

### 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 Grover Blanton  
 Scripture Reading Rudy Ayala  
 Sermon Eric Welch  
 Lord's Supper Message Greg Blanton  
 Table Attendant Art Patrick  
 Table Attendant Nathaniel Welch  
 Closing Prayer Irvin Williams

#### **P.M. Worship Service**

Song Leader Clint Smith Jr  
 Bible Reading Derrick Smith II  
 Selection 1  
 Opening Prayer John Keaton  
 Sermon Eric Welch  
 Closing Prayer Robby Stocksdale

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

Announcements Leon Stocksdale  
 Lord's Supper Prayer Ryan Irwin  
 Offering Prayer Jerry Montgomery  
 Usher Harold Tincher  
 Count Offering Hank Tincher  
 Assist Count Harold Tincher

#### Sermon Titles

##### **Sunday Morning**

Why We Believe What We Believe - Matthew 21:23-27

##### **Sunday Evening**

Creation - Genesis 1:1-28, 31-2:3

##### **Last Sunday**

Offering: \$6,341 Attendance: 92

#### **Changing Habits**

A habit is the resulting action of a disengaged mind. One may not realize he is biting his nails while another suddenly finds himself absentmindedly munching on junk. Some habits are spiritually devastating (1 Corinthians 6:9-10) while others promote spiritual maturity (Daniel 6:10). Between the two extremes lay habits ranging in varying shades of gray.

One factor renders a fatal blow to any habit: thought. Especially for the bad habit, thought interrupts the thoughtless actions throwing a mental "monkey wrench" in the mind idling in neutral. It is far from a risky venture to assume that everyone who reads this has, will and needs to devote thought and attention to changing some action that has grown habitual.

Everyone has habits. Many need to be changed. The evil one needs to be replaced by the good one and it in turn needs to be replaced by the better one. While it is true that change hurts, it is also true in some cases that not changing kills! Even this early in the New Year, many good resolutions are already being broken. Take some time to honestly examine the habits in your life.

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### **New Year's Resolutions**

Yes, it's that time again. It is the time of year when we usually commit ourselves to several worthy goals. We do this because we want to make our lives and faith better. We want to improve and that is a worthy goal. I have noticed that most of our resolutions revolve around money, health, and family.

While these are worthy goals, what would it look like if you could set the resolutions for the church or your family? I would venture to say that we would set a much more rounded, holistic set of resolutions.

As I reflected on this question, I came up with a list that I think is a good start. It is not perfect by any means but these are the things I would like to see myself and others focus on.

- Pray more – 1 Thessalonians 5:17.
- Invest in your God given talents – 1 Timothy 4:14-15; Matthew 25:14-30.
- Get more intentional about evangelism – 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.
- Care for yourself spiritually – Philippians 3:12-16; Mark 6:31; Exodus 20:8-11.
- Be willing to make the tough decisions – Acts 20:22-24.
- Confront the sin in your life – Heb. 12:1-2.
- Be forgiving of others and myself – Matthew 6:14-15.
- Love people without boundaries – 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.
- Quit comparing myself to others – John 21:20-23; 2 Corinthians 10:12.
- Read more – 2 Timothy 4:9, 13.
- Make family a priority – Colossians 3:18-21.
- Stay focused on the Lord and his church – Acts 2:42-47.
- Continue to grow – Ephesians 4:15-16; 2 Peter 3:17-17
- Treat others like I would like to be treated – Matthew 7:12; Isaiah 1:16-17.
- Seek heavenly things above all else – Colossians 3:1-2.

This is a difficult list that could take a lifetime to master and yet, we are called to be Christ-like in every aspect of our life. Let's use our resolutions to ensure that we become the best Christian possible.

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## **'Tude Tools for Building in 2018**

Eric Welch

Jesus teaches us to build our lives on the foundation of His teachings (Matthew 7:24-27). Let us hear them. Let us live them. And Let us share them. Here are some "tude" tools that can help us build in 2018. Seven sounds like a suitable number to start with.

**Gratitude.** Keep "thank you" at the tip of your tongue every day. Gratefulness helps us focus our attention from what we do not have towards what we do have, especially our salvation in Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:18). The children of gratitude are contentment and generosity. Let us always end the day with a prayer of thanks to God.

**Solitude.** Spend time alone with God every day (Daniel 6:10; Acts 17:11). No outside distractions Only two voices—God's voice from Scripture and our voice in prayer. Just God and me alone.

**Promptitude.** "Making the best use of the time" (Ephesians 5:16). Assume a "do-it-now" mentality. Procrastination adds unnecessary stress. Also, don't rush from one event to the other, but make a plan, leave earlier, and go slower (literally, stop speeding). You will find that the journey can be as enjoyable as the destination. This 'tude can also help us get to services on time.

**Servitude.** Jesus says that when we have served the "least of these" we have served Him (Matthew 25:31-4). Let us serve others with no thought of reward save one, God Himself.

**Rectitude.** Rectitude is "righteousness as a consequence of being honorable and honest" (The Sage dictionary). This definition involves taking responsibility for our mistakes and making things right when in conflict with others (Matthew 5:21-26 and 18:15)?

**Beatitude.** Poor. Grief over sin. Gentle. Hunger and thirst. Merciful. Pure. Peacemakers. Persecuted. The state of mind Jesus discusses in Matthew 5 brings blessedness, the fullness of life only God can give.

**Multitude.** Seek the lost who are seeking the truth; they are out there. The time is urgent; for some 2018 will be their last year of life. "Now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

### **Think About This...**

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so at the end, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.

There are not enough hours in the day to get everything done, but have I gotten even one thing done? Tomorrow I will work on getting one thing done and that is being a better Christian than I was today.

Conscience is that still small voice inside that makes you feel smaller.

## **Hamburg Pike Happenings**

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The meal theme is pizza.

January 22, 2018 is the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roe v Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand during the entire 9 months of pregnancy. Each year Right to Life of Southern Indian remembers this anniversary by sponsoring full page ads in the newspaper with the names of those who believe that all life should be protected from conception to natural death. You can participate in this ad by listing your name on the sheet in the foyer. A donation of \$5.00 is suggested to publish a name or names up to 25 characters including spaces. Please see Hayward Blanton for questions, he will also collect the donation.

### **The Correct Attitude**

The church that I attend is composed of people like me. We make it what it is. It will be friendly

--- if I am. Its pews will be filled

--- if I help fill them. It will do a great work

--- if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes

--- if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship

--- if I bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want the church that I attend to be.

- Author unknown; via the weekly bulletin of the Lebanon Road church of Christ in Nashville, TN.