

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 Jerry Casey
 Scripture Reading Rudy Ayala
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Harold Tincher
 Lord's Supper Message Mark 14:17-36, 43-65
 Table Attendant Greg Blanton
 Table Attendant Jerry Montgomery
 Closing Prayer Clint Smith Sr

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale
 Bible Reading Ryan Irwin
 Selection 23
 Opening Prayer Rick Martin
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Closing Prayer Doug McArthur

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Leon Stocksdale
 Lord's Supper Prayer Brandon Slotman
 Offering Prayer Hank Tincher
 Usher Brandon Montgomery
 Count Offering Joe Sweeney
 Assist Count Marc Owens

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning Jesus on the Lake Psalm 77:16-19
 Sunday Evening The Sword of Judgment
 Matthew 12:42

Last Sunday

Offering: \$3,334 Attendance: 100

Waiting for the Lord's Return

Jesus is coming again! We have His promise in John 14:1-6, the testimony of the angels in Acts 1:9-11, and many other promises in the rest of the Bible.

In 1 Thess. 1:9-10, the Apostle Paul commends the church at Thessalonica for their service to the Lord. Since we serve the "living and true God," since He could come at any moment—we must be ready at all times—we must be active in His work at all times. Mission work and evangelism does not stop with conversion—the more we learn about Jesus and His Church and the Word of God—we will be mission-minded.

Jesus has told us to be waiting and watching for the time He will come back for us. Some in the New Testament were condemned because they were not active in the Lord's service while waiting for His coming. That must never be said of us. He has provided much for us if we will only appropriate it. Let's always seek to reach the lost and strengthen the saved.

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Castle or Hassle?

By Robert Guinn

While discussing the responsibilities that come with home-ownership, my neighbor made the following statement, "Your castle is your hassle."

Being first-time home-owners, my wife and I are experiencing a slight learning curve when it comes to the maintenance and upkeep of our property. Though we try to keep a positive view of our home, things (like the AC going out) tempt that positive attitude.

Attitude can change everything. A castle is a cherished monument and fortress; something that brings a sense of pride, accomplishment, and awe. A hassle, however, is something viewed as an obligation, bother, or something you have to "put up with." So, we can look at our house and see a lovely home or a never-ending source of chores and work. Our attitude not only affects how we feel toward our house but also our families.

What happens when we view our spouses as a hassle, obstacle, or obligation? Will we cultivate an intimate relationship or be driven apart? When we view our spouse as a cherished blessing from God, it becomes easier to grow closer to God and each other. God revealed a plan for husbands and wives to live together with different roles and functions; being united with a mutual love, respect, understanding, and submission (1 Corinthians 7; Ephesians 5:22-23; Titus 2; 1 Peter 3). This becomes very difficult when our attitudes devalue our spouse.

What about our children? Do we look at them only as a "mouth to feed," or a hindrance to what we want? When we do, we prevent ourselves from fulfilling our roles as godly parents. Knowing that our children are a gift from God, we can see them as a blessing (Psalm 127:4-5; James 1:17). Our attitude impacts our effectiveness to fulfill our responsibility to encourage, educate, train, and grow our young ones in a godly direction (Proverbs 22:6; Titus 2; Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21). Remember, there is no greater joy than to hear that our children are walking in the truth (3 John 1:4).

How do we view our families? Are they a breathtaking castle built to the glory of God? Or, do we think of them as a mere hassle that gets in the way?

May God bless our families and our attitudes toward each other. May we bring glory to Him through the family of God (Ephesians 3:20-21; 1 Timothy 3:15).

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When We Disagree

Eric Welch

Perhaps you have seen in the news lately the suppression of free speech on college campuses. Anyone who disagrees publicly with the “social justice warriors” are slapped with the “hater” and “bigot” labels. At the University of California Berkeley, they have even resorted to physical violence. It is sad that such erosion of morality is happening in our country.

However, Christians who disagree with each other should never resort to angry outbursts, let alone violence. Disputes among people who love each other will happen. We might disagree on matters of opinion: Coke vs. Pepsi, McDonald’s vs. Taco Bell, Ford vs. Chevy, Indiana vs. Kentucky, Tennessee vs. Alabama. Disagreements among good people are to be expected.

Sometimes disagreements can be more serious. Paul and Barnabas were close workers together for Christ, and even they had disagreement (Acts 15:36-41). What was their disagreement? For some reason, John Mark had left their mission team for home not long after their mission began (Acts 13). After the mission, about a year or so later, Paul wanted to return to encourage the churches they planted. Barnabas wanted to give Mark another try, but Paul was adamantly against it. The disagreement was so sharp that they found it better to go their separate ways

Disputes often occur when we fail to communicate properly and misunderstand each other’s point-of-view that can be shaped by personality. Barnabas and Paul were different. Barnabas was “a good man...full of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 11.24). He was a sound leader and an encourager of whole churches and of individuals. He is a “second-chance” kind of guy. He even helped Paul with his second chance. Paul had persecuted the church and when he converted he was serious and intense. He did not want extra baggage to be a distraction from a serious work. He may have thought Mark had abandoned the work and was not serious.

They did not come to a resolution, but at that time they thought it would be best to take on separate works for the Lord. This difference was not about doctrine but about opinion. Luke spends little time about the matter. He does not say who was right or wrong. He just sticks to his aim of explaining how the gospel came to Rome.

However, we can make this observation: God can still be glorified even in a disagreement over method. Perhaps Paul and Barnabas could see this truth in hindsight. Barnabas takes Mark (39); Paul takes Silas (40). Now the work of the Lord can spread over wider territory. God took the disagreement and use it for food (Romans 8:28)

The separation also seems to have given both parties time to cool off. Since both men remained faithful to Christ, they likely made things right, according to His teaching in Matthew 18, before heading out for their works. Paul would see John Mark differently fifteen years later (Colossians 4:10 and 2 Timothy 4:11). Perhaps one good thing that came from the disagreement is the “Gospel according to Mark.”

When we disagree about matters of opinion, even to the point of hurt feelings, let us make the effort to understand each other’s perspective. Let us take time to cool off and work things out first. Let us make it our goal to glorify God in the end.

Hamburg Pike Happenings

Attention all youth and their families: we are planning a canoe trip for June 17th. If you are interested, please speak with Michael before May 28th to get on the list. If we have enough people we can get a group discount.

Our Summer Quarter of Bible classes begins Sunday June 4th and Wednesday June 7th. The teen class will meet in the auditorium with the adult class for a summer video series. Thanks to all our teachers for the good work they do each week.

Our VBS is scheduled for July 10th thru July 13th 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each night. Please plan to attend and invite your family and friends.

A VBS puppet show practice is scheduled for Sunday June 4th at 4:30 p.m. All team members please plan to attend.

The Two Essential Questions for Planning

Another month gone that will never return. It cannot be undone, for good or bad, for joy or sadness.

We hope to have another month ahead. We'll make plans to use it, possibly. We ought to say; "If the Lord wills, we will do this or that" (see James 4). But we'll actually live it a day at a time, from moment to moment.

Things will happen to cause changes in plans. We can wring our hands and cry tears of frustration. Or we can adjust and adapt and see in the changes possibilities and opportunities.

Plans consist of intentions to use time and resources, hopefully, in a positive and constructive way, for maximum benefit.

For a Christian, plans ought to reflect the spiritual priority of the two greatest commandments (see Matthew 22). So one ought to be constantly asking oneself:

- How can I use my time and resources to love God?
- How can I use my time and resources to love my neighbor?

Victor Hugo wrote, "Love is the only future God offers." Shouldn't the Christian plan to make the future revolve around love?

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