

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:

Scripture Reading:

Prayer:

Lesson:

Title:

Closing Prayer:

Wednesday, April 8

Song Leader:

Invitation:

Prayer:

Lord's Supper Preparation

March: Fix

April: Stubblefield

11:00 AM

Song Leader:

Scripture Reading:

Prayer:

Lord's Supper:

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

Title:

*Thinking Like Jesus
Lesson 4 – Thinking About
God's Blessings*

Announcements:

Closing Prayer:

Usher for This Week:

Creekview *BULLETIN*

Still Suspended

Our assemblies are still suspended and will remain so for the duration of the coronavirus pandemic. Please continue to worship at home. "Do not let your heart be troubled" (John 14:1). Lord willing and with His help, we will all be together again soon.

Sermon Online:

A sermon will be presented live online Sunday morning at 11AM on the Facebook page of Stacey Durham. This is a public presentation, so anyone can see it without a Facebook account.

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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

Social Distance and Spiritual Closeness

“Social distancing” is a new term that has entered our vocabulary in the last few weeks. In the present context of the coronavirus pandemic, it means that we are to stay away from one another to prevent the spread of disease. For the sake of social distancing, we are all staying home, and even the services of the church have been suspended.

Although we are physically distant from one another, this should not result in us becoming spiritually distant from our brothers and sisters in Christ. Instead, we should be just as close in spiritual fellowship as ever. Our mindset should be like that of the apostle Paul, who wrote to the Colossian Christians, “For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit” (Col. 2:5).

Being together “in spirit” is more than just a wishful thought. Spiritual nearness exists because we are all in Christ together. Because Christians are all bound to God through Jesus, we are also bound to each other and are “members of one another” (Rom. 12:5; Eph. 4:25). This closeness transcends any physical distance because we are citizens of Christ’s kingdom (Col. 1:13), and His kingdom “is not of this world” (John 18:36).

Our spiritual closeness to one another depends upon our closeness to God. As always, our first priority is to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matt. 6:33). This priority has not been changed by the strange time in which we are living. Social distancing is not an excuse for backsliding even though we are not together to “stimulate one another to love and good deeds” (Heb. 10:24-25). Instead, let us follow the instructions of James 4:7-8:

⁷Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Indeed, our fellowship with God and with one another is a matter of practicing the truth and walking in the light according to 1John 1:5-7:

⁵This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; ⁷but if we walk in

the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

So then, let us take up the challenge of maintaining our spiritual health as we also practice social distancing for the sake of our physical health. Stay close to God by studying His word, praying fervently, worshiping at home, practicing love and good deeds, and remaining free from sin. If we do so, then we will also be close to one another in spirit through Christ “by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose” (Phil. 2:2). This is always our formula for spiritual closeness, and it is not changed by a pandemic or any other worldly factor. Lord willing and with His help, we will all get through this soon.

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news & notes

- Due to the COVID-19 virus, all services are suspended indefinitely.
- All of our members are doing well. Please pray 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 Lanius, Louis Long, and Noah White. Also pray for Jody Baize, Katy Hunt, Alta Lanius, Wayne Wright, and Dot Long’s sister Melissa.

reading plan

Sunday - 1 Corinthians 11-12
Monday - Exodus 1-4
Tuesday - 1 Samuel 16-20
Wednesday - Psalms 39-41
Thursday - Job 27-28
Friday - Jeremiah 7-11
Saturday - Mark 7-8

meetings

None to announce