

### 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

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies and  
 Bible Correspondence Courses

For further information please contact us at

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 Visit Our Website: www.hamburgpikecofc.org

### Those Privileged to Serve

#### A.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins  
 Opening Prayer Rick Martin  
 Scripture Reading Harold Tincher  
 Sermon Eric Welch  
 Lord's Supper Message Joe Sweeney  
 Luke 23:13-48  
 Table Attendant Doug McArthur  
 Table Attendant Grover Blanton  
 Closing Prayer Brandon Slotman

#### P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Clint Smith Jr  
 Bible Reading Rudy Ayala  
 Selection 37  
 Opening Prayer Ethan Welch  
 Sermon Eric Welch  
 Closing Prayer Bill Cravens

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

Announcements Robby Stocksdale  
 Lord's Supper Prayer Derrick Smith II  
 Offering Prayer Clint Smith Sr  
 Usher Hank Tincher  
 Count Offering Art Patrick  
 Assist Count Harold Tincher

#### Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning God is Light - 1 John 1:5-10  
 Sunday Evening Jesus, Our Elder Brother – Heb. 2:9-18

#### Last Sunday

Offering: \$2,512 Attendance: 77

### **An old farmer's advice**

- Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
- Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- Life ain't about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce.
- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
- Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

# The Worker

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### Building Too Low

A lady sat at her window one bright, balmy spring morning. She saw a little bird that had chosen a rosebush for its home and was very busy bringing in sticks and hair and feathers and other material to make its house. "Ah, you pretty little creature," said the lady, "you are building too low. Soon the destroyer will come and break up your sweet home."

And so it was..... The days passed by; the nest was finished, and then there were eggs in the nest, and then four great big mouths were open whenever the low chirp of the mother announced that she had something for them to eat.

One day the lady sat by the window sewing. Suddenly she heard the cry of the birds in the deepest distress, and she looked out to see what the matter was. There was a great snake that had crawled up and was devouring the helpless little ones, while just above them the poor heartbroken mother fluttered about in the wildest distraction. But it was too late; her children were gone, and her home was left desolate – a sad reminder of her folly in building so near the ground.

So it is with people who have no higher ambition than earthly pleasures, wealth or honors. THEY BUILD TOO LOW! Their heart's home is in easy reach of death and the devil, and depend upon it - the destroyer will come, soon or late.

One day, this world – and ALL that is in it -- will come to an end when Jesus returns. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10).

If we have been placing our focus and our hope in the things of this world, WE TOO will discover TOO LATE that we have "BUILT TOO LOW." ONLY those who have built their lives upon Jesus and His Word will be victorious over sin and Satan (Matthew 7:24-27; 1 John 2:15-17).

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Don't "BUILD TOO LOW." Build your life on Jesus, the Rock of Ages!

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

## **The Narrow Door**

Eric Welch

Has someone ever asked you: “do you think you are the only ones going to heaven?” Often this question is an objection to your faith meant to start an argument or water down the teachings of Jesus or change the subject. If they are sincere, lead them to Luke 13:23. In that verse someone asked Jesus a similar question: "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" Again, it is more of an objection than a question. He does not fall for the trap. He says neither “yes” nor “no.” Jesus essentially says that he is asking the wrong question. Don’t look for a number or a percentage. Don’t dig for a deep theological statement. Rather, take responsibility for yourself: "Strive to enter through the narrow door" (Luke 13:24).

When we read the Bible, we never read the people on Pentecost, the Ethiopian treasurer, Saul, or the Philippian jailor asking their teachers, “do you think you are the only ones going to heaven?” Rather, they ask the right question: “what must I do to be saved?” They were striving to enter through the narrow door. They were taking responsibility for themselves. They were not concerned about others but they were focusing on what they should be doing.

Our salvation does not happen by accident. It is a tough, personal decision. We all must make it, and no one can do it for us. Although we are saved by grace, he requires our surrender in obedience and that surrender is a struggle. Dying to ourselves is not easy. Cutting off a treasured sin can be painful (cf. Matthew 5:29), but it is necessary to get right with God.

The door to salvation itself, Jesus says, is narrow. He is the only true and living way to salvation in heaven (John 14:6; Acts 4:12). Are you striving to enter it?

### **"What's Wrong with a Little Fun?"**

Our young people run into a lot of temptation in the form of other young adults who try to get them to sin. When young Christians resist, they are often met with, “What’s wrong with a little fun?” or “How can this hurt you?” I want to give our young adults a few specifics to help when they hear others say the above, or when others, in essence, say, “Why don’t you sin, Christian?”

1. Because I love the Lord (John 14:15).
2. Because I want to retain my self-respect (Ephesians 4:1).
3. Because God is watching (Revelation 2:2-4).
4. Because non-believers are watching (1 Corinthians 6:6).
5. Because a moment of pleasure could cause me a mountain of pain (Galatians 6:7-8; John 8:34; 2 Peter 2:20-22).
6. Because sin is the broad way that leads to destruction (Matthew 7:13-14).
7. Because I want to remain unspotted from the world (James 1:27).
8. Because sin nailed the Redeemer to the cross (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Rick Laing - Dripping Springs church of Christ

## **Hamburg Pike Happenings**

The Monday Night for the Master program will begin meeting on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The meal theme will be pizza. Please plan to participate in this good work.

The Elders invite and encourage baptized male members to consider volunteering for a Wednesday evening devotional during the fall quarter. The lessons need to be prepared and 3 to 5 minutes in duration. Please find the list on the bulletin board.

## **Victory and an Eternal Home**

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