

### 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

#### Leadership

**Elders** Hayward Blanton  
Jerry Casey

**Deacons** Clint Smith Jr  
Robby Stocksdale  
Joe Sweeney

**Pulpit Minister** Eric Welch  
**Associate Minister** Irvin F. Williams

#### Mission Work

**Panama Mission**  
Pablo Sanchez

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### **Ready or Not ... 2017**

Can you believe another year is in the books? Time marches relentlessly onward without asking for either our consent or approval. 2016 isn't even cold yet and 2017 is already relentlessly marching forward. Nothing you and I can do will ever get that time back. With each passing day we creep closer towards time's end. But, as always, with Jesus there is good news.

2017 will bring with it days of defeat and success.

2017 will bring with it both sadness and great joy.

2017 will bring days of suffering balanced with days of healing.

2017 will bring with it days of loss and others of enrichment.

For some 2017 will bring with it a day of finality.

But there will not be a single day in 2017 that you will have to encounter alone! We have One who can lift us up from defeat, comfort us in sadness and sustain us through suffering. There is One who can truly place momentary loss into eternal perspective. And not to be forgotten, we have each other, charged with the duty of sharing in life's highs and lows (Romans 12:12-15) and with bearing "one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2).

While we are powerless to keep time from sifting through our lives like sand through our fingers, we can do something about how we spend it. While much time will fall wasted at the feet of humanity, as a follower of Christ you can use your time to God's glory and time will ultimately deposit you in His timeless glory.

- David Bragg serves as one of the ministers at the Northwest Church of Christ in Greensboro, NC

### Those Privileged to Serve

#### **A.M. Worship Service**

Song Leader Michael Hawkins  
Opening Prayer Doug McArthur  
Scripture Reading Grover Blanton  
Sermon Eric Welch  
Lord's Supper Message Brandon Slotman  
Table Attendant Harold Tincher  
Table Attendant Jerry Montgomery  
Closing Prayer Eric Welch

#### **P.M. Worship Service**

Song Leader Rick Martin  
Bible Reading Ethan Welch  
Selection 3  
Opening Prayer Irvin Williams  
Sermon Eric Welch  
Closing Prayer Greg Blanton

#### **A.M. & P.M. Services**

Announcements Robby Stocksdale  
Lord's Supper Prayer Hayward Blanton  
Offering Prayer Jerry Casey  
Usher Jeremy Montgomery  
Count Offering Joe Sweeney  
Assist Count Hank Tincher

#### Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: To Be Announced  
Sunday Evening: To Be Announced

#### Last Sunday

Offering: \$2,490 Attendance: NA

# The Worker

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### **Do Not Be Afraid**

One summer night during a severe thunderstorm, a mother was tucking her small son into bed. She was about to turn the light off when he asked in a trembling voice, "Mommy, will you stay with me all night?"

Smiling, the mother gave him a warm, reassuring hug and said tenderly, "I can't, Dear. I have to sleep in Daddy's room."

A long silence followed. At last it was broken by a shaky voice saying, "The big sissy!" Of what are you afraid? Truth be told, we're all "sissies" about something.

Yet, the most often repeated command in Scripture is "Do not be afraid," or "Do not fear."

"So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." – Matthew 10:31

"Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" – Matthew 8:26

"Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have.

For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' So we may boldly say: 'The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?'" Hebrews 13:5-6

God doesn't want us to live our lives in fear.

A man, as he was walking on the street, saw a black cat crossing over the road. He thought to himself that he was going to have a bad luck on that day. Worried, he asked his friend what would be his fate because of the black cat that had crossed his path in the morning. His friend replied, "That will depend on whether you are a rat or not." \*

Know who you are in Christ and you will not fear.

In Christ, you are: a child of God (Galatians 3:26-27), an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ (Romans 8:16-17), saved by the Savior (Matthew 1:21), redeemed by the Rescuer (Ephesians 1:7), justified by the Justifier (Romans 3:23-26), and forgiven by the Great Forgiver (1 John 1:7-9).

To be found "in Christ," in whom are found all spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3), you must place your faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from your sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Then, as you continue to walk in the light of His Word, the blood of Jesus will continue to cleanse you from sin (1 John 1:7).

In Christ, there is salvation, security, strength, and hope. There is no reason to fear.

Won't YOU trust and obey Christ so that you may be found in Him?

- David A. Sargent, minister for the Church of Christ at Creekwood in Mobile, Alabama,

## **All the Evidence**

On Saturday afternoon I called my mother, who lives in Montgomery, Alabama. At one point in the conversation, I mentioned that I was about to begin reading *The Years of Persecution 1933-1939*, a book about Nazi Germany written by historian Saul Friedlander. My mom commented that Holocaust deniers astonished her. How could people deny a historical reality supported by so much evidence?

Good question. But the answer is plain enough. Holocaust deniers have a strong motive for dismissing all the evidence of Nazi atrocities: They hate Jewish people. Consider, for instance, the brutal dictator of Iran. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad openly acknowledges his desire to annihilate the Jews. His hot pursuit of nuclear weapons is an ominous threat against Israel. Since the Holocaust arouses sympathy for the Jewish people, minimizing its extent or denying it altogether is a way of eroding support for Israel among the nations that might oppose Iran's evil purposes.

Denying the reality of the Holocaust is rather like denying the existence of God. Evidence for the Creator positively shouts for attention. His handiwork is evident everywhere—in the soaring of the eagle, the grace of the deer, the sweet fragrance of the rose, the splendor of a sunset, the growth of a child in its mother's womb. Paul says that "ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse" (Rom. 1:20).

So, why do atheists spurn all the evidence? Like Holocaust deniers, they have a strong motive: They either hate God or hate the idea of yielding to him. Denying God's existence is perceived as the easiest way to dismiss any obligation to live according to a standard higher than personal opinion.

David Wright, May 9, 2010

## **Keys to Creative Living**

Do something to solve your problems. Accept and meet your obligations. Adjust to the necessary. Plan ahead, set realistic goals. Welcome new experiences, test new ideas. Use your God-given talents. Think, investigate and decide for yourself. Put your best into everything you do. Share your joys and sorrows with others. Reach out and help others. – Selected

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men; knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. Colossians 3:23-24

Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. Romans 12:15-16

Ron Adams

## **Hamburg Pike Happenings**

Financial Peace University begins Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The class will meet in the auditorium for 9 consecutive Thursday evenings. There is a signup sheet on the table along with instructions for obtaining your Financial Peace kit. Please see Brandon Slotman with additional questions.

### **THE TRUTH**

KNOW IT (John 8:32)  
LOVE IT (2 Thess. 2:10)  
BELIEVE IT (2 Thess. 2:12)  
OBEY IT (1 Pet. 1:22)  
TELL IT (Eph. 4:15)  
HELP IT (3 John 8)

- Selected; via the weekly bulletin of the Harrisburg church of Christ in Harrisburg, IL.

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