

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
Nate Durham

Scripture Reading:
Andrew Durham
Colossians 3:12-17

Prayer:
Chris Huffines

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
Singing for Worship

Closing Prayer:
Louis Long

Wednesday, July 22

Song Leader:
Thom Steger

Invitation:
David Bansemer

Prayer:
Alex Bansemer

Lord's Supper Preparation
July: Steger
August: -

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
Jim Barton

Scripture Reading:
Al Cotten
Jeremiah 20:7-12

Prayer:
Ron Hunt

Lord's Supper:
Ron Dixon
John Fix

Lesson:
Stacey Durham

Title:
I Cannot Be Silent

Announcements:
Thom Steger

Closing Prayer:
Wayne Baker

Usher for This Week:
David Bansemer

Creekview *BULLETIN*

Let's Go Home

We often sing the old hymn "This World Is Not My Home," but where is our home? As the song expresses, our home is in heaven where our God and Savior are waiting. A home in heaven is the prize that we long to win. Let us be certain that we are doing all we need to do now so that when the time comes we can go home to God.

Streaming Services

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

The Death Rate is One Hundred Percent

There is a lot of wrangling about the numbers related to the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the categories that is debated is the death rate. Some have pointed out that the death rate for this disease has gone down recently even though the number of positive tests has gone up. That simply means that a lower percentage of people infected by it are dying. Others say that the death rate does not matter because people are still dying, and the disease is still spreading.

The actual death rate for people infected by COVID-19 is one hundred percent. This does not mean that the disease is one hundred percent lethal. Studies indicate that less than one percent of people infected with COVID-19 will die because of it. It means that all people infected with COVID-19 will eventually die just like everyone else.

Why am I pointing out such an obvious fact? The reason is that there is a full-blown panic across the whole world over a disease that kills less than one percent of those who catch it, but there is relatively little apparent concern that all of us are going to die and stand before the Lord in the Judgment. Great measures are being taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to create a vaccine for it, but what measures are we taking to prepare for the inevitable end of all of us in this world?

The inescapable fate of death is evident all around us. Death is as much a part of life as birth. The Scriptures bear witness to this fate from Genesis to Revelation. Notice a few passages:

- Genesis 3:19 (God speaking to Adam) – “By the sweat of your face you will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”
- Psalm 89:48 – What man can live and not see death? Can he deliver his soul from the power of Sheol?
- Ecclesiastes 3:20 – All go to the same place. All came from the dust and all return to the dust.
- Ecclesiastes 9:5 – For the living know they will die; but the dead do not know anything, nor have they any longer a reward, for their memory is forgotten.
- Ecclesiastes 12:7 – ...then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.
- Hebrews 9:27 – And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment...

For His part, God has taken great measures to save us from the fate of death. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16). This does not mean that believers in Christ will never die but rather that they will not remain captive to physical death. Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies” (John 11:25). He took away the power of

Satan to hold his prisoners in death (Heb. 2:14-15) and redeemed believers so that they can stand justified before Him in the Judgment (Rom. 3:23-26; 2Cor. 5:10).

For our part, now is the time to prepare for the certainty of death and the Judgment. We must be faithfully obedient to the Lord Jesus for salvation (Heb. 5:9). Any other preparation will be in vain, for “there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

Unless the Lord Jesus returns first, the chance of death for each of us is one hundred percent. Your time is coming, so will you be ready? When you are in the throes of a heart attack, gasping for breath in the wreckage of a car accident, being rushed to a hospital in the back of an ambulance, about to go under anesthesia for surgery, slowly slipping away in a nursing home, or in any other position at the last moment of your life, will you be able to say with confidence and comfort, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit” (Acts 7:59)? Get ready today!

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news & notes

- Andie Ruch will be moving to Florida at the end of this week. Her new address is posted on the bulletin board. Please pray for God's continued blessings on our dear sister as she leaves us.
- Please continue to pray for these members: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, Laurie Polchek, and Lana Richardson. Also pray for Jody Baize, Sandlyn Fultz, Tommy Lanius, Judy Ragland, Wayne Wright, and Dot Long's sister Melissa.

reading plan

Sunday- Colossians 3-4
Monday - Leviticus 16-18
Tuesday - 2Kings 11-15
Wednesday - Psalms 84-86
Thursday - Proverbs 11-12
Friday - Ezekiel 31-36
Saturday - Luke 21-22

meetings

None to announce