

### 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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Free Bible Correspondence Courses  
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### Those Privileged to Serve

#### **A.M. Worship Service**

Song Leader Michael Hawkins  
Opening Prayer Jerry Casey  
Scripture Reading Grover Blanton  
Sermon Eric Welch  
Lord's Supper Message Clint Smith Jr  
Table Attendant Greg Blanton  
Table Attendant Ryan Irwin  
Closing Prayer Joe Sweeney

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

Song Leader Rick Martin  
Bible Reading Michael Hawkins  
Selection 3  
Opening Prayer Doug McArthur  
Sermon Eric Welch  
Closing Prayer Derrick Smith II

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

Announcements Harold Tincher  
Lord's Supper Prayer Ethan Welch  
Offering Prayer Brandon Slotman  
Usher Hank Tincher  
Count Offering Joe Sweeney  
Assist Count Art Patrick

#### Sermon Titles

##### **Sunday Morning**

Is It Okay to Want God's Vengeance Against Evil People?

##### **Sunday Evening**

The Fall - Genesis 3

##### Last Sunday

Offering: \$2,172 Attendance: 73

#### **Challenge for One Month**

1. Resolve not to miss a single service of the church. No excuses this time but, for a change, make a few sacrifices for the Lord.
2. Try praying every time you have a problem or decision to make. If you feel the slightest need, pray! And while you're at it, try praying for your enemies (those with whom you don't get along too well).
3. Make it your responsibility to bring at least one visitor to services, preferably a family member. Don't just invite them, make a date with them. *Note: Remember Our Fellowship meal scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup>.*
4. Read and study your Bible every day, even if you have to turn off the TV.

Follow these simple rules, and you might be surprised at the results.

# The Worker

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### **When Christians Sin**

By Ron Boatwright

When we are baptized for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38), in order to be saved (Mark 16:16), God takes away every sin we have ever committed (Acts 22:16). He wipes our slate clean (1 Corinthians 6:11). He gives us a new beginning and we are born again (John 3:3, 5) and we are raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-4).

But after we have been baptized and God has taken away all of our sins, what do we do when we commit other sins? How do we get forgiveness of these sins? For the answer to this let us look at the Epistle of First John. First John was written to Christians who had been baptized for the forgiveness of their sins, just as you and I have been.

1 John 1:7 says, "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

Here this verse says we must be doing two things so that the blood of Jesus Christ will continue to cleanse us of all our sins.

1) We must "walk in the light", that is we must be following God's word in the Bible.

2) Also must "have fellowship one with another", that is we must be regularly worshipping God in His church and working with other Christians.

The original Greek word that is translated "cleanses" in this verse means that there is a continual cleansing going on. Herein lies the problem with those who have become unfaithful in their worship. Because they are not having fellowship one with another, they are no longer receiving forgiveness of their sins.

Then we continue to read the next verse 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We must repent and ask God to forgive us, and He will. When we stand before the Lord on Judgment Day we will have no sins and we will go to Heaven.

This is very comforting to know that we are being continually cleansed.

<sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38

## **The Choice is Yours, But ...**

Ronald Bartanen

There are some circumstances of life in which we are without a choice. Sickness and death are, in most instances, not of our choosing. If we are victims of assault, theft or a drunk driver, it is because others have made grievous choices in life, not ourselves. However, there are other roads of life which will be determined by our own choosing.

Jesus spoke of two roads of life (Matthew 7:13-14). One is a difficult, restrictive way, but not very popular. This road leads to life eternal. The other is a broad superhighway, with easy access which is much more popular, but it leads only to destruction and death. Each way involves both time and eternity.

### **THE CHOICE IS YOURS, BUT...**

The Bible speaks of only two classes of responsible people in the world—the saved and the unsaved. The saved are those redeemed “with the precious blood of Christ”, having been obedient to the truth of the gospel (1 Peter 1:20, 22). The unsaved have not.

### **THE CHOICE IS YOURS, BUT...**

There are two entities at work in the world, each seeking to gain the heart’s allegiance of every man, woman and child. The first is the Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. In Him is no darkness, but eternal light. The other is the “Prince of Darkness,” a rebellious angel of great power who was cast out from the presence of Jehovah God because of his prideful rebellion. Each person must choose which to serve.

### **THE CHOICE IS YOURS, BUT...**

One’s life may be spent in the pursuit of personal pleasure and gain, or one may put God’s kingdom and His righteousness above all other considerations. One may spend his days with no thought of serving and worshiping God, or one may be a worshiper of God, committing his life to God’s glory. THE CHOICE IS YOURS, BUT...

There are only two destinies for man. For those who put their trust in the Redeemer of men, and submit by faith to Him, there is the promise of a place in the everlasting kingdom of God. Those who have rejected the kindness and grace of God must experience His consuming wrath, in company with the devil and his angels.

### **THE CHOICE IS YOURS, BUT...**

**BUT WHAT? BUT** we will reap as we have sown (Galatians 6:7-9). You may choose the “easy way”, a way that is without God and without a Savior, and die in your sins, but the end is eternal condemnation. We plead with all to choose the way that leads to life everlasting. **THE CHOICE IS YOURS, BUT...YOUR CHOICE WILL HAVE ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES.**

- Ronald Bartanen preaches for Arthur Church of Christ, Arthur, IL. He may be contacted through the congregation's website: <http://arthurcoc.com/>

## **Hamburg Pike Happenings**

A Youth Devo (12 years and under) is scheduled for Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. at the building. Lads to Leaders Puppeteers will have a special treat for the group.

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The meal theme is soup and sandwiches.

The Elder’s, Deacon’s and Preacher’s meeting is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The ladies' Bible class will meet Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. The class will study from the book “What About the Women” by Cynthia Guy. If you have any questions, please see Stephanie.

A Fellowship meal is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup> after the morning worship. BBQ will be provided.

The Lads to Leaders convention is scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. See Brandon Slotman for additional information.

The Annual Area Wide Congregational Singing is scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. at the West Broadway church of Christ. The address is 3921 West Broadway, Louisville, KY.

Volunteers are needed to prepare communion trays for 2018. If you are willing, please sign up for the month on the “Prepare Communion Trays” list posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Thank you for your service to the Lord.

Anyone who has a good used men or women’s coat to donate for the Clark County Jail Ministry, please contact Ann Patrick. These are needed as soon as possible.

## **Opportunity for Evangelism**

Relatives may be more open to the Gospel than anyone else we know. The first person Andrew brought to Jesus was his own brother (John 1:41). Invite a family member to share Sunday morning worship and lunch at our fellowship meal January 28<sup>th</sup>.