

### 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 Irvin Williams  
Scripture Reading Rick Martin  
Sermon Eric Welch  
Lord's Supper Message Joe Sweeney  
Luke 24:1-35  
Table Attendant Greg Blanton  
Table Attendant Ryan Irwin  
Closing Prayer Eric Welch

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

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale  
Bible Reading Clint Smith III  
Selection 37  
Opening Prayer Nathaniel Welch  
Sermon Eric Welch  
Closing Prayer Jerry Casey

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

Announcements Clint Smith Jr  
Lord's Supper Prayer Leon Stocksdale  
Offering Prayer Jerry Montgomery  
Usher Harold Tincher  
Count Offering Harold Tincher  
Assist Count Hank Tincher

#### Sermon Titles

##### **Sunday Morning**

Natural Conversion: What About My Older Teen?  
Acts 26:24-29

##### **Sunday Evening**

Let Him Take Up His Cross - Mark 8:31-37

##### Last Sunday

Offering: \$2,580 Attendance: 107

#### **The Bible Matters**

The Bible is God's unique communication to all mankind. I know there are many who do not believe the Bible is from God, but those of us who "trust and obey" God's Word, are experiencing changed lives.

The Bible is not a book of fables. It is the truth from God (John 17:17). It is historically and archaeologically accurate and that is part of the proof that shows Divine authorship.

Far too many say it does not matter what Jesus said or did. It does matter (John 8:24; 20:30-31). The things written in the Bible are designed to bring us to have faith (Romans 10:17) in Jesus.

We read in the Bible how Jesus, the Son of God, died for our sins (Romans 5:8-9) and He arose from the dead for our justification (1 Corinthians 15). Since Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), should we not listen, obey, and abide in Jesus? (Hebrews 5:8-9).

- Rob Albright serves as one of the ministers at the Northwest Church of Christ in Greensboro, NC  
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# The Worker

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### **I Love the Mountains**

By David R. Ferguson

Although I was born and bred in central Illinois, I love the mountains. I love the thought of them, I love their grandeur, and I love the way they majestically and seemingly endlessly march in procession as far as the eye can see.

Maybe there is something about mountains and their connection to God that has drawn people to them, just as people have been drawn to rainbows and their connection to God. The very dwelling place of God Himself is Heaven, and this dwelling place is described as being of the mountains. The psalmist declared, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. 2Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole Earth, is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. (Psalm 48:1-2)

Jesus often retreated to the mountains to spend time with His Father. "And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, He was there alone" we learn in Matthew 14:23.

Climbing the mountain of God is what our Christian walk of faith is all about. It is a steep climb that can seem at times to be dangerous as the storms of life assail us. Our God will shelter us during these times of storm, just as His word promises. Psalm 61:3 tells us, "For Thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy." Just as the mountains of God offered protection to the city of Jerusalem, God is also described as offering protection to His people in this manner: "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth even forever" (Psalm 125:2).

Yes, mountains are so awesome and breathtaking to behold, but they are not our salvation. Our salvation is from THE Rock, Jesus Christ. Whatever you may be dealing with, you may just need to climb up to spend time with the Lord. God wants us to learn to climb to the top and focus every aspect of our life on His will. Let us take out some time this weekend to try it! "From the end of the Earth will I cry unto Thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the Rock that is higher than I" (Psalm 61:2).

May the Lord bless you and your family today!

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

## **Building Up First Responders**

Eric Welch

The mainstream media has given a lot of attention lately to those who dishonor law enforcement. I talked to one of our guests about this anarchy and explained this news was one reason we chose to honor first responders. The philosophy of the political left, or statist, is based on group mentality. Its desire is to classify individuals by groups in order to define and control them. These self-styled "social justice warriors" present a sweeping generalization of the group based on the actions of the individual. If one police officer misbehaves, the individual circumstances do not matter. In their collective mind, one corrupt police officer means that all officers are corrupt. However, a society cannot survive this way. (Think USSR and Venezuela).

God gave Israel a principle in the Law of Moses that works everywhere: "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor" (Leviticus 19:15). The poor are not always good nor the rich always evil; many would tend to think otherwise. To judge an individual based on the group and vice versa is not justice.

Another reason for this special day was our children. As I write this article, our country remembers the events of September 11, 2001. Ethan was two years old. Nathaniel was 10 weeks. Hannah was yet to be. I want them to know this day just as I came to know Pearl Harbor day. I want them to give "honor to whom honor is due" (Romans 13:7). On Sunday, September 9, we put this charge into practice.

I want to thank the Lads to Leaders participants for making the treats for the fire fighters. I want to thank the Bible class students for the artwork they did to welcome our guests. These pieces were gathered and presented to one of our guests. Most of all, I thank God for the day to say "thanks" and for the beacon the Hamburg Pike Church of Christ is to the community.

### **Don't Drink the Water**

"My husband and I were cleaning the church building one evening and our three-year-old son was 'helping' us. We walked up to the baptistry to make sure nothing was in the water that shouldn't be and our son said, 'You can't drink that water.' I asked him, 'Why can't we drink the water?' and he replied, 'Because it has sins in it.'" (taken from "A Sunday Afternoon With the Preachers' Wives")

It does seem to make sense, doesn't it? If all our sins are washed away at the point of baptism (Acts 22:16), it's easy to see how a child could mistakenly think they just collect there in the water. If that were really true, it would be important to drain the baptistry frequently!

I'm thankful, though, that those sins don't collect in the bottom of a pool of water. They don't get piled up in a closet somewhere ready to be pulled out at a later time like a load of dirty laundry. They don't get stored on a hard drive in case a "search" needs to be made to find them. No! Thank God, they are removed, blotted out, wiped clean by the blood of Jesus Christ, and we are able to rise from the water a new creature!

"As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."  
(Psalm 103:12)

- Alan Smith, minister for the Cruciform Church of Christ in Spring Lake, North Carolina

## **Hamburg Pike Happenings**

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. the meal theme is potluck.

On Sunday evening September 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have an abbreviated worship service during which the Building Committee will provide an update on our auditorium expansion plans.

The ladies' Bible class will meet Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship room. All ladies are invited to attend and bring a friend!

Men and young men are encouraged to present a Wednesday devotional after the Bible Study. The devotional should be 3 – 5 minutes in duration. This is for the Fall Wednesday night quarter September – November. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Potter Children's Home is having their annual Commodities Drive. The list of items to be collected is posted on the bulletin board. The scheduled pick up date is the week of September 16<sup>th</sup>.