

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 Ethan Welch
 Scripture Reading Harold Tincher
 Sermon Irvin Williams
 Lord's Supper Message Clint Smith Jr
 Table Attendant Dillian Goddard
 Table Attendant Art Patrick
 Closing Prayer Clint Smith Sr

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Rick Martin
 Bible Reading Nathaniel Welch
 Selection 33
 Opening Prayer Brandon Slotman
 Sermon To Be Announced
 Closing Prayer Derrick Smith II

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Robby Stocksdale
 Lord's Supper Prayer Ryan Irwin
 Offering Prayer Jerry Casey
 Usher Leon Stocksdale
 Count Offering Joe Sweeney
 Assist Count Marc Owens

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning

Are You Ready – 2 Peter 3:1-13

Sunday Evening

To Be Announced

Last Sunday

Offering: \$2,793 Attendance: 98

Grandma's Glasses

A little boy said to a playmate: "When I get older, I want to wear glasses just like grandma wears. She must have a special kind because she can see much more than most people."

"She can see when folks are hungry or tired or sorry, and she can even see what will make them feel better. She can see how to fix a lot of things to have fun with, and she can see what I meant to do, even if I didn't do it right. She can see when I am about to cry, and she knows what to do to make him feel better."

"I asked her one day how she could see so good, and she said it was the way she learned to look at things as she got older. So when I get older, I want a pair of glasses just like Grandma's so I can see good, too."

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No One Spoke Like Jesus

One of the more enduring statements made about Jesus in Scripture was said by the officers of the Jews. Some of the leaders were seeking to bring in Jesus Christ (presumably, to "bring Him to justice," as they would have seen it), but the officers could not do it. Why? They heard Jesus speak, and they had to conclude, "No one ever spoke like this man!" (John 7:46) The King James Version famously words it, "Never man spake like this Man!"

There are countless reasons why that statement is true but consider just this one basic reason: every single word meant something. That may seem like a simplistic statement, but contrast that with "experts" of our day, who often have to go back and correct themselves, or have to clarify what they meant by a previous statement.

Not so with Jesus of Nazareth! Every word He said is to be examined, thought about, and has great meaning. Just as one example of that, brother Wayne Jackson takes one statement Jesus made and brings this to bear for us. In John 7:37, our Lord said, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink."

Brother Jackson points out that, in that one statement, you have:

- Contingency ("if");
- Universality ("anyone");
- Satiation of a need ("thirst");
- Recognition of volition ("let him come");
- Source of relief ("unto me," i.e., the Savior); and
- Remedy ("and drink"). (1)

Is that not remarkable? When we come to any word of Scripture, we need to realize that we are reading something important and invaluable. However, when we come to the words of Jesus, we must remember that it is true: no one ever spoke like Him! Every word matters. Every word has meaning.

And we will be judged by the words of this Man of Galilee (cf. John 12:48). Are you taking His words--each one of them--with that level of seriousness?

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NOTE: (1) Jackson, Wayne, Jesus Christ: The Master Teacher. Stockton, CA: Christian Courier Publications, 2013. Page 1.

Fine

The Sheriff pulled up next to the guy unloading garbage out of his pick-up into the ditch. The Sheriff asked, "Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Don't you see that sign right over your head."

"Yep," he replied. "That's why I'm dumpin' it here, 'cause it says: 'Fine For Dumping Garbage.'"

Sometimes we see things out of context, miss the punctuation or miss the intent of what was said.

An example is with the little boy who came home from Bible class, excitedly telling his parents that he heard a story about eight people milking a bear. His parents were shocked that he would come up with such a thing. They asked their teacher about it and she said they had been studying Genesis 22. They looked through the chapter and found the problem in verse 23. "And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she also hath borne children unto thy brother Nahor. 21 Uz his first-born, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram. 22 And Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel. 23 And Bethuel begat Rebekah. These eight did Milcah bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother" (Genesis 22:20-23).

The little boy had only heard the phrase, "These eight did Milcah bear."

Sometimes we do like the little boy, we hear someone say something and only pick up on a certain phrase that caught our attention.

Another example of this is found in Galatians 3:26-27. Many only hear verse 26, "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus." And they conclude that we are saved by faith only.

But notice what the next verse says, 27, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

So, when we put those verses together in context, it is saying, "We are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For (because) as many of us as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." We are sons of God because we were baptized into Christ.

The only time the two words "faith only" are found in the Bible is in James 2:24, "You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only."

The Bible never teaches that we are saved by faith only, but on the contrary it teaches that we are justified (made right with God) by our works in addition to our faith.

Jesus is the source of salvation to those who obey Him, not to those who simply believe in Him. Hebrews 5:9 "And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him."

We will be judged, not by our faith, but by what we have done here on earth. Romans 2:5-10 "But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 6 who "will render to each one according to his deeds": 7 eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; 8 but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness--indignation and wrath, 9 tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; 10 but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

May we always strive to be sure we are seeing all God wants us to know about His will for us.

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If Jesus Couldn't, Could I?

Expectations have much to do with our contentment. One who places unrealistic expectations upon himself is generally discouraged, and feels as though he is a failure. I'm convinced that if a person had proper expectations, he would not be so soon moved to discouragement, depression, and despair. An obvious step to "reeling in" our expectations is to understand the fact that "if Jesus couldn't do something, we need to stop believing we can.

Consider:

- Jesus couldn't make His own family believe that He was the Son of God (John 7:1-6), so why then do we beat ourselves up for sometimes failing to do the same?
- Jesus couldn't avoid sadness and sorrow (Isaiah 53:5), so why do we sometimes act as though we expect life to be a bed of roses?
- Jesus couldn't go without rest (Mark 6:31), so why do we feel guilty if we aren't on the go 24/7?
- Jesus couldn't avoid making enemies (John 15:18), so why are we so surprised when people hate us for our faith?
- Jesus couldn't cause all men to repent (Matthew 23:37), so let's be content with our best efforts. We can't obey for others.
- Jesus couldn't even forgive all men of their sins, though He was willing (John 8:24; Luke 17:3), so why do we think we can forgive those who will not repent?

Maybe the first step to contentment is in shedding the guilt that comes from the unrealistic expectations we place upon ourselves. After all, if Jesus couldn't do it, why do we think we can?

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Hamburg Pike Happenings

A Fellowship meal is scheduled for Sunday August 19th after the morning worship service. The meal theme is breakfast foods.

The ladies' Bible class will meet Saturday, August 25, 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship room. All ladies are invited to attend and bring a friend!