

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

Missions

Panama Mission Pablo Sanchez

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies and

Bible Correspondence Courses

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Those Privileged to Serve

A.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 Opening Prayer Leon Stocksdale
 Scripture Reading Ryan Irwin
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper Message Brandon Slotman
 Table Attendant Ethan Welch
 Table Attendant Brandon Montgomery
 Closing Prayer Robby Stocksdale

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Rick Martin
 Bible Reading John Keaton
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 Opening Prayer Brandon Slotman
 Sermon *Singing Emphasis*
 Closing Prayer Jerry Casey

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Joe Sweeney
 Lord's Supper Prayer Hayward Blanton
 Offering Prayer Clint Smith Sr
 Usher Jeremy Montgomery
 Count Offering Art Patrick
 Assist Count Robby Stocksdale

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning The Meal That Feeds Thousands
 John 6:1-15
 Sunday Evening Singing Emphasis

Last Sunday

Offering: \$2,959 Attendance: 98

If Only

I guess I just couldn't tell.

If anyone had asked me I would have said, "They're doing well!"

When did the flame start to flicker and the enthusiasm fade away?

I guess I just didn't see it. I didn't know what to say.

At first it was just occasionally, they didn't miss all the time.

A child was sick, or he had to work, I still thought everything was fine.

After a while it got more frequent, their seat was empty more than not.

I should have said something then, but that would have put me on the spot.

If only I had noticed. If only I had tried.

I didn't do a thing to help them. That's the truth, it cannot be denied.

Now their seat is always empty. They have left the Lord, I don't know why.

And when I think about "If only..."

All I can do is cry.

-Greg Litmer

http://www.vscoc.org/Bulletinfdrr/if_only.htm

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Multiple Choice Test

The apostle John tells us that "sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). Most people understand that when God gives us a "Thou shalt not" He means business. We understand that sin carries with it the penalty of spiritual death -- separation from God (Rom. 6:23).

Have you ever thought about what God calls it when you commit some act He has called a sin, but you didn't know that what you were doing was wrong, and thus sinned in your in ignorance? Is it called:

1. Grace
2. Psyn
3. Sin

The correct answer is "3" (sin).

Though some today have the attitude that "If ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise," God has always held men accountable for their actions. In the Old Testament, God said, "If anyone of the common people sins unintentionally by doing something against any of the commandments of the Lord in anything which ought not to be done, and is guilty, or if his sin which he has sinned comes to his knowledge, then he shall bring as his offering a kid of the goats, a female without blemish for his sin which he has sinned" (Lev. 4:27-28). Even though one might have sinned unintentionally, the Lord still considered their action to be sinful, and thus held them accountable for their actions.

The apostle Paul tells us that the Old Testament was written "for our learning" (Rom. 15:4). While we are not under the Mosaic Law today, we can learn many valuable lessons from it. Ignorance of the law is no excuse. Paul himself had been responsible for the death of Christians, even though he "did it ignorantly in unbelief" (1 Tim. 1:13), and maintained a clean conscience the entire time (Acts 23:1).

We need to remind people today that sin is a serious matter -- whether we sin intentionally or unintentionally. "Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son." (2 John 9)

David Padfield <http://www.padfield.com/2001/test.html>

Applying Scripture

Eric Welch

Have you ever said to a friend in a quarrel, "Don't put words in my mouth?" We do not like it when people accuse us of saying something we never intended. Then why do modern readers of the Bible do the same to the authors of the Bible?

For example, many 19th century Americans who claimed to be Christians used the Bible, especially the letters of Paul, to justify slavery. Skeptics, then, follow with the accusation that Christianity condones slavery. I imagine Paul standing up and saying, "Hold on there. That's a misuse of what I wrote." Christians want to be faithful to what the Bible says and not make it say what we want it to say.

Slavery in Paul's world was different from the slavery of 19th century America. In the first century, people would sell themselves into slavery. By doing so, they could pay back a debt and be more financially secure than when they were free. They also received protection from their master and by age 30 most were freed, since slave ownership was costly. Especially important is the fact that you could not distinguish slaves from freemen by the color of their skin. We must understand that slavery in Paul's time was different from the slavery of 19th century so that we do not apply Paul's advice about slaves in a way that he never intended.

The Bible is precise. Paul wrote letters to certain churches and individuals in specific a time, place and circumstance, but we live in a different world. To interpret correctly books of Ephesians, Colossians and Philemon, which deal with slavery, demands that we understand the original situation before making modern application.

Let us not to be lazy in our study and application of God's holy Word.

A Doctor Explains Death

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door. On the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door a dog sprang into the room and leapt on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing... I know my Master is there and that is enough"

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday May 1st at 6:30 p.m. The meal theme is potluck.

A Youth Devo is scheduled for Thursday April 27th 6:30 p.m. at the building. Plan for an outdoor activity if weather permits, dress for outside play.

The next Ladies' Bible Class is scheduled for Saturday April 29th 10:00 am at the building.

A fellowship meal is scheduled for Sunday May 7th after the morning services. This will be in honor of our youth who participated in the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes and to recognize all those who helped prepare them for the convention. Smoked Pork, coffee, tea and water will be provided. Please see the sign-up sheet and list what you plan to bring.

Our next 5th Sunday Special Contribution is scheduled for Sunday April 30th. The Elders prayerfully challenge us to double our regular contribution.

A Singing Emphasis service is scheduled for Sunday evening April 30th. Men and young men of the congregation, who would like to lead a song or read scripture, please sign the sheet in the foyer.

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