

### 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 Hank Tincher  
 Scripture Reading Brandon Slotman  
 Sermon Eric Welch  
 Lord's Supper Message Clint Smith Jr  
 Table Attendant Art Patrick  
 Table Attendant Doug McArthur  
 Closing Prayer Hayward Blanton

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

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale  
 Bible Reading Nathaniel Welch  
 Selection 20  
 Opening Prayer Clint Smith Sr  
 Sermon Eric Welch  
 Closing Prayer Ryan Irwin

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

Announcements Jerry Casey  
 Lord's Supper Prayer Rick Martin  
 Offering Prayer Leon Stocksdale  
 Usher Marc Owens  
 Count Offering Joe Sweeney  
 Assist Count Hank Tincher

#### **Sermon Titles**

Sunday Morning M.O.M. Proverbs 31:25-31  
 Sunday Evening By Faith, Noah Genesis 6:5-8

#### **Last Sunday**

Offering: \$3,199 Attendance: 108

# The Worker

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### **I Can't Do It!**

David A. Sargent

Keith Wishum recently wrote: "I'm afraid that we sometimes forget the obvious fact that we are not self-sufficient." Then Wishum illustrated his point with the following story:

A young construction worker was bragging that he was the strongest man on the job. He especially made fun of an older worker.

After several minutes, the elder man had enough. "Put your money where your mouth is!" he exclaimed. "I'll bet a week's pay that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to the other building that you won't be able to wheel back."

"You're on, old man," the young man replied. "Let's see."

The old man grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles. Then, nodding to the young man, he said with a sly smile, "All right. Get in."

Wishum concludes: "We cannot carry ourselves. We did not give ourselves life. We cannot sustain life on our own. There is no such creature as a 'self-made man.'"

No, we are not self-sufficient. Whether we like to admit or not, we are dependent upon God and others for so many things in our lives. This is even true of our salvation from sin.

In our "self-sufficiency," we are sinners. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). What we "earn" from our sins is death, "for the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

We cannot save ourselves from sin. We just can't do it.

But God loves us so much that He sent His Son to be our Savior! "For God so loved the world that He gave his One and Only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish" (John 3:16). Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sins (1 Peter 1:18-19).

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). Jesus is the only way to the Father and to the eternal life that He promises.

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### **I Can't Do It!**

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We cannot save ourselves, but we CAN accept God's offer of salvation! This is the sense of Peter's words when he told the Jewish audience on Pentecost Day: "And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, 'Be saved from this perverse generation'" (Acts 2:40). They couldn't be saved by their own merits, but they could be saved by accepting God's offer of salvation on His terms.

God has promised to save those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). God will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

Just as one cannot push himself while sitting in a wheelbarrow, we cannot save ourselves. We can, however, place ourselves in the arms of Jesus through our trusting obedience and be saved by and through Him. Won't YOU?

- David A. Sargent, minister for the Church of Christ at Creekwood in Mobile, Alabama

## **A Mother Who Poured Her Soul Before the Lord**

Eric Welch

Little Samuel walked with his mother and father to the tabernacle in Shiloh. They offered a bull and then brought the child to Eli the priest. From that moment, Eli took over the raising and training of Samuel to serve God in the "house of the Lord" (1 Samuel 1).

We might ask, "how could she just hand over her son like that?" But the real question should be "how could she not?" In her gratitude for God's blessing, she was fulfilling a vow that she had made to God to "lend" her son to the Lord. The text of 1 Samuel gives us one main reason why I think Hannah is a mother par excellence: She told the Lord about her problems and trusted Him.

Hannah was one of the two wives of Elkannah, the other being Penninah. Penninah was a bitter, jealous woman because Elkannah loved Hannah more. The husband loved one wife over the other, but God closed the womb of the beloved wife (eg. Jacob, Leah and Rachel). Hannah was infertile, and because of it, she went into a severe depression that only an infertile mother could fully understand (1:7-8, 10-11, 1-16). Penninah mocked her, Elkannah misunderstand her.

However, it is significant that when she finally speaks, she speaks to God. Not even Eli the priest, who saw her praying silently, was sympathetic to her at first. (Why could he not recognize a prayer when he saw it?) Yet, she was still respectful to him as she explained what she was doing. She finds solace in God, not in retaliation. She felt much better after praying. This glimpse of her humble, praying heart shows what kind of mother she would become.

God granted her request. She fulfilled her promise and gave Samuel back to Him. She then burst into a joyful song of thanks for what God had done for her. This beautiful psalm would one day be uttered by another mother bearing a child (Luke 2). Samuel grew in the presence of the Lord (2:21) and became a mighty prophet for the Lord. It all started with a mother who took her concerns to God and trusted in Him. In a world in which so many children are gripped in the ways of the world, some mothers want their children to be raised in the ways of the Lord. May God give us more Hannahs.

Happy Mother's Day!

### **You Know You're a Mom When...**

1. You count the sprinkles on each child's cupcake to make sure they're equal.
2. You can't bear to give away your children's baby clothes. It's so final.
3. You hear your mother's voice coming out of your mouth when you say, "Not in your good clothes!"
4. You stop criticizing the way your mother raised you.
5. You hire a sitter because you haven't been out with your husband in ages, and then spend half the night checking on the kids.
6. You say at least once a day, "I'm not cut out for this job!" You know you wouldn't trade it for anything.
7. You cry when you take them to the first day of kindergarten and when they graduate from high school.

Author unknown

## **Hamburg Pike Happenings**

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The meal theme is Pizza.

Happy Mother's Day! Mother's Day is Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>.

*And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6*

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