signs of the heavens although the nations are terrified by them."

These beliefs are called "New Age," but there is nothing new about them. Much of the modern New Age movement is borrowed from ancient gnosticism, mysticism, and other similar heresies. Even long before New Testament times, Old Testament era pagans held similar beliefs to these New Age concepts in conjunction with their practice of idolatry. This comes as no surprise, for Solomon said long ago, "There is nothing new under the sun" (Eccl. 1:9).

As this survey shows, the New Age movement is becoming progressively more mainstream and has influenced many people, including those who claim to be Christians. It has a significant foothold in this nation already, and it has the support of some prominent people, such as Oprah Winfrey, who has explicitly rejected the Biblical Christ and put her considerable financial backing behind the New Age religion. Beware of such influence, and do not allow it to carry you away from the simplicity of the knowledge of Christ (2Cor. 11:3). No one can hold to New Age beliefs and be faithful to the Lord at the same time.

Stacey E. Durham