

# WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

**9:00 AM**

**Song Leader:**  
Chevis Webb

**Scripture Reading:**  
Andrew Durham  
2Corinthians 13:1-6

**Prayer:**  
Jim Stubblefield

**Lesson:**  
Stacey Durham

**Title:**  
*Examine Yourself*

**Closing Prayer:**  
Doug Thweatt

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**Wednesday, December 30**

**Song Leader:**  
Chevis Webb

**Invitation:**  
John Fix

**Prayer:**  
Stacey Durham

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**Lord's Supper Preparation**  
December: Fix  
January: Durham

**11:00 AM**

**Song Leader:**  
Jim Barton

**Scripture Reading:**  
Chris Huffines  
Matthew 5:13-16

**Prayer:**  
Bill Duryea

**Lord's Supper:**  
David Bansemer  
Alex Bansemer

**Lesson:**  
Seth McDonald

**Title:**  
*Salt and Light*

**Announcements:**  
Kevin Hayes

**Closing Prayer:**  
Ron Hunt

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**Usher for This Week:**  
David Bansemer

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## Glad to Be Here!

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David wrote, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'" (Ps. 122:1). Today, we have come into the assembly of the household of God by assembling with the Lord's church. How glad we are to be here!

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## To Our Visitors

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We hope that you find our services to be Scriptural in all things and edifying to your soul. We count it as a great honor to gather before the Lord for worship, and we hope that this sense of reverence is evident in all that we do. Thank you for coming to be with us today.

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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

## Vanishing Vapors

The year 2020 has been surprising to say the least. Who could have predicted a global pandemic, quarantines, lockdowns, social distancing, and mask mandates? On top of that, there was social upheaval, civil unrest, and political chaos, which were all somewhat predictable but not to the degree in which they actually happened.

If this last year has taught us anything, it is the truth of Proverbs 27:1, which says, "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth." We never know what the future may bring whether in a year like 2020 or even in a day. Tomorrow may be much different than we expect.

So then, we should not carry on as if we know the future of life in this world. "You do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away" (Jas. 4:14). Just like every other year, a lot of "vapors" vanished from the earth during this past year. Only God knows which of our lives will evaporate in the year to come.

Time is too fickle to be trusted. Jesus told of a rich man who said to himself, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry" (Luke 12:19). God then said to him, "You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?" (Luke 12:20). The rich man foolishly trusted in his wealth, but he also made another great mistake by trusting in time. He thought he had many years, but his vapor vanished that same night.

Time cannot be trusted, and not knowing the future can be unsettling, but there is no need to despair. Someone has said, "I don't know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future." If you trust in God, who holds the future, then you will have peace in the year to come regardless of what may occur. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7).

Unlike the future, the Lord is eminently predictable. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Heb. 13:8). If your life has been built on the Rock of Jesus Christ in the year 2020, then you have weathered the storm even if you suffered great hardship, for Jesus did not change (Matt.

7:24-27). The same will be true for the year 2021 regardless of what may happen. Even if your vapor vanishes from this world in the next year, you will be ready if you are in the Lord Jesus.

Therefore, look to the new year without fear. There is no guarantee that 2021 will be better than 2020, but God will be the same gracious, merciful, kind, and loving God that He has always been. If you are faithful to Him, then you can say, "I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day" (2Tim. 1:12). We do not know whether "that day" will come next year or in a thousand years, but we do know that it will surely come. When it does, heaven will then be the everlasting reward for all those who have faithfully trusted in God, and there will be no vanishing vapors there.

*Stacey E. Durham*

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## news & notes

- Jeri Baker spent some time in the hospital due to heart problems. Please pray for her health and comfort.
- Mishae Nevils, required a follow-up surgery last week and is back in ICU. Please continue your prayers for her.
- Also remember the following members in your prayers: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, Laurie Polchek, and Kirk Webb. Also remember Ralph Anderson, Jody Baize, Wayne Wright, Dot Long's sister Melissa, and Pat Ridings' brother.

## reading plan

Sunday - Jude  
Monday - Deut. 32-34  
Tuesday - Esther 6-10  
Wednesday - Ps. 149-150  
Thursday - Song of Sol. 7-8  
Friday - Revelation 18-22  
Saturday - Acts 27-28

## meetings

*None to announce*