

### 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  
 Clint Smith Sr

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

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

#### Mission Work

**Panama Mission**  
 Pablo Sanchez

### Those Privileged to Serve

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

Song Leader Michael Hawkins  
 Opening Prayer Joe Sweeney  
 Scripture Reading Brandon Slotman  
 Sermon Eric Welch  
 Lord's Supper Message Irvin Williams  
 Table Attendant Grover Blanton  
 Table Attendant Rudy Ayala  
 Closing Prayer Clint Smith Sr

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

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale  
 Bible Reading Fin Burton  
 Selection 8  
 Opening Prayer Clint Smith Jr  
 Sermon Eric Welch  
 Closing Prayer Ryan Irwin

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

Announcements Jerry Casey  
 Lord's Supper Prayer Rick Martin  
 Offering Prayer Greg Blanton  
 Usher Harold Tincher  
 Count Offering Hank Tincher  
 Assist Count Joe Sweeney

#### Sermon Titles

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

#### Last Sunday

Offering: \$2,837 Attendance: 78

# The Worker

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### **'It Is Written ...'**

By Ron Adams

In Matthew 4:1-10 we have the account of Jesus being tempted by the devil. The three temptations briefly summarized are as follows:

- The first temptation: "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."
- The second temptation: "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down [from the pinnacle of the temple]; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you'; and 'on their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"
- The third temptation: "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me."

While there are a number of lessons that can be learned from this exchange, here is one that is not usually considered: He didn't use His power to turn stones into bread. He didn't use the power of angels to bear Him up. He didn't accept the devil's offer of a shortcut to power. Jesus' answer to each temptation was "It is written." He steadfastly relied on the Scriptures not His power.

### **'It Is Written!'**

Here is a lesson for all Christians. Jesus used the power of the Scriptures in resisting temptation; and we have the same power at our disposal! If we are willing to apply the teachings of the scriptures when tempted, that is sufficient power to resist. We don't need supernatural power, we don't need the host of heaven to intervene for us.

Jesus has shown us by His example that the Word of God is powerful. Powerful enough to resist the devil. Powerful enough to protect us in times of trials. Powerful enough to save us. Let us wield the sword of the Spirit (the word of God, Eph. 6:17) to combat Satan when we are tempted. Know the Scriptures. Know them well. Know how to use them.

Remember, that Jesus' goal was to do His Father's will, and our goal should be to do His will. Remember, there is power in "It is written."

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### **Times Have Changed**

"Times have changed" is a common refrain from those who find themselves in contradiction with the Word of God. This happens especially when moral standards are involved.

First of all, one might question what folks mean when they say "Times have changed." Are they talking about a changing culture? Are they talking about changing attitudes—one's view of the world? It is most likely the latter.

The idea that times have changed seems to indicate to many folks that somehow God's standards have changed with regards to the sanctity of marriage, sexual improprieties, and myriads of other sins. There is a fundamental truth that is lost in this thinking which leads many to lives of sin: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). Clearly, sin is sin, regardless how much human attitudes may change. Not only so, neither God nor his Word changes: "For I am the Lord, I change not..." (Mal. 3:6); "God is not man, that he should lie; neither the son of man that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? (Numbers 23:19); "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:34).

It is certain that there will be the judgment day coming. Sadly for many, what people think will not be the standard. Jesus said, "He that rejecteth me and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge hm in the last day" (John 12:48).

- A. C. Quinn preaches for the West Main Church of Christ in Wolfe City, Texas.

## **Be Holy, for I am Holy**

Eric Welch

In Leviticus chapters 10-16, the Lord commanded the Israelites to discern between clean and unclean or holy and common things. In chapter 11, certain animals were off limits for food and sacrifice. Nothing in the animal itself caused it to be unclean. When God said it was unclean, it was unclean. The designations were symbolic. Food was a daily reminder that God was holy. God's Word never changed, but the symbolism left open the possibility for future instructions on how they might apply in different situations.

When Jesus came, He did just that. He gave a new instruction regarding the clean and unclean. In his debate with the Pharisees about clean and unclean things, Jesus said, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, 19 since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.)" (Mark 7:18). The Pharisees had added their own burdensome traditions to God's law, but Jesus set a new standard—all foods are clean.

Paul applied this teaching to time: "One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind" (Romans 14:5). Just like an animal, time has no intrinsic moral value. Paul took issue with the idea that some "times" were holier than others were and should be bound on people.

Paul based his reinterpretation of these holy-day regulations on Jesus teachings: "I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean" (Romans 14:14). Under the new covenant, there was freedom for the individual's conscience. Matters of cleanness or uncleanness and holy or common that once applied to amoral objects (animals, places, things and time) now have different meaning in the teachings of Jesus. In Leviticus holiness was for morally responsible people and the objects symbolized it. The central lesson remains unchanged: "Be holy, for I am holy" (Leviticus 11:44; 1 Peter 1:16).

## **The Eyes Have It**

By J. Randal Matheny

A friend in Guarulhos asked me to write for the monthly church paper he edits for the congregations in his city. The theme for January is "Challenges for 2017." My assigned topic is about the challenge of controlling the eyes.

We can control our eyes when they are focused on the right things. So we need:

1. The look of love. John talks about loving the brother we see, 1Jn 4.20. We're familiar with that romantic look, not so much with the serving look. This look says, "How can I help you be whom God wants you to be?"
2. The look of salvation. Instead of looking at people as objects for personal advantage, look at them as targets of God's love, possibilities for meaningful relationship, souls with an eternal destiny. "[L]ook up and see that the fields are already white for harvest!" Jn 4.35.

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3. The look at Jesus. If the Lord is our leader, if the Savior is also our example, then we fix our eyes on him, Hb 12.1-2. Remember Peter walking on the water for what happens when we take our eyes off him.
4. The look at heaven. We need to get a fix on what is invisible and eternal, 2Co 4:18. We seek things above, "where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God" Col. 3:1.

People talk about having the right look for a wardrobe. Christians are concerned to have the right look in their focus. This is our challenge and our blessed task.

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## **Hamburg Pike Happenings**

Attention young people (0-12) Youth Devo on Thursday 6:30PM at the building.

Our fifth Sunday special contribution on January 29<sup>th</sup> totaled \$5,454.00. Thanks to the generous giving of the congregation, the elders have sent \$2,346.00 for support of Joe (and Elizabeth) Moon at Brown Trail School of Preaching.

A total \$1,127.80 was collected from Hamburg Pike members (and children!) for the Gatlinburg Church of Christ whose building was destroyed by fire.

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The meal theme is pizza.

Support the movie "Is Genesis History?" Visit the [IsGenesisHistory.com](http://IsGenesisHistory.com) website for a movie trailer and background information about the movie. You can download a free in-depth eBook; a link is available to find local theaters, purchase tickets and other info about the movie. Local theaters include; New Albany Stadium 16, Stonybrook 20, Tinseltown Louisville and Preston Crossing 16.