

Glory

Imagine having the world's most valuable masterpiece, a work of art that would bring thirty or forty million dollars if you auctioned it.... Then imagine that instead of taking that masterpiece to the auction, you took it to a pawn shop, pawned it for twenty bucks, and blew the whole wad on crayons and paper so you could decorate your own walls.

Or imagine being offered a lifetime pass to the city's best buffet spread, only to reject it in favor of one meal at a truck stop. Silly? Ludicrous? Absolutely insane? All of that and more. People with even an ounce of sense don't squander glory on garbage. But that's what idolatry is. That's what the people of Judah were doing in Jeremiah's day, and that's what we do with alarming ease today.

Think about how much God is worth. He can create anything, so whatever we have, He has something better. He governs and sustains everything, so every circumstance we encounter must bow to Him. And He has promised lavish blessings for eternity, so all our cravings will be extravagantly exceeded by His good gifts. Logically, there's nothing we could take in exchange for a relationship with God. Practically, that's exactly what we do.

- Chris Tiegreen, via The Lantern, Highway Church of Christ, Sullivan, IL



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When Your Life Is Gone

When life has closed its door on you
And you have gone to your last sleep,
No longer present on the earth,
Will any miss you, any weep?

The self-absorbed may answer, "Yes,
I will be missed; there will be tears."
But why? Will they be tears of joy
Or tears of sorrow, pain, and fears?

If you are missed it may imply
That you touched other lives for good,
Encouraged and supported them
And healed their hurts, as Jesus would.

If not missed what will that imply?
You went on your own selfish way,
Saw nothing but your own desires?
Perhaps did not for others pray?

On what you gathered for yourself
Your legacy does not depend,
But on the lives you marked for good,
To whom and how you were a friend.

When life is gone and you must meet
God's Christ, the Lord who judges all,
Then what you did for others will
Determine if you stand or fall.

When life is gone you will not weep
Nor for missed treasures raise your voice.
If Jesus says, "You come with me
To heaven," then you can rejoice.

- Gerald Cowan, a longtime preacher and missionary

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

Panama Mission

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

Visit Our Website: www.hamburgpikecofc.org Email: church@hamburgpikecofc.org

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: "The Most Important Commandment" Mark 12:28-34

Sunday Evening: "The Suffering Servant" Isaiah 53:7-12

Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
Opening Prayer Leon Stocksdale
Scripture Joe Sweeney
Sermon Eric Welch
Lord's Supper
Message Harold Tincher
Attendant Art Patrick
Attendant Greg Blanton
Closing Prayer Clint Smith Jr

PM Service

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale
Bible Reading John Keaton
Selection 44
Prayer Steven Cravens
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 Jerry Casey
Lord's Supper Matt Johnson
Offering Joe Sweeney
Usher Jerry Montgomery
Count Offering Hank Tincher
Assist Count Robby Stocksdale

Last Sunday

Contribution Attendance
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God is Good

Eric Welch

Have you seen or heard the expression, “God is good all the time. All the time, God is good?” People often say this to glorify God for something pleasant that has happened to them. “I got a raise at work. God is good.” “I got an A on the test I studied hard for. God is good.” “I was in a car wreck but I walked away unharmed. God is good.” “I got a good report from the doctor. God is good.” “I’m getting a HUGE tax refund. God is good all the time. All the time God is good!” It is a wonderful thing to give thanks and praise to God for the blessings He gives.

How quick are we, however, to acknowledge God as good when things are not going our way and even in the midst of deep suffering? “I’ve just been diagnosed with cancer. God is good.” “My grandma just passed away. God is good.” “The car repair cost more than what I thought it would. God is good.” “My daughter is sick. God is good.” Have you ever seen someone post this on Facebook, that God is good even in hard times?

“The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him” (Nahum 1:7). It is just as important...No...it is MORE important to confess God’s goodness when we experience pain.

One reason to acknowledge God as good in the difficult times is so that we do not begin to doubt His goodness. “give thanks in all circumstances” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). We can give thanks to God even in our difficulty. However, it is more difficult to give thanks for those difficulties. Paul says “giving thanks always and FOR everything to God... (Ephesians 5:20). Sometimes God allows us to undergo difficulty in order to discipline or train us to stay close to Him (Hebrews 12:5-11). If I let my hardship cause me to trust God more, then I am letting it work for me, instead of succumbing to it. It is then that I can even be thankful for it. God’s greatest expression of His goodness was the shame that Jesus endured on the cross for us (Hebrew 12:3) so that we will one day have no more pain or death. God is good all the time.

All the time God is good, especially in the midst of our pain.

⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:5-11

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet November 9th.

Fellowship Group Schedule for November: Smith’s group November 15th (theme is Italian); William’s group November 22nd; Tincher’s group November 29th.

Sunday November 22nd will be the 4th and final Special Contribution for 2015. The primary focus of this special contribution will be “Care for Orphans”. The Elders encourage your prayerful planning for this important work.