

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 Brandon Slotman
Clint Smith Jr
Robby Stocksdale
Joe Sweeney

Pulpit Minister Eric Welch
Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Missions

Panama Pablo & Myra Sanchez
Panama Denicio & Carmen Miranda
New Zealand Nick & Marisa Parker

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies and
Free Bible Correspondence Courses

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Those Privileged to Serve

A.M. Worship Service

Song Leader	Michael Hawkins
Opening Prayer	Clint Smith Sr
Scripture Reading	Dillian Goddard
Sermon	Eric Welch
Lord's Supper Message	Joe Sweeney
Table Attendant	Jerry Montgomery
Table Attendant	Nathaniel Welch
Closing Prayer	Brandon Slotman

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader	Rick Martin
Bible Reading	Clint Smith III
Selection	45
Opening Prayer	Hank Tincher
Sermon	Eric Welch
Closing Prayer	Hayward Blanton

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements	Robby Stocksdale
Lord's Supper Prayer	Doug McArthur
Offering Prayer	Grover Blanton
Usher	Greg Blanton
Count Offering	Art Patrick
Assist Count	Harold Tincher

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning

DO Not Love the World 1 John 2:15-17

Sunday Evening

Last Man Standing Daniel 3

Last Sunday

Offering: \$5,976 Attendance: 90

The Necessity of Baptism

John was preaching the message of repentance (Mark 1:1-11). Repentance means changing your mind about God. John was urging the people to change their life back to the right ways of God. There were a number of people who heard that message and were baptized (Matthew 3:11). John would not baptize them if they did not repent (Matthew 3:7) and confess their sins (Matthew 3:6).

In doing this, John was preparing the way for the coming of Jesus and His authority. Remember when Jesus was baptized, God spoke from heaven and acknowledged Jesus as His Son (Matthew 3:17). Jesus was baptized in submission to the Father - this was God's will. When Jesus was baptized, God was pleased. So, what pleases God? The submission of the Son (Hebrews 5:8-9).

Jesus, has been given all authority (Matthew 28:18) He tells His disciples to preach the gospel, baptize, and continue teaching (Matthew 28:18-20). Jesus even said "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). Do you think God would be pleased if we refuse to be baptized? If the Son of God submitted to God's right way to please the Father, how can we expect to please the Father if we refuse to submit to baptism?

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Committed for the Long Run

Unable to attend the funeral after his Uncle Charlie died, a man who lived far away called his brother and told him, "Do something nice for Uncle Charlie and send me the bill."

Later, he got a bill for \$200.00, which he paid. The next month, he got another bill for \$200.00, which he also paid, figuring it was some incidental expense.

But, when the bills for \$200.00 kept arriving every month, he finally called his brother again to find out what was going on.

"Well," said the other brother, "You said to do something nice for Uncle Charlie. So I rented him a tuxedo."

That's not exactly the most appropriate gift for someone who has died! But the story made me think about how we are often willing to give, even to sacrifice great amounts, and we are happy to do so once or twice. But we don't want it to become something we have to do for the rest of our lives.

For example, we're happy to have friends or family stay in our homes for a short while, but we don't want it to go on for years and years. We'll agree to teach a Bible class at church for a quarter or two, but we don't want to be stuck in the class for the rest of our life. We'll take a mission trip and live in squalid conditions for a week or two, but would never dream of moving there permanently.

And our hesitancy in situations like those is perhaps understandable. Unfortunately, we sometimes are tempted to have the same attitude when it comes to serving Christ. We're willing to give up everything for Christ -- at least, for a while. But for our whole lives? Always seeking to put others first? Always willing to forgive? Always willing to suffer and sacrifice for the cause of Christ?

We need to be reminded that Christianity is not a sprint, it's a long-distance marathon, and we must be willing to commit ourselves to run the race to the very end. Be forewarned -- it can be tiring. But "let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." (Gal. 6:9)

Have a great day!

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How to Make the Best Use of Your Time and Lessen Stress

Eric Welch

How do we make the best use of our time? First, let's not think of it not as our time, but time God has given you. Paul says "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16). Kevin Kruse wrote an article for from Forbes magazine entitled "15 Surprising Things Productive People Do Differently" that I think Christians can adapt for their own use. He interviewed over 200 productive people including billionaires, Olympians, straight-A students and businessmen and then categorized their responses into 15 concepts for success. I have taken 14 of them and added another at the end. Keep these others passages in mind as you read: Colossians 3:15; James 4:14; Matthew 6:33.

15. Preserve your energy. Eat well. Rest well. Don't skimp on taking breaks from work. Jesus made good use of them. Matthew 14:23.

14. Practice a consistent morning routine. In addition to nurturing the body, care for your spirit with prayer and meditation on God's word (Psalm 88:13). At stressful moments, Jesus and his disciples withdrew from the crowds (Matthew 12:15; 14:13; 15:21).

13. Touch things only once. Touch important mail, such as bills, and email just once. Don't lay them aside for later. Deal with them immediately. When they are no longer in the back of your mind, you no longer have to stress over them. Use this principle to take care of any problems between you and a brother or sister in Christ (Matthew 5:23-26; 18:15)

12. Theme your days of the week. For me, I designate Monday for writing sermons and Tuesdays for Bible class study. Choose certain days to do the most important tasks of the week and focus on that one task (see #2) on that day. The theme for Sunday: worship!

11. Delegate as much as you can. Successful people are not micro-managers. They learn to relinquish control to people they trust. It is a great stress reducer. Our elders delegate to the deacons certain tasks and minor decisions so that they can shepherd the flock more effectively. In turn, deacons involve other members in their work. Diligent Christians like to be challenged in the work of the church. Acts 6:1-7.

10. Use the 80/20 rule. Have you heard the saying that 80% of the work in the church is done by 20% of the people? That rule is actually called the Pareto Principle and it can be applied to your tasks. Is a task you are doing in the top 20% of your activities or the bottom 80%? Matthew 25:14-30. 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16.

9. Say "no" to almost everything. We only have 1440 minutes in the day. Don't give them away easily, especially when it comes to temptation and sin—which are total time wasters. Ephesians 5:16; James 4:7

8. Process email only few times a day. Don't check email at every notification. Schedule the time to process it quickly. Check it morning, noon and night or just once a day. I would add social media to this list as well.

7. Use a notebook. Take a notebook with you everywhere. Write everything down. Batteries can go de...

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6. They make it home for dinner. That is, they prioritize what matters most. There is always more work to be done; it will be there. But we all have just one lifetime to get it right with the Lord and with family. Colossians 3:1; James 4:17

5. Beat procrastination with time travel. Your future self cannot be trusted. You say you will do this or that but you end up not doing it. Find a way to defeat your future self that would sabotage what you have planned. Better yet, let God beat your procrastination - James 4:14.

4. Don't use to-do lists. Use a weekly calendar and live by it; Schedule your time with 15-minute blocks.

3. Focus only on one thing at a time: Focus on the Most Important Task (MIT) of the day and do it for one to two hours in the morning if possible. Use the 20/80 rule with your time.

2. Focus on minutes not hours. Don't schedule one-hour and half-hour blocks of time. Master your minutes.

I added number 1 here.

1. Make worship on the Lord's Day and other assembly times the most important, uncompromised hours of your week. God has given us 10,080 hours in a week. How many will we devote to Him and in service to others? Matthew 4:4

Hamburg Pike Happenings

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 5th. Remember to set your clock back one hour.

The Junior Leader, Gifts and Guard classes are scheduled for Sunday November 5th 4:30 p.m. at the building.

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday November 6th at 6:30 pm; meal theme is Pizza.