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### Leadership

**Elders** Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey  
**Deacons** Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr,  
 Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney  
**Pulpit Minister** David Wright  
**Associate Minister** Irvin F. Williams

### Panama Missions

Evans Campbell Pablo Sanchez

### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM  
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
 Evening Worship 6:00 PM

#### Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies and Bible Correspondence Courses - Phone (812) 284-3125

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### Those Privileged to Serve

#### AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins  
 Opening Prayer Harold Tincher  
 Scripture Leon Stocksdale  
 Sermon David Wright  
 Lord's Supper  
 Message Irvin Williams  
 Attendant Jerry Montgomery  
 Attendant Art Patrick  
 Closing Prayer Jerry Casey

#### PM Service

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale  
 Bible Reading David Blackwell  
 Selection 25  
 Prayer Greg Blanton  
 Sermon David Wright  
 Closing Prayer Clint Smith Jr  
*If you are unable to serve,  
 Call Art Patrick 502-819-9481  
 Or Harold Tincher 288-5956*

#### AM & PM Services

Announcements Joe Sweeney  
 Lord's Supper Matt Johnson  
 Offering Grover Blanton  
 Usher Ernie Marshall  
 Count Offering Hank Tincher  
 Assist Count Art Patrick

#### Last Sunday

Contribution Attendance  
 \$2709 88

### Hamburg Pike Happenings

A reminder for tax season: Your contributions to the church cannot be taken as a tax deduction without proper documentation. Please see Clint or Ashley Smith for contribution receipts if needed.

The Elizabethtown congregation is conducting a Bible Bowl on Saturday July 26th. The competition will cover Genesis chapters 26 thru 50. The age groups are: K - 2nd grade, 3rd - 5th Grades, 6th - 8th Grades and 9th - 12th grades. Our teams should sign up by April 1st in order to get the materials to begin practice. See Robby Stocksdale for other details and questions.

Please mark your calendar for two important upcoming events:

- Hamburg Pike is holding a Gospel meeting April 25-27. The guest speaker is to be Doug Burleson.
- Hamburg Pike is having its first vacation Bible school July 20-23. Josh Wright is planning to bring a group of young people from Rome, Georgia, to help with this good work.

The Elizabethtown congregation is hosting an evangelism seminar with Stephen Rogers on Saturday, April 12. The cost per person is \$10. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. Please RSVP by March 21; a flyer is posted on the bulletin board.

We rejoice with Marian Stephens decision to be baptized last Wednesday. Marian had been baptized at age 8 but she wanted to make sure she was baptized according to God's word. Please keep Marian in your prayers.

**A note from our Elders:** Jerry and Hayward invite and encourage the male members of the congregation to volunteer to present a Wednesday devotional during the spring quarter March thru May. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Lessons should be prepared and 3 – 5 minutes in duration.

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Please come join us.

Fellowship Group Meeting Schedule:

Robby & Kirsten's group – March 23<sup>rd</sup> after the morning worship.

Hank & Cassie's group – March 30<sup>th</sup> after the morning worship.

The Building Committee will meet Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

The 2014 Spring Mill Bible camp is scheduled for June and July. Clint Smith Jr and others from Hamburg Pike will be at the camp the week of June 22 – 27. Registration forms are available in the foyer. Please see Clint Smith Jr. for details.

### **A COMPLAINING CHRISTIAN**

Complaining often falls into that category of sins that are excused because "that's just so-and-so." However, God does not provide for such exceptions. Apparently, many people do not understand the extent of damage caused by the wagging tongues of negative naysayers. The apostle Paul told the Philippians, "Do all things without murmurings and disputings; That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world" (Phil. 2:14-15). According to Paul, if a person was a complainer, he was not blameless, harmless, or without rebuke, nor could he shine as a light to the world.

Complaining is very different from offering a scriptural objection. Complaining means that people have an objection to something—sometimes anything—but that they object for personal reasons rather than biblical reasons. If they had biblical reasons, they would cite scripture and explain their reasons for interpreting scripture differently. Instead, they want to get their way, and they will talk, gossip, nag, argue, and politic until they get their way.

While people, including those in the church, often give in to complainers just to "keep the peace," God never does. Sometimes the squeaky wheel does not need grease at all. Sometimes there is a bunch of gunk getting in the way and keeping the wheel from operating properly. When this is the case, you do not add grease, you get rid of the gunk. Complaining is sinful and will cost you your soul. Therefore, "Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer" (1 Cor. 10:10).

Kevin W. Rhodes, <http://www.midtowncoc.org/article.asp?bid=234>

### **MY NEEDS OR HIS DESIRES**

Once in a while I hear reports from people who have discussed their worship experiences with someone else who has said, "That worship did not meet my needs."

I would reply to someone such as that with something like the following: "My friend, you need to immediately fall on your hands and knees and prostrate yourself before the Creator of the heavens and the earth and you, and beg His forgiveness for putting yourself and your feeble, misguided requirements into the place of His desires and demands as your God."

"My needs" is just another means of "shifting the paradigm" and focus of worship from God to man. Worship must be God-centered. But when we condition our worship according to our perceived needs we begin the downward spiral into the abyss of apostasy. Can you imagine the great psalmist, David, complaining about ordained homage to God not "meeting his needs?"

Monte Ginnings, <http://www.midtowncoc.org/article.asp?bid=405>

## What Shall We Do?

David Wright

Elisha's young servant was in a panic. His mouth was dry, his hands were sweaty, and his heart was threatening to pound out of his chest. The prophet Elisha had repeatedly thwarted the Arameans' military plans against Israel, and now a "great army" sent by the king of Aram was in Dothan to seize Elisha (2 Kings 6:14).

The sight of the fierce warriors, horses, and chariots surrounding the city impressed Elisha's servant with the apparent hopelessness of the situation. No humanly possible way of escape presented itself. The young man cried out, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" (2 Kings 6:15). After urging his servant not to worry, Elisha made a request of God. "O Lord," he prayed, "open his eyes that he may see." When God "opened the eyes of the young man," he saw the mountain "full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha" (v. 17).

At times we may identify with this young man's panicky feelings. No foreign army is invading the United States, and yet the distresses and uncertainties of daily life may hem us in and make us afraid of the future. The cause of the panic may be job loss, a stack of unpaid bills, rapidly shrinking retirement savings, the out-of-control behavior of a grown child, the pain of being victimized by a criminal, the death of a loved one, a divorce, a terrifying medical diagnosis, or the moral decline of the nation. "Fear not," Elisha told his young companion, "for those who are with us are more than those who are with them" (2 Kings 6:16).

Elisha's servant was right about one thing. There was no humanly possible way for him to escape from the Arameans. But he had forgotten about God--until his eyes were opened. *Lord, when we are feeling panicky, please open our eyes too!*

### Sermon

Ps. 11:1-7

The Handwriting on the Wall (a.m.)

Some Final Thoughts (p.m.)

<sup>8</sup> Once when the king of Syria was warring against Israel, he took counsel with his servants, saying, "At such and such a place shall be my camp." <sup>9</sup> But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are going down there." <sup>10</sup> And the king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God told him. Thus he used to warn him, so that he saved himself there more than once or twice. <sup>11</sup> And the mind of the king of Syria was greatly troubled because of this thing, and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me who of us is for the king of Israel?" <sup>12</sup> And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom." <sup>13</sup> And he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and seize him." It was told him, "Behold, he is in Dothan." <sup>14</sup> So he sent there horses and chariots and a great army, and they came by night and surrounded the city. <sup>15</sup> When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" <sup>16</sup> He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." <sup>17</sup> Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see." So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. <sup>18</sup> And when the Syrians came down against him, Elisha prayed to the LORD and said, "Please strike this people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness in accordance with the prayer of Elisha. 2 Kings 6:8-18