

# 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, May 13**

Song Leader:

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Invitation:

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Prayer:

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**Lord's Supper Preparation**

May: Duryea

June: Ridings

**10:00 AM**

Song Leader:

Alex Bansemer

Scripture Reading:

1John 4:16-21

Prayer:

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Lord's Supper:

John Fix

Ron Dixon

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Lesson:

Stacey Durham

Title:

*The Antidotes for Fear*

Announcements:

Stacey Durham

Closing Prayer:

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**Usher for This Week:**

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# Creekview *BULLETIN*

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## Let Us Be Glad

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In Psalm 122:1, David wrote, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" As we return to the assembly of the church today, perhaps this statement has never meant more. Let us be glad and rejoice to be together again as the household of God.

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## Streaming Services

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Our worship service will be streamed live Sunday morning at 10AM on the Facebook page of Stacey Durham. The live 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

## Coronavirus: Moving the Church Forward

Like many churches, the Creekview church of Christ suspended all services after March 15, 2020, due to the coronavirus. Thankfully, we will resume a limited schedule beginning on Sunday, May 10. This will be our first assembly in nearly two months. We are hopeful of having the full complement of our assemblies soon.

The decision to suspend the services was not an easy one. It was based on the information available at the time and made for the sake of each person's wellbeing. Such measures are unprecedented in our lifetimes, and hopefully this event does not become a precedent for future events.

Some Christians from across the country have taken to social media to argue over the matter of suspending the services of local churches. There are points to be made and lessons to be learned on both sides of the issue, but ultimately it has been a matter for each local church to decide. Elders are appointed in each church to shepherd the flock among them (Acts 14:23; 20:28; 1Pet. 5:1-3), and it is best to respect the autonomy of the local churches. Certainly, there should be no strife among Christians due to these extraordinary times. "Please let there be no strife...for we are brothers" (Gen. 13:8).

As this episode of fear in our history appears to be winding down, it is time for the church to begin moving on. The virus remains among us and probably will remain for some time, but the work of the church must not be hindered by it. We now know that proper precautions should be taken for the sake of those who are most vulnerable, but it is not necessary to cripple the church. "There is an appointed time for everything" (Eccl. 3:1), and the time for abstaining from the assemblies of the church is ending.

As the assemblies resume, let us press forward and leave this strange time behind. It is impossible for us to know precisely when it will all end or whether there will be further outbreaks of the virus, but there is no need to dwell on what is done. Some Christians may have disagreed with the decision to suspend the church's assemblies in the first place. Some may believe that the church is returning to the assemblies too soon. These judgments have been difficult, but the church will do well as long as we all "pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another" (Rom. 14:19).

Going forward, this experience can result in stronger faith. Churches in the United States have faced almost no hardships in recent generations, so it is good for us to see how our faith endures a storm. Granted, we have not faced anything like many churches endure in other parts of the world. Two months

under quarantine is nothing like the violent persecution that has come against many Christians throughout history (for example, Acts 8:1). However, our experience might serve as a minor test to prepare us for greater hardships to come. If we had failed this test, it would not bode well for our faith or our future. So far, it seems that we have held up pretty well.

If we have indeed passed the test, then all glory belongs to God. His blessings, both temporal and spiritual, have never ceased throughout this time. Innumerable prayers have been answered in ways that were better than we could have anticipated, for He "is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20). Such a relatively minor trial as this has taught us how utterly reliable and trustworthy our God is. Faith in Him and devotion to His unchangeable word will be the key to the church moving forward successfully. "In all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us" (Rom. 8:37). Faith is the victory that overcomes the world (1John 5:4), so let's march on.

*Stacey E. Durham*

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## news & notes

- All services at Creekview will be streamed live on the internet going forward. These will be available for you to view if you are unable to attend.
- Kay Cook is recovering from cataract surgery performed on Wednesday.
- Please pray for the following members: Barbara Atkins, Shirley Buchanan, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, Louis Long, Laurie Polcheck, and Noah White. Also pray for Jody Baize, Katy Hunt, Alta Lanius, Wayne Wright, and Dot Long's sister Melissa.

## reading plan

Sunday - 2Corinthians 6-8  
Monday - Exodus 21-24  
Tuesday - 2Samuel 10-14  
Wednesday - Psalms 54-56  
Thursday - Job 37-38  
Friday - Jeremiah 32-36  
Saturday - Luke 1-2

## meetings

*None to announce*