

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

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies and Bible Correspondence Courses, if interested contact us at (812) 284-3125 or email: church@hamburgpikecofc.org

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We Love the Souls of Everyone

Because we love the souls of men and want them to go to heaven, we preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul knew this burden and said, "I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:14-16).

Because we love the souls of men, we are not afraid to speak out against sin. We know that passions of the flesh "wage war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11).

Because we love the souls of men, we preach the need to follow Jesus. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. "No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

Because we love the souls of men, we point people to what is best. The Lord Jesus came to bring us an abundant life (John 10:10). His yoke is easy, and His burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30). He is the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). He is "our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30). We can do no better than to preach Jesus and Him crucified to every soul in every place who will hear.

Phil Sanders Author of "A Faith Built on Sand" and "Adrift"
Speaker for "In Search of the Lord's Way"

Those Privileged to Serve

A.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
Opening Prayer Jerry Casey
Scripture Reading Hank Tincher
Sermon Eric Welch
Lord's Supper Message Rick Martin - Matt 26:26-68
Table Attendant Doug McArthur
Table Attendant Jerry Montgomery
Closing Prayer Joe Sweeney

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale
Bible Reading Fin Burton
Selection 11
Opening Prayer Nathaniel Welch
Sermon Eric Welch
Closing Prayer Brandon Slotman

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Harold Tincher
Lord's Supper Prayer Leon Stocksdale
Offering Prayer Hayward Blanton
Usher Art Patrick
Count Offering Robby Stocksdale
Assist Count Joe Sweeney

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: It Was Jesus – John 5:1-9
Sunday Evening: When You Feel Like Quitting – Jer. 20

Last Sunday

Offering: \$3,567 Attendance: 96

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Jesus Is Our Mediator

Man is separated from God because of sins (Isa. 59:1, 2; Jas. 4:4). Because of sin, we all have an alienation problem. The only way to be reconciled back to God is through a mediator. The only Mediator between deity and humanity is Christ. The Bible says, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5).

A mediator must meet two qualifications:

1. He must not be party to the offense. The offense in our case was sin. Jesus meets this qualification because He was sinless (Heb. 4:15).
2. He must have knowledge of both parties involved. In this case, God and man are the parties who are separated, so Christ must completely know both sides.

Here the virgin birth of Christ comes into play. He understood God's point of view because He was in heaven as God from all eternity (Jn 1: 1-4). But He, from that vantage point, did not understand what it was like to be a man. But when He became flesh through the virgin birth, He looked at the world through man's eyes. From Mary He inherited humanity; from the Holy Spirit He inherited Deity (Mt. 1: 23; Jn. 1: 14). He was both man and God at the same time. Charles Spurgeon noted, "Christ was not a deified man, neither was He a humanized God. He was perfectly God and at the same time perfectly man." In the field of genetics "Mendel's Law" says, "All that is in the parent is in the offspring and all that is in the offspring is in the parent." Thus Jesus was both human and divine. He has knowledge of both parties involved. He was able to reach down and take the sin cursed hand of man and reach up and take the holy hand of God and bring them together.

As Paul put it, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin: that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Cor. 5:21).

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"And Her Household As Well"

Eric Welch

"And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us" (Act 16:15)

In our recent study of Lydia in Acts 16:11-15, we observed the fact that, although Lydia was a wealthy entrepreneur, she was a worshipper of God. Paul and his co-missionaries found Lydia with other women at the river on the Sabbath day in prayer. When she heard the gospel and her heart was opened to it, she obeyed it. We also noted her disposition of generosity. She insisted that the missionaries stay at her house. Yes, they were Jews, but that no longer mattered. By the end of the chapter we see that the early church began to meet in her house (v. 40).

Did you notice in that verse about the part where her household was also baptized? The word "household," can include co-workers or servants, not necessarily a husband and children. Regardless of who made up her household, she led the rest of it to be immersed as well.

This ancient Greek culture, did not share our Western individualism. Often decisions were made as a group with the head of the household leading the way. Luke presents three other examples of family heads leading their families to decide as a group to follow Christ: Cornelius (Acts 11:14), the Philippian jailor (Acts 16:31, 34); Crispus (Act 18:8). A part of Paul's inspired pattern of evangelistic missions was to lead prominent people, such as civic leaders, to Christ, who, in turn, could influence their subordinates (Acts 17:4; 25:23).

If you are the head of your home, how are you influencing the rest of your family in following the Lord? If you are a boss at work, how are you impacting your team of employees for good?

May each one reach one in 2017.

Faith

The common, secular, explanation for the existence of the world is that the universe is billions of years old and that all that exists came into existence through natural processes.

Sadly, some in the church have attempted to accommodate this godless outlook by twisting Scripture to allow for the "days" described in Genesis to not be "days" but something other than what the text describes.

In contrast to this secular approach which is borne of disbelief, the Bible calls us to understand, through faith, "that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible."

Faith is essential to our spiritual lives, for "without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."

Believing God requires a commitment that whatever Scripture says — about baptism, about marriage, or about the creation of the world — is exactly true. We must not find ourselves in the position of second guessing God.

The Lord, in His grace, has provided us all spiritual guidance we need through the work of the apostles and prophets — ultimately providing His complete revelation in His Son, Jesus Christ.

Being a Christian requires an attitude of repentance, placing God's truth as the guiding principle of our lives. Following the teachings of Scripture, we can be sure of pleasing God and of being the people He wants us to be. Gregory Alan Tidwell Editor, the Gospel Advocate

Hamburg Pike Happenings

- The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday March 13th at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be potluck.
- 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 youth devotional is scheduled for Thursday March 16th 7:00 pm at the building. This is for ages 0 thru 12. See Michael for details.
- 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.
- The Elders invite male members to volunteer for a Wednesday evening devotional during the spring quarter. Devotionals should be carefully prepared and 3 to 5 minutes in duration. A signup sheet is available on the bulletin board.
- Remember to set your clocks forward Sunday; Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. March 12th.

¹ *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* ² *He was in the beginning with God.* ³ *All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.* ⁴ *In him was life, and the life was the light of men.* John 1:1-4

¹⁵ *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.* Hebrews 4:15