

## Jesus, Hope for Families

Even Jesus experienced the sad condition of his own brothers (Joseph's and Mary's children, John 7:3-5) not believing in him. But the conquering of sin and death by Him in His crucifixion and resurrection led at last to the numbering of his family among the believers (Acts 1:14).

In an amazing revelation we're told that Jesus counts all who put their faith in Him as brothers (Hebrews 2:10-13). So even if family members turn against us because of Jesus (Matthew 10:36) we are all brothers in the family of God.

But the very relationship we enjoy in the family (church) of God gives us practical ways to have better families (Ephesians 5:21-6:4). Instead of being antagonists to each other, we instead submit to one another. We put our own selves in second place to the ever-present need to serve, love, respect and care for each other. Men are even told to die (to themselves and sometimes literally) for their wives. Women stop trying to control, but willing submit to the loving leadership of their husbands. Parents care for and train (by example and by teaching) their children to follow the Lord's way.

If you haven't tried it, come join us as we learn how! It works!

*Lawrence Barr Indiana church of Christ in Indiana, Pennsylvania via bulletingold.com*

### Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: "The Word Planted in You" James 1:19-27  
 Sunday Evening: "Jesus on the End Time"

### Leadership

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

### 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

### Panama Missions

Evans Campbell Pablo Sanchez

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### Those Privileged to Serve

#### AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins  
 Opening Prayer Greg Blanton  
 Scripture Fin Burton  
 Sermon Eric Welch  
 Lord's Supper Luke 23:13-48  
 Message Stephen Cravens  
 Attendant Grover Blanton  
 Attendant Jeremy Montgomery  
 Closing Prayer Irvin Williams

#### PM Service

Song Leader Clint Smith Jr  
 Bible Reading Leon Stocksdale  
 Selection 49  
 Prayer Hayward Blanton  
 Sermon Eric Welch  
 Closing Prayer Ethan Welch  
*If you are unable to serve, please  
 call Art Patrick 502-819-9481  
 or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511*

#### AM & PM Services

Announcements Clint Smith Sr  
 Lord's Supper Rick Martin  
 Offering Joe Sweeney  
 Usher Ernie Marshall  
 Count Offering Robby Stocksdale  
 Assist Count Art Patrick

#### Last Sunday

Contribution Attendance  
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## The Best of...

Have you seen the music albums, book collections that they are making now titled, "The Best of ." and then some artist is named. This is supposed to be an album or collection where they have compiled the best music, the best stories (or whatever) that this person has done.

I was thinking about that concept the other night and wondering how that might apply to my own life (or maybe yours). What if we were asked to recount the "Best of our lives?" Now stop and think for a minute about that question. Just what would you list as the best things you have done in your life? For me I'm not sure just what that would be, but I know it would not be the times I lost my temper, the times I lost patience with someone. It would not be the times my faith was weak or my example even weaker. I like to think that "The best of my life" would be the times I was most like Christ (as few as they may be). Paul writes that we are to "have the mind of Christ," Philippians 2:5. Paul goes on to recount the unselfish nature of Christ's life here on earth, His willingness to give up everything so that mankind might be saved.

Let me encourage you this week, not to worry about doing some great deed, or what might have been the best of your life in the past, but what will be your best today, each day. Live one day at a time for Christ and your life will all be "The Best of."

Paul also said in Philippians 3:13-14 "Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

You see, you might be tempted to dwell on "The Worst of ." your life. But God doesn't want us to do that. The writer of Hebrews 12:2 gives us an idea of how refrain from doing this, when he talks of, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." So this week, look to Jesus and you will be the best you can be.

May God make all of your days, "The Best!"

*Russ Lawson, Greenville Church of Christ, Greenville, OH via bulletingold.com*

## Spiritual Botox

Eric Welch

Botox is a purified botulin neurotoxin used in medicine as a muscle relaxant and is often injected into facial muscles to smooth wrinkles. Botox can be used medically to treat chronic headaches. However, some people have found a strange use for it. Jack Berdy, a cosmetic surgeon in New York, gives Botox injections to poker players. The injections help players hide their facial expressions so they do not betray their hand with involuntary facial expressions. He calls the procedure--"Pokertox."

Some people are guilty of using spiritual Botox. The word hypocrite comes from the world of theater. In ancient Greece, actors wore masks with hidden megaphones for voice projection. The Greek term "hypocrite" refers to an actor in a play, someone who wore a "false face."

The verb form of hypocrite is found in Luke 20:20 and shows the close meaning to playing a role. So they [the chief priests] watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor (emphasis mine—EW). They made out to be honest men. Jesus called their attempts to trap him with their cunning questions hypocrisy (Matthew 22:18; Mark 12:15). It is a deliberate false face.

Not only was it deliberate, but Jesus showed it to be spiritual blindness as well. He taught in order to open the eyes of the blind. In the Sermon on the Mount, He taught his followers not to remove the speck from someone else's eye while keeping a blinding plank in their own (Matthew 7:3-5). He taught them not to do religious acts with a "false face" in order to receive the praise of people (Matthew 6:2). Outwardly, the Pharisees pretended to be of God, but they rejected salvation that comes only through Jesus and trusted in their own righteousness (Read Matthew 23).

Let's shun spiritual Botox. Let's not go before God with a false face (Mark 7:6-7). May our outside match our inside, which itself must reflect the life and teachings of Jesus.

<sup>6</sup> And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,"  
'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their heart is far from me;  
<sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

Mark 7:6-7

## Hamburg Pike Happenings

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>MORE INFORMATION</u>
Building Committee meeting	September 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	church building	
Monday Night for the Master	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	church building	The meal theme will be "Soup", please sign the sheet if you plan to attend.
"Kid's Movie Night"	September 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	building	Flyers are available; please see Clint Jr. for further details.
Teen Devotional	September 20 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm		More details to follow

*Keep watching for details of our upcoming Gospel Meeting!!*

Romans 5:5

*"Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."*