

# 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, April 22**

Song Leader:  
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Invitation:  
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Prayer:  
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**Lord's Supper Preparation**

April: Stubblefield

May: Duryea

**11:00 AM**

Song Leader:  
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Scripture Reading:  
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Prayer:  
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Lord's Supper:  
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Title:  
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**Lesson:**  
Stacey Durham

**Title:**  
*Christ is Proclaimed, and in  
This I Rejoice*

**Announcements:**  
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**Closing Prayer:**  
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**Usher for This Week:**  
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## Looking Forward

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How sweet it will be when we come together again. It is a great blessing to assemble on this Lord's Day to worship God and strengthen one another. We look forward to the day when we can meet again, and hopefully it won't be long.

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## Sermon Online:

A sermon will be presented live online Sunday morning at 11AM on the Facebook page of Stacey Durham. The live stream will begin with a song about five minutes early.

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**SERVICE TIMES**

**SUNDAYS:**

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

**WEDNESDAYS:**

BIBLE STUDY: 7:00 PM

## No Game Changers

Prior to six weeks ago, it had never entered my mind that the assemblies of the local church would be suspended due to a pandemic disease. Now that it has occurred, I feel that Christians have handled the situation very well. However, it has caused me to wonder how we might respond to other circumstances we have never considered before. Could there be a game changer for Christians?

“Game changer” is a term that has evolved from sporting events. It describes a decisive moment when the flow and outcome of a game are altered. For example, if a star player on a basketball team is injured, or if the leader in a golf tournament makes a crucial error, then that moment becomes a game changer.

In Scripture, an example of a game changer is found on the night Jesus was betrayed. That night, the Lord’s disciples (minus Judas Iscariot) had all insisted that they were willing to die with Him (Matt. 26:35). A short time later, those same disciples abandoned Jesus and fled. The game changer for them was the moment when Jesus told Peter to put away his sword (Matt. 26:52-56). Peter had drawn his sword to fight the men who came to arrest Jesus, but Jesus did not permit it. This order from Jesus changed everything for His disciples, for they were ready to die in battle for their Lord, but they were not prepared to submit passively to the Lord’s opponents.

In truth, there should be no game changers for Christians. From the moment a believer in Christ submits his life to the Lord, his commitment must be total and permanent. Jesus described this commitment in a figure, saying, “No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God” (Luke 9:62). Turning back from the Lord must never be considered by a disciple of Jesus, for “we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul” (Heb. 10:39).

To prevent any circumstance from becoming a game changer for us, we must prepare our minds properly. We cannot anticipate every possible situation that may arise, but we can know how to respond in any situation. Scripture instructs us to “sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence” (1Pet. 3:15). Regardless of what may happen, a Christian’s loyalty remains with the Lord Jesus, and nothing must ever change that.

Moreover, we must remain active in the work of the Lord despite changes in

our circumstances. We are commanded to “be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord” (1Cor. 15:58). A changing world does not deter a faithful disciple of Jesus from working for the Lord because he knows that the reward for his work is assured. Because there is no game changer for the promises of God in Jesus, there should be no game changer for our service to the Lord.

We have done well with this interruption in our lives due to the coronavirus epidemic, but how will we fare if something even more difficult arises? Could there be a game changer in terms of our faith in Christ? May it never be so! Let us prepare our hearts so that we will always be ready to endure in faith through any event. Lord willing and with His help, we will all get through this soon.

*Stacey E. Durham*

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## news & notes

- Due to the COVID-19 virus, all services are suspended indefinitely. We are hopeful to resume early next month.
- Keep praying especially for those who work in healthcare: Kelly Hayes, Becky Hunt, and Brianna Owen.
- Also remember to pray for the following: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanian, Louis Long, and Noah White. Also pray for Jody Baize, Katy Hunt, Alta Lanian, Wayne Wright, and Dot Long’s sister Melissa.

### reading plan

Sunday-1Corinthians 15-16  
Monday - Exodus 9-12  
Tuesday - 1Samuel 26-31  
Wednesday - Psalms 45-47  
Thursday - Job 31-32  
Friday - Jeremiah 17-21  
Saturday - Mark 11-12

### meetings

*None to announce*