

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

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Who Is Jesus?

This is a question about which debate has raged for centuries. In fact, it was a question that folks were asking even in Jesus' lifetime. In Matthew 16:13, Christ asked His disciples a question as they were in the region of Caesarea Philippi, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" The apostles responded by saying that there were several answers men were giving to that question. Many believed Jesus to be one of God's prophets returned from the dead (Matt. 16:14).

Then Jesus wanted to know what they thought: "But who do you say that I am?" (Matt. 16:15). Peter immediately replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16). The Lord told Peter he had answered correctly because that was exactly what God had revealed to him (Matt. 16:17).

So who is Jesus? Not just a wise teacher, not just another prophet, and not just a man. He is the Son of God. He is deity in the flesh (Isa. 9:6-7; John 1:1, 14; Col. 2:9; Heb. 1:8). He is the promised Savior of the world, Lord over all, and the head of the church (Matt. 16:18-19; Acts 2:36; Col. 1:18). Is He your Lord and Savior? Why not visit with us today and let us help you find the answer?

- Travis L. Quertermous preaches for the church of Christ at Foristell, MO.

Those Privileged to Serve

A.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
Opening Prayer Hayward Blanton
Scripture Reading Leon Stocksdale
Sermon Eric Welch
Lord's Supper Message Jerry Casey
Table Attendant Ryan Irwin
Table Attendant Jeremy Montgomery
Closing Prayer Eric Welch

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Clint Smith Jr
Bible Reading Greg Blanton
Selection 10
Opening Prayer Ethan Welch
Sermon Eric Welch
Closing Prayer Rick Martin

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Joe Sweeney
Lord's Supper Prayer Clint Smith Sr
Offering Prayer Grover Blanton
Usher Marc Owens
Count Offering Art Patrick
Assist Count Marc Owens

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: Five-step salvation? – Eph. 2:1-10
Sunday Evening: Lydia - Acts 16:11-15

Last Sunday

Offering: \$3,662 Attendance: 84

The Worker

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The Fleeting Years

I read two humorous stories lately with a similar theme:

A 5-five-year-old boy was discussing with his father some of the differences between their childhoods. The father pointed out that when he was young, he didn't have things such as Nintendo, cellphones, computers or digital cameras.

He realized just how huge the generation gap was when his son asked him, "Did you have fruit?"

A 12-year-old girl asked her mother, "Mom, do you have a baby picture of yourself? I need it for a school project." Her mother gave her one without thinking to ask what the project was.

A few days later she was in the classroom for a parent-teacher meeting when she noticed her face pinned to a mural the students had created. The title of their project was "The oldest thing in my house."

I am always amazed at how young people view those who are older. I can remember when I was in my early 20's (35 years ago!) thinking of a couple at church as being very old, almost ancient. That couple is in their 80's today, which means that 35 years ago.....they were a lot younger than I am now! I can't help but wonder, is that how young people view me? Do they think that I am very old, almost ancient? Needless to say, my perspective of what constitutes "really old" has changed through the years.

I'm also amazed at how our perspective on the passing of time changes as we get older. Looking ahead as a young man, it seemed as if being in my 50's was an eternity away. Now, looking back, it doesn't seem that long ago that I was in my 20's. How quickly the time has gone! And every year seems to pass with even more speed.

Peter was so right when he said, "All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away..." (I Peter 1:24). Job put it this way: "We grow up like flowers and then dry up and die. We are like a passing shadow that does not last." (Job 14:2, NCV).

The glories of this life are indeed fading and before we know it, they will be gone. Which would be depressing if it were not for the realization that those who are in Christ have an inheritance waiting for us "that does not fade away" (I Peter 1:4).

So, while you are on this earth, make good use of your time (as short as it may be). It will be gone before you know it. But make sure you live your life in a way that gives you something to look forward to when this life is over.

Have a great day!

- Alan Smith, author of the popular "Thought For Today," and minister for the Cruciform Church of Christ in Spring Lake, North Carolina

Dysfunctional Families in Genesis:

Adam and Eve

Eric Welch

One special mark of biblical inspiration is the fact that the authors do not attempt to hide the messy lives of faithful historical figures. People sin and sin brings dysfunction to families. By presenting the sins of even God's people in all their ugliness, the Bible shines more brightly on God's infinite grace and holiness as He works through these dysfunctional families to restore the broken relationship with humanity. This series is all about that. What can we learn from the dysfunctional families of Genesis to help us love God and those made in His image more?

How was God's relationship to man broken in the first place? Let us first consider the awesome power of God's Word. When God said "Let there be...", something happened. Things obeyed. God shaped the earth, skies and seas and filled them with living things to reproduce after their own kind. The only creature that God did not fill the earth with was the one He would make after His own kind, in His own image (Genesis (1:26-27; 2:7). He gave the male and female sovereignty over the earth and the responsibility to fill it. Man is God's representative earth. To fill the earth would mean to spread God's glory over the earth.

However, one creature was not under man's control--the serpent. This cunning creature tempted Eve to disobey God by twisting God's words into a lie. This "father of lies" planted a seed of doubt into Eve's mind as he asks, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" Eve replied, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden," but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."

Then the serpent went for the kill: "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Out of all the good trees to eat, she was tempted to focus on what she could not have, instead of the gracious gifts that she could have. The serpent caused her to doubt God's word. When we doubt God's Word, we begin to doubt God's nature. He must be hiding something. "He doesn't want you to have what he has," the serpent seems to say. Whereas the entire physical universe obeyed God in chapter 1, by chapter 3, God's most responsible beings rebelled, causing all of God's creation to become dysfunctional, cursed. The serpent, Satan, had won the day (John 8:44).

How might this story relate to modern dysfunctional families? God had told Adam not to eat of "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." Who revealed these instructions to Eve? Adam must have told her. When we compare God's instruction to Adam to what Eve tells the serpent, we find a slight difference. Eve said that she could not "touch" the forbidden tree. To keep from breaking the first commandment, she hedged around it a second one. We do not know if this was her interpretation of the command or Adam's? Either way, God's Word was changed. God did not say, "don't touch it." He had told Adam to tend the garden (Genesis 2:15). This instruction would have included the forbidden tree, which would have required touching it. Paul would later say that Eve was deceived (1 Timothy 2:15). However, Adam sinned knowingly. He had failed to protect his wife from the snake's bite.

From that moment, all humanity would bear the consequences of their sin--death (Romans 5:12). Satan might have won the day, but he did not win eternity. Humanity's hope would be found in Eve's Offspring who would heal the broken relationship caused by each person's choice to sin (Genesis 3:15).

Husbands, let us not only be material providers for our wives and families, but let us also be their spiritual protectors (Ephesians 5:25-26).

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday March 6th at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be pizza.

A teen devo is scheduled for March 7th 6:30 p.m. at Michael's house. Please remember your notes from I Peter.

A practice session for Lads to Leaders is scheduled for Sunday March 12th at 4:00 pm at the building. If you are participating in Lads to Leaders please plan to attend. We will be working on our banner for the convention.

A Building Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 16th at 6:00 pm at the building. Please let Clint Smith Sr know if you plan to attend.

I'd Rather Be a Bible Teacher

I'd rather be a Bible teacher than anything I could be.

And mingle with the boys and girls as their love inspires me.

I'd rather hear the excitement when the children's voices ring;

Than travel all around the world and visit kings and queens.

I'd rather hug their tearful faces with worried anxious eyes;

Than be president of these great states and mingle with the wise.

I'd rather be a Bible teacher than anything I know.

Planting the seed of God's word and helping it to grow.

- via The Encourager, the weekly bulletin for the Calvert City church of Christ in Calvert City, KY.