

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
 Brandon Slotman
 Robby Stocksdale
 Joe Sweeney

Pulpit Minister Eric Welch
 Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Missions

Panama Mission Pablo Sanchez

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Those Privileged to Serve

A.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 Opening Prayer Jerry Casey
 Scripture Reading Derrick Smith II
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper Message Brandon Slotman
 Table Attendant Rudy Ayala
 Table Attendant Art Patrick
 Closing Prayer Hayward Blanton

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Rick Martin
 Bible Reading Ryan Irwin
 Selection 33
 Opening Prayer Clint Smith Jr
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Closing Prayer Nathaniel Welch

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Harold Tincher
 Lord's Supper Prayer Doug McArthur
 Offering Prayer Ethan Welch
 Usher Fin Burton
 Count Offering Robby Stocksdale
 Assist Count Marc Owens

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning Q & A: The Environment
 Psalm 24:1
 Sunday Afternoon To Be Announced

Last Sunday

Offering: \$3,315 Attendance: 101

Cost

Suppose I am visiting in your home and I notice a lovely vase on the coffee table. I pick it up and admire it, but suddenly it slips from my hand, falls to the floor, and breaks! "Oh, I'm so sorry!" I say, and I offer to pay for it. I know I have a fifty-dollar bill in my wallet, so I think I'm safe.

But you tell me there are only two such vases in the world, and the other one is valued at \$2,000! Am I any sorrier now than I was a few moments ago? Yes. I am \$2,000 sorrier! What made the difference? Knowing the cost. Many people look carelessly upon Christianity, thinking it's just another of the world's great religions. But when we look at the Cross of Calvary and realize what our salvation cost, suddenly Christianity and the One whose life it represents take on a whole new meaning. So then, what value do you place on Jesus?

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Evolutionary Hoaxes

"Ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny." This phrase, often heard in freshman biology classes, was coined by 19th century German biologist Ernst Haeckel to describe the idea that the human embryo re-plays the steps of evolution as it develops. Specifically, this theory says that human embryos pass through a progression of abbreviated stages in the womb that resembles primary evolutionary stages (e.g., fish, amphibian, reptile) during the course of development.

While Haeckel's name might not sound familiar to you, one of the drawings he used to bolster his theory probably is. This now-familiar illustration of embryos of fish, reptiles, birds, and mammals lined up side-by-side is a common staple in most biology and embryology textbooks. This single figure has altered the public consciousness and has become one of the best known "evidences" for evolution. Additionally, some individuals use this principle of "recapitulation" to justify abortion (they argue that after all, at various stages the human embryo is no different from a fish or reptile).

There is only one small problem. Haeckel's illustration was a fake! He drew the human embryo to look just like the early embryo of the fish, amphibian, and reptile—but it doesn't. Ironically, the fact that these drawings are a fraud is "old-hat" to biologists. History records that Haeckel was accused of scientific fraud by his peers. Recognition of his falsehoods still appears in scientific journals, as noted in a letter to the editor in the May 15, 1998 issue of Science.

We could ignore this pathetic chapter in the history of evolutionism—were it still so popularly used in American textbooks. Even Dr. Benjamin Spock saw fit to perpetuate Haeckel's recapitulation myth in his well-known book, Baby and Child Care. Spock confidently assured expectant mothers that "each child as he develops is retracing the whole history of mankind, physically and spiritually, step by step. A baby starts off in the womb as a single tiny cell, just the way the first living thing appeared in the ocean. Weeks later, as he lies in the amniotic fluid of the womb, he has gills like a fish" (1998, p. 223).

Make sure your children and grandchildren know when they see these drawings that they are fakes. Human beings never look like a fish, amphibian or reptile when they are growing in the womb. We were made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26-27), and we must make sure our young people know (and believe) this.

Article from Focus Press by Brad Harrub, Ph.D. <http://www.focuspress.org>

The Whole Armor of God

Eric Welch

One of the best strategies that Satan uses to destroy the church is to cause the members to war against each other. After encouraging the church to be unified in the letter to the Ephesians, Paul presents God's strategy for standing up to Satan. He says put on the whole armor of God (6:12), and then speaks of the diverse pieces of that armor.

Wholeness and diversity is a theme throughout Ephesians. In chapter 1, Paul praises the Father (1:3-6), the Son (1:7-12) and the Holy Spirit (1:13-14) and shows how each worked in unity to bring about our salvation. The Godhead is the example of how Christians must work together in the church. Because each Christian is reconciled to him (2:1-10), groups such as the Jews and Gentiles have also reconciled and become equals in one body (2:11-22).

Chapter 4-6 shows the practical workings of such unity. Through right teaching they must "maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (4:3-6). Unity and diversity go hand in hand and the greatest example, again, is the Godhead. The Father, the Son and the Spirit are one, but each had an important role (4:4-6). They show how leaders of the church with diverse roles can work as one (4:7-16).

Paul says that this unity is also maintained by right living (4:17-24). As "member of one another," they must not return to attitudes that cause division (4:17-24). After explaining in chapter 5 how Christians must relate to unbelievers (don't conform – 5:1-7, but confront – 5:8-14), he returns to the way Christians must relate to each other. They must be led by the Spirit (5:15-21) and to submit to one another in the church. Then he shows what the Spirit-led life is like in the home (5:22-6:9).

In a final push for unity, Paul says Christians must stand firm in the full armor of God and be ready to engage in persistence spiritual battle against Satan. Paul is saying, "Christians, get along with each other! Stop fighting each other and stand against the true enemy!"

Let the truth be like a belt around your waist! Let right living protect you! Your readiness (or desire) to tell the good news of peace should be like shoes on your feet. Let your faith be like a shield stopping Satan's flaming arrows. Let God's salvation be like a helmet and use Spirit-given Word like a sword. Stay alert and never stop praying for each. Each piece works as one in the fight for the unity of the church!

Satan has already lost the war; don't let him win any battle.

Prayer Requests

Jerry Monroe will be in Providence Rehab for approximately 3 weeks. Please keep Jerry and Sara in your prayers.

Prayer List: Chandra Akers (Joe & Marla), Teena Balentine (Jean Churchman), Dennis Broy (Inez), JAYNE CRAVENS, Esther Davis (Marian), JANICE DIMMITT, MARIE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Elma Fielder (Marian), Lillian Foster, Terri Hernandez (Ashley), Jerry Hill (Ashley), Pricilla Hudkins, Frank Ingram, Elise Jackson (Christine), Charles & Marlyn Jenkins (Ann), Dorie Jenkins (Ann), Josephine King (Polly), MERLE KNUCKLES, FRANCES LAWTON, SUE LINNE & Rhea, Lilia McArthur (Debbie Smith), POLLY MCCLINTOCK, TERESA MCCLINTOCK, JERRY & SARA MONROE, JERRY & SONJA MONTGOMERY, CAROL MOUSTY, Jerrie Phillips, Dawn R. (Jean), Willis Rich (Betty), Sue Riley (Ann), Cindy Roeder (Christine), Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), THRESA TEMPLE, ALICE TINCHER (Hank & Cassie), IRVIN & NORMA WILLIAMS **Military Service:** Stephen Blanton

Hamburg Pike Happenings

A "Lads to Leaders & Leaderettes" meeting is scheduled for Sunday August 20th at 4:30 p.m. If interested in participating or learning more about the program please plan to attend. This meeting is for the youth and parents. See Ashley for questions.

When Talking about Others Is a Sin

Gossip is a serious offense. Paul lists it with sins such as murder and hating God (Rom. 1:29-31). But is it accurate to define gossip as "saying bad things about others"? Sometimes, saying bad things about other people is necessary.

Consider some examples. First, relating bad things is necessary if silence would be hurtful. A woman harassed by a male coworker should tell her superiors or even file a complaint at the police department. Second, reporting bad things about another person may be necessary if he needs discipline. Jesus says that if a brother refuses to repent when confronted, then "tell it to the church" (Matt. 18:17). This is not gossip, is it? Finally, saying bad things about others may be required of those who give warning. Wise preachers warn the church about false teachers (2 Tim. 2:16-18), and smart parents warn their sons to avoid treacherous female companions (Prov. 5:7-8).

Yes, gossip involves saying bad things about other people. But in the situations described above, the speaker has wholesome intentions. The intent of gossip, though, is unwholesome. Gossip is characterized by one or more of the following things:

Secrecy - Gossips are "whisperers" (Rom. 1:29 NKJV). A gossip does not want his name attached to his rumors. "Don't tell anyone I said this, but"

Evil Pleasure - True love "does not rejoice at wrong" (1 Cor. 13:6), but the gossipant wait to share his juicy tidbits.

Indifference to the Truth - Does a gossip always lie? No, but it concerns him not at all that many of his unflattering comments cannot be substantiated by fact.

David Wright