

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 Rick Martin
Scripture Reading Rudy Ayala
Sermon Eric Welch
Lord's Supper Message Joe Sweeney
Table Attendant Jerry Montgomery
Table Attendant Nathaniel Welch
Closing Prayer Jerry Casey

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Clint Smith Jr
Bible Reading Fin Burton
Selection 14
Opening Prayer Ryan Irwin
Sermon Eric Welch
Closing Prayer Robby Stocksdale

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Clint Smith Sr
Lord's Supper Prayer Harold Tincher
Offering Prayer Doug McArthur
Usher Art Patrick
Count Offering Art Patrick
Assist Count Robby Stocksdale

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: Calvary's Crosses - Luke 23:32-43
Sunday Evening: They Who Wait for the Lord - Is 40:31

Last Sunday

Offering: \$3,091 Attendance: 73

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Are You Wise?

Are you wise? Some may reply to this question by informing us of their high IQs, or their high grade-point average in a prestigious university. However, one's scholastic achievements, while they may say something regarding your intelligence, may not actually reveal the measure of your wisdom. Wisdom is not synonymous with knowledge. One may fill his brain with knowledge of facts and figures that would enable the person to acquire a bundle of cash on the Jeopardy TV program, but still lack the wisdom in applying that knowledge. One who lacks wisdom is sometimes referred to as one lacking "horse-sense." There have been, throughout history, a host of fools highly esteemed for their knowledge. While the accumulation of knowledge on a number of topics may be admirable in any person, let's not be overly complimentary until we know how he or she commits that knowledge to commendable purposes.

In the Bible, James speaks of a wisdom he describes as being "earthly, sensual, devilish" (James 3:15), because its fruit is "envying and strife...confusion and every evil work" (v. 16). This wisdom is "not from above," but is in contrast with "the wisdom that is from above," which is defined as "pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" (vs. 17-18). It is for this latter wisdom that James admonishes us to pray: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God..." (1:5a). It is the wisdom to use the knowledge and abilities that we have, whether few or many, to live a life that is in honor of God and His word. The utmost lack of wisdom is to disregard, and even to deny, the existence of God. The psalmist David declared, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no god" (Psalm 14:1; 53:1). In contrast, Job, in reference to God, said, "And unto man He said, Behold, the fear of the LORD, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding" (Job 28:28).

In the conclusion of Jesus' "Sermon On the Mount" (Matthew 5-7), Jesus spoke the parable of the wise and foolish builders, saying that the wise man not only hears Christ's teachings, but also obeys Him, while the foolish may hear His word, but will ignore it, being disobedient (Matthew 7:24-27). As the foolish builder's house, built upon unstable sand, could not withstand the harsh weather, and would collapse, and the wise builder's house, built upon the solid foundation of stone would endure all of nature's tests, and continue to survive, even so, those who would build their lives on material things, ignoring Jesus' teachings, are doomed for destruction, while those who build upon the solid foundation of Christ's word will endure. The apostle Paul summarized the endurance of the Christ-honoring life when he wrote, "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11). It is folly, not wisdom, to seek any other.

What is your attitude toward Christ and His word? Would God count you as among the wise?

- Ronald Bartanen preaches for Arthur Church of Christ, Arthur, IL.

Controlling One's Anger

He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city (Proverbs 16:22, NKJV)

Who has never been angry? Who have never been on the verge of losing control? It is likely that not only have you been on the verge of losing control, that you might actually have done so a number of times. If you are conscientious, then it is also likely you have regretted it a great deal. I know I have.

Consider what we are being taught here by the Lord. If you slow your anger response down, to that degree you have controlled your emotion. Now, after having done so, each of us needs to progress a little further along in slowing our anger down. In time, with this effort, we will have complete control. It won't be our control, but the Lord's control of each of us who have heard and heeded His counsel. Note the comparison the Lord makes with the one who controls his anger – you are far more powerful, far more influential than one who takes a city in battle. The latter compels others to submit, but the former influences people to submit to the Lord.

- Ron Thomas preacher for the Sunrush Church of Christ, Chillicothe, OH.

Does Your Speech Betray You?

Eric Welch

Judges 12 records the account of Judge Jephthah who successfully led the Gileadites against the Ammonites. The Ephraimites bore a grudge against who went to war without them. They came looking to fight him and the Gileadites. When they confronted him, he said, "I asked you but you didn't come. But if you want to fight I'll give you one." So the Ephraimites crossed the Jordan going east to fight with Jephthah, but he was too much for them. They were defeated and went home.

The Gileadites took the fords of the Jordan, a place to cross easily, and stopped the Ephraimite fugitives who were trying to return home from the battle. When the fugitives asked to cross over, "the men of Gilead said to him, 'Are you an Ephraimite?' When he said, 'No,' they said to him, 'Then say Shibboleth' (Judges 12:5-6).

In Hebrew, Shibboleth is spelled with "shin" (v) and pronounced "sh." The Gileadites pronounced it that way. However, the Ephraimites from across the Jordan spoke with a different accent and pronounced it with the Hebrew letter "samech" (s), pronounced "s." The Ephraimite answered, 'Sibboleth,' for he could not pronounce it right. Then they seized him and slaughtered him at the fords of the Jordan. At that time 42,000 of the Ephraimites fell. It is a tragic account. The Ephraimite's speech betrayed him (see also Matthew 26:73).

How tragic it is when Christians allow their speech to betray their commitment to Christ by what they talk about. Their jokes and daily conversation tell others that their minds are focused on immorality? Or, perhaps their constant use of pronouns like "I," "my," and "mine" betray an obsession with self to the exclusion of others. The mouth draws from the well of the heart. What comes from the heart and out of the mouth is either fresh or stagnate (Mat 12:34; James 3:9-12). Think about what we talk about the most with our friends and family. Does your speech betray you? Such self-reflection just might help us to avoid the greatest tragedy of all—missing heaven.

What Kind of a Place is Heaven?

From Rev. 21:9-22:5, we have an incredible description of heaven. Even though symbolic in language, we can still get an idea of what heaven is like.

Heaven is a Beautiful Place (Rev. 21:9-27). When John tries to describe the most beautiful place which consists of nothing of the earth, he had to describe it in terms that we can relate to, thus he used precious gems, streets of gold, etc. There is no greater preciousness and beauty than what will exist in heaven.

Heaven is a Bountiful Place (Rev. 22:1-2). John also describes heaven as a place where there is no want – everything is provided in the highest quantity and quality. In it is perfect life and health.

Heaven is a Blissful Place (Rev. 22:3-5). John also wanted to remind us that heaven is a place of personal and permanent association with God – a place of peace and joy and love – forever.

- Edd Sterchi preaches for the Broadway Church of Christ in Campbellsville, KY.

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. The meal theme is soup and sandwiches.

A Teen Devo is scheduled for Tuesday April 4th 6:30 p.m. at the home of Eric and Stephanie Welch.

Our Spring Gospel Meeting with Kevin Moore from Henderson, Tennessee is scheduled for April 7th, 8th and 9th. Friday and Saturday evenings will be at 7:00 p.m., Sunday at the usual times. Flyers are available in the foyer.

Our next fellowship meal is April 9th after the morning worship; fried chicken will be provided.

"My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge."

Psalm 62:7

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