

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 Clint Smith Sr
 Scripture Reading Rick Martin
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper Message Irvin Williams
 Table Attendant Art Patrick
 Table Attendant Harold Tincher
 Closing Prayer Joe Sweeney

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale
 Bible Reading Clint Smith III
 Selection 29
 Opening Prayer Leon Stocksdale
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Closing Prayer Hayward Blanton

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Brandon Slotman
 Lord's Supper Prayer Derrick Smith II
 Offering Prayer Jerry Casey
 Usher Hank Tincher
 Count Offering Hank Tincher
 Assist Count Harold Tincher

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning

Revive us Again - Nehemiah 8:1-7

Sunday Evening

New Heavens and a New Earth - Isaiah 65:17-25

Last Sunday

Offering: \$3,656 Attendance: 100

He is Not Here

By Rob Albright

When the women came to the tomb of Jesus, an angel met them and said "He is not here" (Mt. 28:6). Jesus was not in the tomb. It was empty. Even though a large stone was blocking the entrance and even though the tomb was guarded, the fact is, the tomb was empty.

So, what happened? Luke states the truth in Acts 2:24 when he said, God raised Him. That message of Jesus' resurrection must be preached. The resurrection verifies Jesus' claim to be the Son of God. This truth was confirmed when Jesus appeared to His disciples (John 20). Paul said that Jesus even appeared to over 500 people and most were alive in 56 AD (1 Cor. 15:6)

The resurrection benefits us. It gives us a living hope (1 Peter 1:3) and if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, burial, and resurrections, we shall be in the likeness of His resurrection (Romans 6:1-5).

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It's Not About You

by Joe Chesser

We live in a society that basically believes, "It's all about me." Almost every message that advertisers use promotes "me." Check them out and see if I'm right. Pamper yourself. Please yourself. Protect yourself.

No wonder so many marriages are breaking up. No wonder so many people are having a difficult time at work. No wonder there's so much crime and overcrowded prisons. No wonder there's so much mud-slinging in politics. No wonder there's so much road rage. No wonder children are so difficult to control. No wonder there are so many lawsuits. No wonder there are so many people crying that their rights have been violated. No wonder there are so many churches being split.

One of God's irrefutable laws says that whatever you sow, you reap. We are seeing the vivid results of sowing the seeds of self-centeredness, and it's not pretty.

However, God's law of sowing and reaping works both ways. If we actively sow seeds of selflessness and service to others we will definitely reap a different harvest. What we see in Jesus, and what actually cost Him is life, is that God is not happy with self-centeredness in any realm of human existence: not in the home, not in the workplace, not in the church. So, Jesus repeatedly taught us that Christianity is not about "me," it's about others.

The greatest command is to love God (not self). Mark 12:29-30

The next greatest is to love our neighbors (not self) Mark 12:31

We are to die to ourselves Luke 9:23

We are to bless those who persecute us Romans 12:14

We are to do nothing out of selfish ambition Philippians 2:3

We are to consider others better than ourselves Philippians 2:3

As much as we are bombarded by advertisers, politicians, educators, and even clergy to "look out for #1," it will be difficult to believe and practice the teachings of Jesus that it's "not about you." But we must.

Yet, here's the blessing. When we do things the way Jesus teaches, we learn that putting others first is the best thing we can do for ourselves!

- Joe Chesser Fruitland Church of Christ, Fruitland, MO. Contact joeandareva@yahoo.com

Toward What is your Heart's Compass Oriented?

Eric Welch

Do you want to have a more stress-free life? Then think about what your ultimate goal in life is. Is it to give glory to God and be with Him forever? Psalm 27:9-10 encourages us to keep our eyes on eternity with a prayer that seeks fellowship with God: Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

Are you earth-centered, living for the here and now, which are temporary (2 Corinthians 4:17-18)? Is your heart set on earth or is it set toward heaven where Christ is (Colossians 3:1-3)? The apostle Paul kept his eyes on eternity. He was heaven-oriented. His life motto was "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). It was his key to unending joy on earth. His desire was to live out the life of Christ (cf. Galatians 2:20). He continues, in verse 23 "My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better" (vv. 22-23).

Living heaven-oriented helped Paul to persevere in his sufferings. Paul did not fear death because of the reward of being with Christ when it would happen. He says near the end of his hard-fought life of faith: "there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day..." (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

Do you want to live more stress-free? Yearn for the face of God, to be in His presence, to have his fellowship. Set your heart's compass toward heaven because heaven is where Christ is.

Firm in the Storm

By Donna Wittlif

"For we are become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end" (Hebrews 3:14).

Red Rocks is a beautiful natural open-air amphitheater near Morrison, Colorado, just a short drive from Denver. Huge peaks of red and mostly barren rocks surround the stadium and soar high above it. Hundreds of famous bands and singers have performed there.

Every performance finds nearly ten thousand people screaming and clapping their approval of the artists. However, one performance is far above the rest. High above the amphitheater, clinging precariously to the side of a rocky peak, a small tree hangs on. It has withstood howling winds, blizzards, and torrents of rain. Its roots must go deep into the rock to give it such tenacity. Yet few notice it or think anything about it.

Followers of Christ usually get no attention when they remain true to God in our culture. No one sees the struggles inside us as we overcome Satan and his darts. Not many understand the despair and disappointment we feel when our efforts to lead others to Christ seem to fail. Nobody knows our discouragement and heartache when our loved ones turn away from God.

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Jesus knows and understands. Sometimes we forget that we don't have a high priest who cannot be touched with the feeling or our infirmities; but one that has been in all points tempted like we are (Hebrews 4:15). The writer of Hebrews reminds us that "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and the love which you showed toward his name in that you ministered unto the saints, and still do minister" (6:10).

Christian, hang in there, just like that little tree. Keep on believing and trusting God's promises, just like Jesus did, even when it meant His cruel death for you. God remembers and will reward you.

- Donna Wittlif writes Christian fiction for young adults and adults. Her website is www.donnawittlif.com.

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The ladies' Bible class WILL NOT meet in July. The class will resume the end of August. Any questions see Stephanie.