

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

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 Hank Tincher
 Scripture Reading Harold Tincher
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper Message Irvin Williams
 Table Attendant Nathaniel Welch
 Table Attendant Marc Owens
 Closing Prayer Hayward Blanton

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Rick Martin
 Bible Reading Rudy Ayala
 Selection 12
 Opening Prayer Leon Stocksdale
 Sermon Singing Emphasis
 Closing Prayer Doug McArthur

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Brandon Slotman
 Lord's Supper Prayer Grover Blanton
 Offering Prayer Greg Blanton
 Usher Joe Sweeney
 Count Offering Joe Sweeney
 Assist Count Art Patrick

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning

To Be Announced

Sunday Evening

The Lord's Anointed – Psalm 2

Last Sunday

Offering: \$3,020

Attendance: N/A

Baptism and the Grace of God

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When we are baptized we are expressing our belief that we have faith in the promise given by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that He will faithfully remove our sins and recall them no more. He is our sin-offering, our propitiation: "Wherefore it behooved Him in all things to be made like unto His brethren, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people" (Hebrews 2:17).

Jesus Christ is our atoning sacrifice. We believe He died for our sins, but that He did not remain dead, but arose the third day and sits now at the right hand of God (Romans 8:34). We believe we are saved by the grace of God, it is a free gift (Ephesians 2:5; Romans 6:23), and that when we submit to baptism we re-enact the death, the burial, and the resurrection of our Lord.

May the Lord bless you!

- David R. Ferguson preaches for the Lakeland Church of Christ in Mattoon, IL.

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“God, Government, and the Christian” Seminar

With Stephen Morris

Friday April 13, 2018 @ 7 p.m.

Saturday April 14, 2018 @ 7 p.m.

Sunday April 15, 2018 @ 10 a.m.

Fellowship meal following a.m. worship

About the Speaker: Stephen Morris is a licensed attorney, public official and Professor of Law and Political Studies at Freed-Hardeman University. He earned his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Mississippi, practiced law in Tupelo, Mississippi, for twelve years, and then joined the faculty at FHU. Morris is the chairman of the Chester County Election Commission and serves as an elder for the Henderson Church of Christ. He has been married to his wife, Joyce, for 30 years, and they have two children – Mary Beth (Wallace) and Ben.

The Mind of Christ

Eric Welch

Do you ever wish that you had a mind more like Christ's? When Peter heard Jesus talk about His coming death, Peter audaciously said, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But Jesus turned and said to Peter "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man" (Matthew 16:22-23). Jesus always set His mind on the "things of God." One of those "things" was His death on the cross for our salvation. Peter eventually understood what Jesus was talking about (Act 2:23).

However, the "things of man" are hostile to God and bring nothing but death (Romans 8:6-7). Jesus' death means life and peace for us if we submit to Him. Having the mind of Christ is to strive to see things from God's perspective. The only way to see what God sees is to listen to Jesus' words and do them (Matthew 7:21-27) and to ask God for wisdom (James 1:5), spending much time in prayer (cf. Colossians 3:1-2).

How do you cultivate the mind of Christ? First, be aware of what you put into your mind. Think about how a mask is made. An artist pours the material into a mold. When it has dried and the mold is removed, the material has the shape of the mold. If we fill our minds with the "things of men," our mind will think in worldly, fleshly, negative and evil thoughts.

However, if we pour into our mind the "things of God," we will begin to think as God thinks. Paul says in Romans 12:1-2 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Don't let the world shape your mind into its mold, but let God's word transform your mind by renewing it. But how?

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Don't you think these are things that Jesus thought of often? Fill your mind with good and beautiful things.

A good place to start transforming your mind with fresh and wonderful things is to spend less time on media. A brother recently shared the great spiritual renewal that he and his family have enjoyed when left the TV silent in the evening and began to focus more on the study God's Word. A renewed mind then changed behavior and changed behavior continues to transform the mind.

Baptism and the Grace of God

It's amazing the lengths some will go to deny that baptism is part of the Lord's gospel plan of salvation. If a person teaches that the Scriptures say that baptism, which is immersion into Christ's body, was taught by Christ and His Apostles, then one will immediately be accused of denying that we are saved by the grace of God, when nothing could be further from the truth. I recently encountered such individuals myself who were adamant in denying the truth that one is baptized to obtain the remission of sins, as Jesus said in Mark 16:16, and Peter wrote in 1 Peter 3:21. Look at the word of God for yourselves: "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieves shall be condemned" (Mark 16:16). "...the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water: which also after a true likeness does now save you, even baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the interrogation of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ..." (1 Peter 3:20-21).

Baptism is not a work of the person being baptized, nor is it a work of the one performing the baptizing. What it is best expressed by the Apostle Paul in Romans 6:3-4: "Or are you ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him through baptism unto death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life." It's our expression of obedient faith, the expression selected by Christ for His followers that has our old, sinful nature dying in the watery grave of baptism. We rise up from that grave, then, born again (John 3:5) as a child of God, and a fellow heir with Christ (Ephesians 3:6), just as Christ was literally raised through the power of God to triumph over physical death. We know that if we die with Him, we also will be raised and live with Him (Romans 6:9).

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Hamburg Pike Happenings

The ladies' Bible class will meet Saturday, March 24th at 10:00 a.m. at the church building. The lesson will be "What About Submission" Ephesians 5:22-33. All ladies are invited and encouraged to come and study God's Word together.

A Fellowship meal is scheduled for Sunday March 25th after the morning worship service. The meal theme is Mexican; a sign-up sheet is on the table.

A Singing Emphasis service is scheduled for Sunday evening March 25th. Men and young men of the congregation who would like to lead a song or read scripture please sign the sheet in the foyer.

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday March 26th at 6:30 p.m. The meal theme is pizza.

In preparation for our upcoming seminar; a work day is scheduled for Saturday April 7th. More details to follow.

Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries in Bowling Green, KY has provided us with 20 coin canisters for their annual "Silver for Children" campaign. If your family would like to take one home, please see one of the Elders. The campaign return date is Sunday September 2nd.