

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
Andrew Durham

Scripture Reading:
Wayne Baker
Mark 1:40-45

Prayer:
Chevis Webb

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
Lepers and Sinners

Closing Prayer:
Louis Long

Wednesday, September 18
Song Leader: Stacey Durham
Invitation: David Lanius
Prayer: Doug Thweatt

Lord's Supper Preparation
September: Wright
October: Thweatt

Change Sign Message:
September:
October:

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
David Bansemer

Scripture Reading:
Ron Hunt
John 12:37-43

Prayer:
Al Cotten

Lord's Supper:
Kevin Hayes
Doug Thweatt
John Fix
Gary Sells

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
*The Approval of Men or the
Approval of God*

Announcements:
John Fix

Closing Prayer:
Ron Dixon

Usher for This Week:
David Bansemer

creekview *BULLETIN*

Continual Devotion

The first members of the church “were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” (Acts 2:42). In this same pattern, we assemble today to devote ourselves to God through the same means as they did in the beginning of the church.

To Our Visitors:

We are so pleased to have you in our midst today as we assemble to worship the Lord. Our hope for you is that you will be drawn closer to God by having been in this assembly today.

SEPTEMBER

15

2019

VOL. 34
NUM. 37



SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAYS:

WORSHIP: 9:00 AM
BIBLE STUDY: 10:00 AM
WORSHIP: 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAYS:

BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM

The Father Gave All Things into His Hands

God's plan for the salvation of man was made even before time began. In Ephesians 3:11, it is called "the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord." In Acts 2:23, it is described as "the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God." Indeed, God knew from the beginning exactly how He would save man from His own wrath that would come against sinners.

This plan of salvation required the death of God's own Son. Although His Son was also God (John 1:1), He would empty Himself of His divine glory and come into the world in the humble form of man (Phil. 2:6-7). He would then live a sinless life and sacrifice Himself in the brutal death of crucifixion (Phil. 2:8). In His death, He would suffer vicariously for the sins of others. In Isaiah 53:4-6, the Scripture foretold the purpose of His ordeal:

⁴Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. ⁶All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

The burden of executing this plan was laid entirely upon Jesus. He knew that "the Father had given all things into His hands" (John 13:3) and that unless He carried out His Father's plan to perfection, we would have no chance of salvation. The weight of this burden cannot be overstated. Not only was Jesus appointed to die in an unspeakably brutal and painful way, but also the eternal destiny of every soul was in His hands. Only He could save the world. Everyone depended on Him, and no one could help Him.

Many times, Jesus could have spared Himself, but He never veered from His Father's purpose. There were times when He avoided death because "His hour had not yet come" (John 7:30; 8:20). However, when the appointed time came, Jesus did not flee, but instead He willingly went to meet His purpose. Knowing what awaited Him, Jesus intentionally went to Jerusalem and prepared for His fate. In John 12:27, He said, "Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour." Even when Peter tried to fight for His rescue, Jesus stopped him and said, "Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?" (Matt. 26:53).

Ultimately, it was Jesus who made God's plan happen. Although the Jews delivered Him to Pilate and He was "nailed to a cross by the hands of godless

men" (Acts 2:23), it was Jesus who facilitated His own sacrifice. God had given all things, including His own life, into His hands, and He chose to die for us. Notice His explanation of this in John 10:17-18:

¹⁷"For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. ¹⁸No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."

Now that Jesus has carried out His Father's plan for our salvation, the next step is in our hands. God has given us a plan for our salvation, namely that we would hear the gospel (Rom. 10:17), believe in His Son (John 8:24), confess our belief (Rom. 10:9-10), repent of our sins (Luke 13:3), be baptized in His name (Acts 2:38), and live faithfully for the duration of life (Col. 1:23). This plan is wonderfully effective for our salvation, but only if we execute it. The Father has given it all into our hands; will we carry it out?

Stacey E. Durham

ELDERS:

Ron Dixon
John Fix
Stacey Durham

DEACONS:

David Bansemer
Kevin Hayes
Thom Steger
Doug Thweatt

PREACHER & EDITOR:

Stacey Durham

Creekview church of Christ

930 Long Hollow Pike
Gallatin, TN 37066
615-452-8212

creekviewchurchofchrist.com

news & notes

- If you would like recordings from our gospel meeting, please see Wayne Baker.
- Please keep the following members in your prayers: Barbara Atkins, Donella Jones, and Kay Lanius. Also remember Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry and the Fix's son-in-law Jody Baize.

reading plan

Sunday- Titus
Monday - Numbers 17-20
Tuesday - 1 Chronicles 25-29
Wednesday - Ps. 108-110
Thursday - Proverbs 23-24
Friday - Amos 1-4
Saturday - John 16-18

meetings

Broadmoor - Sept. 15-20
Eastside - Sept. 20*
Kingston Springs - Sept. 21
Northfield Blvd. - Sept. 27-28
Ray's Branch - Sept. 29-Oct. 4

*song service