

## 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
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Deacons	Brandon Slotman Clint Smith Jr Robby Stocksdale Joe Sweeney
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Pulpit Minister Eric Welch

### 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	Ryan Irwin
Scripture Reading	John Keaton
Sermon	Eric Welch
Lord's Supper Message	Robby Stocksdale
Table Attendant	Marc Owens
Table Attendant	Art Patrick
Closing Prayer	Brandon Slotman

### P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader	Clint Smith Jr
Bible Reading	Clint Smith III
Selection	7
Opening Prayer	Rick Martin
Sermon	Eric Welch
Closing Prayer	Greg Blanton

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

Announcements	Clint Smith Sr
Lord's Supper Prayer	Leon Stocksdale
Offering Prayer	Joe Sweeney
Usher	Derrick Smith II
Count Offering	Hank Tincher
Assist Count	Marc Owens

### Sermon Titles

#### Sunday Morning

#### Sunday Evening

The Ten Words - Exodus 20:1-17

#### Last Sunday

Offering: \$2,974 Attendance: 97

# The Worker

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### Read the Bible

One of the sad as well as destructive failures of man/woman today is their failure to read the Bible and seek wisdom therein. Many people even in America today have never picked up a copy of the Bible and given it an examination. It is my opinion that these people do not understand how important to their and their family's well-being knowledge of the Bible can be. Just a casual reading of the Bible on a daily basis will give a person a better understanding of themselves, their origin, and why they were born into this world. It is surely a difficult lifestyle to live without knowing that God created all things and that God is a friend of mankind and not an enemy. Indeed, the Bible tells us about our arch enemy the Devil who would keep all people from reading the Bible because the Devil knows that when a person begins to read and understand the Bible their knowledge will condemn evil; of which the Devil is the father – cf. 1 Tim. 3:7 – Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. 1 Peter 5:8 – Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: (KJV)

We came from somewhere, off in the past, and there is 6,000 years of history that indicates that man has been on this earth [i.e. the historical record contained in the Bible that indicates the age of mankind as app. 6,000]. As we examine the Bible we find out many things about ourselves that we did not know. For instance we find that our first ancestors were Adam and Eve the first people on earth and from these two people all the people of the earth has descended; thereby making us all of one blood {i.e. relatives} cf. Acts 17:23-28 – 23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. 24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; 25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; 26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; 27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: 28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. (KJV)

Yes, the Bible is truly a remarkable book; everyone should read and study it for valuable guidance through the pitfalls of life. Indeed; the Bible tells us about God, about the great flood, about the history of the Israelites, about the Promised Land that God promised to give to the Israelites and yes, about their inheritance and settlement in the Promised Land – cf. the united kingdom under Saul, David, and Solomon. There is a great and wonderful experience in store for those who have never read and searched the Bible. There are so many amazing and wonderful things, relationships, and concepts for the reader to digest that is contained in the Bible. The importance of the Bible in today's modern world cannot be over emphasized; there are far too many people without meaningful life or direction today. The Bible can aid man in understanding his role in the scheme of life – Note carefully the following thought that is revealed to us by the Prophet; Jeremiah ... Jeremiah 10:23 – O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. (KJV).

Kevin Harrington <http://efoothill.org/resources/articles/2013/11/10/read-the-bible>

### Do You Think to Pray? (continued from page 2)

Prayer is an expression of worship because praise, an integral part of worship, is a major component of prayer (Matt. 6:9). The very fact His children seek Him in it and pray that His will be done demonstrates their respect and love for God thus worshiping Him in prayer.

As stated above, prayer involves adoration and praise. It eulogizes God (Acts 2:47; Matt. 6:9).

Prayer includes petitions, pleas for one's needs (1 John 5:15). These can be such things as supplications (Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6), confession of sins, and pleas for forgiveness (1 John 1:9-2:2). Another essential of prayer is thanksgiving for blessings received from God (Phil. 4:6). Intercessions, pleas for others, are also an element of prayer (1 Tim. 2:1).

Since prayers can be hindered by many things, Christians must constantly be on guard against those things which would hinder their prayers. Such things as lack of faith (Jas. 1:5-7), wickedness (Psalm 66:18), selfishness (Jas. 4:3; Luke 18:9-14), improper attitudes toward others (Matt. 6:14-15; 5:23-24; 1 Pet. 3:7), and the substitution of prayer for obedience can all hinder the prayers of the church and its members.

Holy living is a must for God to hear your prayers.

Gene Taylor <http://www.centervilleroad.com/articles/think-to-pray.html>

## **A Handkerchief that Moos**

Eric Welch

Did you know that members of the Maasai tribe in Kenya was so moved with compassion for the United States after the events of 9/11 that they donated their most precious possessions to help with the aftermath? Kimeli Naiyomah, a member of the tribe studying medicine in the U. S. at the time, returned to his home village and told his fellow tribesmen about the incident. He found that most of them had heard about the attack by radio, but some had not heard about it at all. Even those knew about it had not seen the images of death and destruction.

Upon hearing the news, the Massai wanted to help the US the best way they knew how. At a ceremony in the village of Enoosaen, the tribe presented the US Ambassador to Kenya William Brencick with 14 cows. They had donated what they considered their most sacred and treasured possession.

Because of logistical difficulties, the cows could not be shipped to the US. However, American diplomats decided to keep the cows in the village and to allow their offspring to pay for the education of the children in the village through a trust fund. The Americans donated 14 high school scholarships. One Maasai elder said, "We did what we knew best. The handkerchief we give to people to wipe their tears with is a cow."

When the tribes of Israel presented gifts of sacrifice to dedicate the tabernacle in Numbers 7, each tribe, from the richest to the poorest, gave the same. Poverty was no excuse not to give. The Macedonian Christians knew this principle well. They too felt compassion for their Judean brothers suffering a famine (2 Corinthians 8:1-5). They wanted the opportunity to help, even though they were extremely poor themselves. They believed another principle: sow much; reap much. God gives us more so that we can do more (2 Corinthians 9:6-11). Their gift expressed thanks to God for His inexpressible gift (vv. 12-15). If we gave ourselves first to God, giving to God becomes its own reward.

### **Do You Think to Pray?**

The opportunity to pray, to communicate directly with God, is one of the greatest blessings the Christian enjoys. It is evident that Divinity places a great deal of emphasis on prayer and its power. While on the earth, Jesus prayed often both showing and instructing His disciples that they ought to be people who pray (1 Thes. 5:17).

Prayer is the general term for addressing God. Since it is possible for His children to talk to Him, He asks them to call upon Him often (Luke 18:1-8; Ephesians 6:17-18; 1 Timothy 2:1-3).

Prayer is both the privilege and duty of the righteous (James 5:16). The model prayer given by Jesus in Matthew 6 shows that prayer was designed for children of God (v. 9). Only those who are trying to live righteously will have their prayers heard and approved (1 Peter 3:10-12).

Prayer is asking, seeking, and knocking with the assurance that the Father is ready, willing, and able to respond (Matt. 7:7-11).

Prayer is an act of faith (Luke 18:1-8; Jas. 1:5-7). By praying to God, one shows he believes that He is real, that He loves His children, and that He hears and answers their prayers (John 9:31; 1 John 5:13-15).

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## **Hamburg Pike Happenings**

A Youth Devo is scheduled for Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. at the building. All youth ages 12 and younger are welcome to join us for this time of fun and fellowship in Christ.

Everyone is invited to celebrate Irvin William's 90th birthday. We will have cake and refreshments on Sunday February 18th from 2:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. We hope that you can join us in celebrating Irvin's birthday. See Ashley Smith for other details or questions.

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The meal theme is Casseroles.

The ladies' Bible class will meet Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. at the building. The lesson will be "What about the Younger Women Titus 2:4-5". All ladies are invited to attend. See Stephanie Welch with questions.

A Fellowship meal is scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> after the morning worship service. The meal theme will be breakfast.

Attention all Lads to Leaders participants. We will be meeting at the building at 5:00 p.m. on the following Sundays: February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who would like to lead their songs, work on their artwork or say their "Know the Books", please come to as many of the meetings as needed. If you have any questions please see Ashley Smith.

*"Lord, thank you for this beautiful day! Please help me to see the beauty in every day, and help others to see the beauty in your wonders. Guide me through perils toward your brilliant light. Amen" (Kate E. Ritger, Prayer in All Things).*