

# WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

**9:00 AM**

**Song Leader:**  
David Bansemer

**Scripture Reading:**  
Ron Hunt  
2Peter 1:1-11

**Prayer:**  
John Fix

**Lesson:**  
Stacey Durham

**Title:**  
*Christian Characteristics*

**Closing Prayer:**  
Kirk Webb

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**Wednesday, August 26**

**Song Leader:**  
Alex Bansemer

**Invitation:**  
Bailey Steger

**Prayer:**  
Chris Huffines

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**Lord's Supper Preparation**  
**August:** Huffines  
**September:** Steger

**11:00 AM**

**Song Leader:**  
Jim Barton

**Scripture Reading:**  
Al Cotten  
Philippians 2:12-16

**Prayer:**  
Louis Long

**Lord's Supper:**  
Andrew Durham  
Nate Durham

**Lesson:**  
Stacey Durham

**Title:**  
*I Can't Complain*

**Announcements:**  
Jim Stubblefield

**Closing Prayer:**  
Doug Thweatt

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**Usher for This Week:**  
Kevin Hayes

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## To God Be the Glory

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Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen (Jude 24-25).

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## Streaming Services

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All services of the church will be streamed live on the Creekview Facebook page. Each stream will begin a few minutes early so that viewers can connect.

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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

## Responsibility, Accountability, and Recompense

From time to time, it is good to go back to basics and define terms and concepts. Due to the failures of parenting and education in modern society, it cannot be assumed that everyone has a clear understanding of basics. Even for those who do understand, it is good to be reminded for clarity of thought.

Few things are as basic as the concepts of responsibility, accountability, and recompense. These form a sound foundation for a well-behaved individual and a well-functioning society. Without these, both individuals and societies become dysfunctional, which explains much of what we see in our nation today.

Responsibility is an obligation to be fulfilled. If a person has a responsibility, then it is something that he alone must do. For example, a man is responsible for providing for his own family (1Tim. 5:8). Likewise, a father is responsible for training his children (Eph. 6:4). Such obligations must not be neglected or shifted to others. Some responsibilities are inherent, such as the responsibility of children to obey and honor their parents (Eph. 6:1-3). Some are accepted or assumed, such as the responsibility of an elder to oversee a local church (1Tim. 3:1). Regardless of how responsibility is obtained, the person who has it is morally obligated to fulfill his obligation.

Accountability means that a responsible person must answer for his actions. In other words, he must give an account of himself to someone else who has authority over him. In the parable of the talents (Matt. 25:14-30), Jesus told of three slaves who were accountable to their master for the money he entrusted to them to manage. Each one explained what he had done with the money and presented the results of his efforts. So then, accountability reinforces responsibility. Both of these are basic concepts of order and authority.

Recompense is the way a responsibility is enforced. It means that a responsible person is either rewarded for fulfilling his obligation or else he is punished for his failure. A recompense is given by the authority to whom a responsible person must give an account. For example, the master in the parable of the talents gave a recompense to each of his slaves when they accounted for their actions. Each slave was recompensed according to how well he had fulfilled his responsibility. The two slaves who did well were rewarded, but the one slave who failed in his responsibility was punished. In this way, a responsible person is motivated to fulfill his obligation, for he anticipates the recompense.

The simple system of responsibility, accountability, and recompense must be respected and observed in every institution of society. Whether it is the

home, the church, civil government, the armed forces, private business, or anything else, these basic concepts are essential to proper function. If persons are irresponsible, or if there is no accountability, or if recompenses are disproportionate to the execution of responsibility, then institutions fail. Neglect of these concepts is the reason many of society's institutions are failing today.

Most importantly, the concepts of responsibility, accountability, and recompense are foundational to our relationship with God. We all have responsibilities before God that we must keep (Gal. 6:5; Jas. 4:17). We are all accountable to Him, which means that we will have to explain how we handled our responsibilities (Rom. 14:12). He then will recompense us according to what we have done (2Cor. 5:10). The time for us to give an account to our Master is coming. If we wish to hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful slave...enter into the joy of your master" (Matt. 25:21), then let us be responsible in doing His blessed will now.

*Stacey E. Durham*

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## news & notes

- Lord willing, a guest preacher, Bryan Sircy, will be here next Sunday to present both sermons.
- The following members are in need of your prayers: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Jaxson Escue, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, and Laurie Polchek. Also pray for Jody Baize, Sandlyn Fultz, Tommy Lanius, Wayne and Beverley Wright, and Dot Long's sister Melissa.

## reading plan

Sunday- 1Timothy 4-6  
Monday - Numbers 5-8  
Tuesday - 1Chronicles 10-14  
Wednesday - Psalms 99-101  
Thursday - Proverbs 19  
Friday - Hosea 1-7  
Saturday - John 7-9

## meetings

Lakeview (Hendersonville) –  
Sept. 20-23  
East Cheatham (Joelton) –  
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