



# The Worker

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### Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: "Judging Others" James 4:11-12

Sunday Evening: "Faithful Love"

Leadership		Schedule of Services	
<b>Elders</b>	Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey	<b>Sunday</b>	
<b>Deacons</b>	Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr, Robby Stocksdales, Joe Sweeney	Bible Class	10:00 AM
		Morning Worship	11:00 AM
<b>Pulpit Minister</b>	Eric Welch	Evening Worship	6:00 PM
<b>Associate Minister</b>	Irvin F. Williams		
		<b>Wednesday</b>	
		Bible Class	7:00 PM
<b>Panama Missions</b>			
Evans Campbell	Pablo Sanchez		

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AM Service		Those Privileged to Serve		AM & PM Services	
		PM Service			
Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Stephen Cravens	Announcements	Clint Smith Jr
Opening Prayer	Clint Smith Sr	Bible Reading	Robby Stocksdales	Lord's Supper	Matt Johnson
Scripture	David Blackwell	Selection	56	Offering	Leon Stocksdales
Sermon	Eric Welch	Prayer	Jerry Casey	Usher	Jerry Montgomery
Lord's Supper		Sermon	Eric Welch	Count Offering	Harold Tincher
Message	Joe Sweeney	Closing Prayer	Ethan Welch	Assist Count	Hank Tincher
Attendant	Brandon Montgomery				
Attendant	Marc Owens	<i>If you are unable to serve, please call Art Patrick 502-819-9481 or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511</i>			
Closing Prayer	Eric Welch				

### What to Do When Times Are Bad

Paul's little letter to the church in Philippi has helped me on numerous occasions. It can help you, too, when circumstances in your life are not what you would like them to be. Let me give you an example from chapter 4. Here's some advice from Paul:

1. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!" (v. 4) - When distressed, we can find joy "in" the Lord. When you're on the down side of life, you're looking at defeat. But when you contemplate Jesus, all you can see is victory! We like to celebrate victories.

2. "Let your forbearing spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near." (v. 5) - Paul did not say "let everybody see how downcast you are." Rather, he wants us to behave in such a way that everyone can see we are bearing up under the burdens of life. We don't let life get us down. Why? We recognize that this life is soon over and our Lord will soon return to take us home (see 3:20, 21). Hey, that lifts my spirits!

3. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (v. 6) - Do you catch yourself worrying about a lot of little things? If so, then I can tell you from experience that you're behind in your praying. Prayer puts things in proper perspective. Prayer places our trust in a loving Father who wants to handle our worries about life (see Matt. 6:24-34; 1 Pet. 5:6, 7).

Here then, are three things you can do when you feel a "downer" coming on; too tough for you? Did I fail to mention that Paul also said, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13).

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### No One Cared For My Soul

The 142nd Psalm contains "a prayer of David when he was in the cave." David, while hiding from King Saul, thought he had been deserted by all his friends. In one of the saddest verses in the Bible, David said, "Look on my right hand and see, for there is no one who acknowledges me; refuge has failed me; no one cares for my soul" (Psa. 142:4).

Is it possible that you have a friend or neighbor who, like David, feels that no one cares for their soul? In all likelihood, within the last two years one of your friends or neighbors died unprepared to meet God. What did you do to prevent this tragedy? Did they know that you cared for their soul?

Do your children know you care for their soul? If you do, they will know it from your instruction in the Word of God. Before the Israelites entered the promised land Moses told the people, "these words which I command you today shall be in your heart; you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up" (Deut. 6:6,7).

Do your friends know you care for their soul? One of Paul's greatest desires was for the salvation of his nation (Rom. 10:1-3). The obligation he felt to preach made him cry out, "woe is me if I do not preach the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:16).

When was the last time you invited your friends to a Bible study? It seems as though we can find time to discuss everything in the world except the salvation of a soul which is worth more than the world itself (Matt. 16:26).

Do your brethren know you care for their soul? "Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous" (1 Peter 3:8). Love for the brethren is expressed by action. Do you help or hinder the public assembly? Are you an encouragement to others or a constant complainer? You cannot encourage and complain at the same time.

At the judgment your concern or lack thereof, will be made known. Imagine the heartache of one of your neighbors saying, in the words of one of our songs, "You never mentioned Him to me, You helped me not the light to see; You met me day by day and knew I was astray, Yet you never mentioned Him to me."

God warned a prophet by saying: "When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand. Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; also you will have delivered your soul." (Ezek. 3:18-21).

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### **Put on Jesus Christ**

Eric Welch

According to the World Record Academy, Datta Phuge, 32, of Pimpi-Chinchwad, India, broke the Guinness record for the world's most expensive shirt. Mr. Fuge's solide gold shirt is worth \$235,000. Fifteen tailors worked for two weeks with gold thread so that Mr. Phuge, a banker, could wear his gold shirt for a 2012 New Year's Eve bash and impress the ladies. Along with the shirt came matching cuffs and rings.

If you are a single man and want to find a godly woman, wear something far more valuable than a gold shirt. Put on something woven with the threads of truth and dyed in the color of faith. Put on Jesus Christ (Romans 13:14; Galatians 3:26-27). Follow His teachings.

Jesus had the traits of tenderness that women find appealing. He held children in his arms and blessed them (Mark 10:13-16). Jesus also struck fiercely against the forces of evil. He turned over the tables of the money changers in the temple when he found them hindering Gentiles from worshiping (Mark 11:15-18). In Gethsemane, when Jesus was about to be arrested, a cohort of 500-600 men were thrown back to the ground (John 18:6). Even a legion of demons trembled at His name (Mark 5:6-7). The greatest blow was dealt at the cross (cf. Hebrew 2:14).

Indeed, Jesus is Lord and *the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold...* (Psalm 19:9-10). In fact, remember, even a shirt made of pure gold will get ring around the collar (Matthew 6:19-21).

What is more impressive than your name in the Guinness Book of World Records? Having your name written in the Book of Life and celebrated in heaven (Revelation 3:5).

Do you want to find the right person for a lifetime of marriage? Reflect the character of Christ. Put on Jesus.

### **Hamburg Pike Happenings**

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00. Please sign the sheet if you plan to join us. The meal theme is soup and sandwiches.

A "Trunk or Treat" is planned at the building on Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board with detail information.

Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> is a scheduled work-day at the Spring Mill Bible Camp. Clint Smith Jr. requests 6-10 volunteers. Please sign the sheet if you are able to assist with this.

A Kid's Movie Night is scheduled for Friday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, details to follow.

Part 2 of our Titus 2 Women's day is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> with breakfast being served at 8:45. Please bring a desert; all other food will be provided. The focus is on the home and family. For more details see Megan or Liz.

The Elders have designated Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup> as "Orphans Sunday" for a special offering.

Daylight Savings Time (DST) ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour.

### **Sleeping Saints**

Preachers have always had to put up with those saints who sleep during services. Eutychus, who fell out of the window in Acts 20, is probably the best known. While in Troas, Paul preached in an upper room where the church had gathered together. Luke tells us that "in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead" (Acts 20:9). I have met a few folks who had a habit of "sinking into a deep sleep" during periods of "worship."

Have you ever wondered why these people decide to catch up on their sleep while the gospel is being preached? It could be the preacher is boring. However, it has been my observation that "sleeping saints" don't really care who is preaching they're going to sleep regardless. Let me offer a few suggestions as to why they sleep:

**The Late Show** - Those who stay up Saturday night to watch the late, late show usually can't keep their eyes open on Sunday morning. Their problem is one of priorities. The gospel of Christ rates well below reruns of World War II movies and the latest slasher films.

**Medication** - I've known several brethren who could not stay awake because of their medication. This is not their fault, they try their best to participate and I admire them for attending in spite of physical infirmities.

**Lack of Interest** - Here is the major cause of "sleeping sickness." If someone were to lecture on how to make a million dollars in real estate, these folks would find a way to stay awake, even if they had to put toothpicks in their eyelids to keep them open.

**Working the Midnight Shift** - I truly admire those who put in a full night's work and get home just in time to get ready for morning services. Many people would stay home and sleep, but these brethren really want to worship God. They show their family and their brethren where their true priorities are.

What should we do with "sleeping saints"? When I lived in Evansville, Indiana we had one man who was a perpetual embarrassment, not only because he slept during services, but sometimes he even snored. One Sunday he slept through all of the sermon, the invitation song and the closing prayer as well. Someone woke him up as we were leaving the building. One lady suggested we should have just turned out the lights and left him there. I had another idea, but it involved the use of Crazy Glue, and some thought it was not appropriate.

If a person sleeps during periods of "worship" those who sit near them need to find out why. Those who sleep during services are a hindrance and detriment to the growth of any congregation. Visitors and our own children can see their lack of commitment to the Lord.

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