

## 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

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## Those Privileged to Serve

### A.M. Worship Service

Song Leader	Michael Hawkins
Opening Prayer	Leon Stocksdale
Scripture Reading	John Keaton
Sermon	Eric Welch
Lord's Supper Message	Greg Blanton
Table Attendant	Art Patrick
Table Attendant	Dillian Goddard
Closing Prayer	Eric Welch

### P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader	Robby Stocksdale
Bible Reading	Rudy Ayala
Selection	47
Opening Prayer	Nathaniel Welch
Sermon	Eric Welch
Closing Prayer	Bill Cravens

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

Announcements	Joe Sweeney
Lord's Supper Prayer	Clint Smith Jr
Offering Prayer	Jerry Casey
Usher	Hank Tincher
Count Offering	Hank Tincher
Assist Count	Art Patrick

### Sermon Titles

#### Sunday Morning

Children of God 1 John 3:1-10

#### Sunday Evening

The Genesis Movie

#### Last Sunday

Offering: \$3,227

Attendance: 123

### Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is, in the eyes of some, esteemed as the greatest of holidays. When one thinks about the idea of thanksgiving, it is easy to appreciate the holiday as some do – being the greatest of holidays. Those who are truly thankful, however, are those who were once dead, but are now alive. The Lord spoke to the Jews and said that the hour was coming in which the dead would hear His voice and live (John 5:25). The Lord was not referring to the second coming, for that He does in 5:28-29. The Lord referred to those who heard His voice (orally, and through the written word) and responded to His holy will. They were dead in sin, but applying the truth of God's word to their individual lives, they are now alive spiritually (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:17).

Those who live, but were once dead, were dead in sin (Ephesians 2:1-10), but now are alive in Christ. This is a time for Thanksgiving.

- Ron Thomas preacher and elder for the Highway church of Christ, Sullivan, IL. <http://www.highwaycofc.com>

# The Worker

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### The Formula for Success

A popular motivational speaker lists three keys to success:

**Purpose** - One has to have a goal in mind and a way to reach that goal to truly achieve. Too many people wonder around aimlessly and then wonder why they never succeed. A purpose gives us something to strive for - something to achieve.

**Passion** - One must greatly desire the purpose to be attained - so much so that it drives him to do whatever is necessary to reach it. A purpose will rarely be realized unless one is truly passionate about it.

**Performance** - Purpose and passion are worthless without good, old-fashioned hard work. That's what it takes to get from point A to point B - success doesn't come to you, you must go to it.

These can be applied in Christianity, as well. Please consider the following:

Do you have a purpose to your Christianity? Do you set Christian goals to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord (2 Pet. 3:18)? Is every decision on earth made with the ultimate goal of attaining heaven in mind (Col. 3:1-2)?

Do you have passion for your Christianity? Do you have a zeal and fervor for serving the Lord (Titus 2:4)? Do you have a driving love for the Lord, and are you always joyful and excited to be a Christian (1 Pet. 1:8)?

Do you have performance in your Christianity? Do you labor daily for the Lord (Heb. 6:10)? Do you harmoniously involve yourself with the church in every way possible (Eph. 4:11-16)?

Let Paul's words in Phil. 3:12-14 inspire us to improve these in our Christian lives:

"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

- Edd Sterchi preaches for the Jackson church of Christ in Jackson, MO.

## Lord of the Living and the Dead

Eric Welch

One of the things I enjoy repeating unapologetically is the fact that no one ever died in the presence of Jesus Christ. We all know the resurrection story of Lazarus in John 11 toward the end of his ministry, but we rarely think about the fact that the first person Jesus raised from the dead was some nameless person Jesus came across randomly (Luke 7:11-17).

A funeral process was passing by one day in the village of Nain. The person being buried was a “young man” (Luke 7:14). We do not know how he died, but he was “the only son of his mother” and she was a widow (v. 12). A parent does not expect to bury a child, but life does not always happen as it should. Even worse in that culture and time, a widow with no children to support her was a death warrant. Death is so powerful and cruel, and no one is exempt.

When Jesus saw this poor widow in this situation, “he had compassion on her and said to her, ‘Do not weep.’” (Luke 7:13). Try telling that to a grieving mother and see what you get. She had not asked for help or advice. Who does he think he is? To top it off, he stopped the procession altogether and even touched the coffin. That was a big “no, no” in Jewish society. Certainly, Jesus seems to be doing it all wrong here and his reputation is on the line. He has compassion but what can he do to help her besides telling her not to cry and stopping the funeral?

Yet, when the dead man sat up and spoke, any ill will toward Jesus disappeared. Instead, “Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, ‘A great prophet has arisen among us!’ and ‘God has visited his people!’” (Luke 7:16).

On that day, death fled the presence of Jesus, but it would visit that young man another day. However, Jesus dealt with death, both spiritual and physical, once and for all by his own death. Let us be comforted by the Lord's words through Paul “For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living” (Romans 14:9).

## Questions about Worship

Goodman Oaks in Southaven is the largest church of Christ in Mississippi. Sunday morning attendance is around 700. Steve Reeves, their preacher, suggests several questions to be asked about what is to be done in worship:

- 1)** Is there precedence for such an act of worship in the New Testament? Can it be supported by a direct command of Scripture? Is it an example from the early church meant for us to follow today? Is it clearly an inference we are supposed to make and follow from the Biblical text? “I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Tim. 3:15).
- 2)** Is this activity intended to bring glory to God or is it geared merely toward human entertainment and satisfaction? “For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ” (Ga1:10).
- 3)** Will it promote or hinder the unity of the body of Christ? Paul commands us to “pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another” (Rom. 14:19)

Even when such questions are asked, different answers may be given by different people. My concern here, however, is that too many congregations seem never to ask such questions.

The only questions being asked by some today apparently are, “Do we like it? Do we want to do it? Will it help attract crowds?”

- Cecil May, Jr. Harrisburg church of Christ in Harrisburg, IL [www.harrisburgchurchofchrist.org](http://www.harrisburgchurchofchrist.org)

## Hamburg Pike Happenings

A Youth Devotional for ages 12 and under is scheduled for Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the building.

The Monday Night for the Master group will not be meeting Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>.

A fellowship meal is scheduled after the morning worship service on Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>. A signup sheet is in the foyer.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the ladies' Bible class will not meet in November.

## Thoughts...

About the time we learn to make the most of life, the greater part of it is gone.

Many things that are learned by experience should not have been learned at all.

Sometimes a man holds opinions and sometimes they hold the man.

There is a difference between the books that men make and the Book from God that makes men. The Bible is often rejected by the world which is put off by people who supposedly are produced and directed by it. How could anyone be expected to accept and respect a Bible which Christians neglect and a God they represent so poorly?

As a plant upon the earth, so man rests upon the bosom of God. He is nourished by unending fountains and he draws, at his need, inexhaustible power” (Ralph Waldo Emerson).

Modesty is the first line of defense for sexual purity (1 Timothy 2:9-10)