

## DUTY ROSTER FOR OCTOBER 28, 2018

Usher for This Week: Ron Hunt

9:00 AM

**Song Leader:**

Andrew Durham

**Scripture Reading:**

Thom Steger

**Scripture:**

James 1:13-15

**Prayer:**

Chris Huffines

**Lesson:**

Stacey Durham

*Avoiding Temptation*

**Closing Prayer:**

Chevis Webb

11:00 AM

**Song Leader:**

Alex Bansemer

**Scripture Reading:**

Bill Duryea

**Scripture:**

Matthew 7:13-14

**Prayer:**

Johnny Murray

**Lord's Supper:**

Doug Thweatt

Kevin Hayes

John Fix

Jim Barton

**Lesson:**

Stacey Durham

*The Experts, the Majority, and  
the Lord*

**Announcements:**

John Fix

**Closing Prayer:**

David Bansemer

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

**Song Leader:** David Bansemer

**Invitation:** Kevin Hayes

**Closing Prayer:** Stacey Durham

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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

**October:** Thweatt

**November:** Hayes

SIGN MESSAGE CHANGING

**October:** Durham

**November:** Webb

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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## Citizens of Heaven

**For Christians, Paul wrote, "For our citizenship is in heaven" (Phil. 3:20). On the first day of the week, citizens of heaven are assembling around the world to worship the God of heaven, and we do so here today. How good it is to be a member of God's kingdom!**

### To Our Visitors:

We are very thankful that you have come to be with us as we approach God in worship today. All true worshipers of God are always welcome here. We want you to know that our goals at Creekview are to learn, practice, and teach those things that are given to us through the word of God, the Bible. We hope that you find that we are accomplishing these goals and that you will want to join us again. If we can be of any assistance to you in your walk with God, please let us know.

## news and notes:

- Daylight savings time ends next Sunday, so set your clocks back one hour on Saturday so that you will arrive to worship services at the right time.
- Next Sunday, 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.

### 52 Week Reading Plan: Week 43

Sunday- James 1-3  
Monday - Deuteronomy 4-6  
Tuesday - 2Chronicles 25-28  
Wednesday - Psalms 122-124  
Thursday - Ecclesiastes 1-2  
Friday - Habakkuk  
Saturday - Acts 9-10

### Gospel Meetings:

Skyview (White House) - Oct. 28  
Rock (Charlotte) - Nov. 1-3  
Eastside (Bowling Green) - Nov. 3, ladies' day  
Millersville - Nov. 4-6

## Truth is not a Democracy

Democracy means that the people rule. In a pure democracy, the preference of the majority of people always governs. Our nation is not a pure democracy, but rather it is a democratically elected republic. This means that voters choose their representatives in the government. Some specific issues are also settled by the people when they are put before the public for a direct vote. In those issues, the preference of the majority determines the outcome.

Truth is not a democracy. People are not the arbiters of what is true and what is false. Truth is not determined by popular vote, for it is not subject to the people's preferences or opinions. Truth is unchangeable and cannot be revised by a democratic process. Even if a vast majority wishes to change the truth, it cannot be done. For example, if one hundred percent of people voted to change the molecular structure of water from H<sub>2</sub>O to CO<sub>2</sub>, water would remain unchanged.

Why then is it that some people behave as if the truth of God's word can be changed by a majority opinion? How foolish it is to attempt to oppose God with the strength of man, for "the weakness of God is stronger than men" (1Cor. 1:25). Regardless of how strong a majority may be or even if there is a perfect consensus of the people, it will never overpower the irresistible truth of God's word. God will always rule, and His word will always govern. He does not need us to give our advice or consent via a vote, for His ways and thoughts are higher than our ways and thoughts (Isa. 55:8-9). "Let God be found true, though every man be found a liar" (Rom. 3:4). Indeed, if every person says the opposite of truth, God still speaks only the truth. "If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself" (2Tim. 2:13). Indeed, even if every person says that there is no God or that His word is false, He does not waver.

For this reason, it is foolish and dangerous to conform to majority opinions. It is a terrible fallacy to believe that the popularity of a belief is indicative of its correctness. Too often, the majority is wrong, and those who follow the majority will be wrong as well. For example, consider the days of Noah when "the LORD saw that

the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5). In that time, "all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth" (Gen. 6:12). However, there was one exception: Noah. Noah was perhaps the smallest minority that has ever been on earth, yet he did not allow the majority to determine his course. What if Noah had thought, "Surely, that many people cannot be wrong"? If he had done so, then we would not be here today.

Nevertheless, the efforts to change truth by swaying majority opinions continue unabated. The news media craft their stories to shape public opinion rather than to report truth. Likewise, leaders in popular culture via music, movies, television, and websites use their influence to change the minds of those who consume their products. Very often, these messages are contrary to the truth of God's word. For example, the homosexual agenda is advanced through these avenues like an invading army, but the truth about the matter remains unchanged. God's word says that homosexual behavior is degrading, unnatural, indecent, and contrary to sound teaching and the gospel (Rom. 1:26-27; 1Tim. 1:10-11). Regardless of how many people are persuaded to accept homosexuality as a normal, healthy, and moral behavior, it will never be so.

Therefore, let us be warned. Truth is not a democracy, and a majority opinion is not a safe indicator of truth. Too often, following the majority will lead us down the wrong path. Jesus instructed us to avoid the way of the majority in Matthew 7:13-14:

<sup>13</sup>"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. <sup>14</sup>For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it."

Let us be among the few who believe the truth, follow Jesus, and find eternal life. This way may not be popular in this world, but it is the only way to enter the kingdom of God.

*Stacey E. Durham*