

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 Clint Smith Jr
 Robby Stocksdale
 Joe Sweeney

Pulpit Minister Eric Welch

Missions

Panama Pablo & Myra Sanchez
 Panama Denicio & Carmen Miranda

Those Privileged to Serve

A.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 Opening Prayer Grover Blanton
 Scripture Reading Rick Martin
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper Message Greg Blanton
 Table Attendant Dillian Goddard
 Table Attendant Jerry Montgomery
 Closing Prayer Jerry Casey

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Ryan Irwin
 Bible Reading Nathaniel Welch
 Selection 39
 Opening Prayer John Keaton
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Closing Prayer Clint Smith Jr

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Robby Stocksdale
 Lord's Supper Prayer Hank Tincher
 Offering Prayer Ethan Welch
 Usher Harold Tincher
 Count Offering Hank Tincher
 Assist Count Marc Owens

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning

"Full of Good Works" - Acts 9:36-43

Sunday Evening

abbreviated service

Last Sunday

Offering: \$3,775 Attendance: 102

Fanny Crosby

The grave of Fanny Crosby, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, has a Simple marker that reads, "Aunt Fanny-She Hath Done What She Could."

Fanny Crosby was blind from six weeks of age because of a Mistreatment by a man claiming to be a doctor. Yet she wrote more than 9000 hymns, such as: Blessed Assurance; All the Way My Saviour Leads Me; I Am Thine, O Lord; Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross; Praise Him, Praise Him; Rescue the Perishing; To God Be the Glory" and Tell Me the Story of Jesus, to name a few.

Although blind, she was the guest of six presidents and a personal friend to Grover Cleveland. Her 9000 hymns were set to music by every popular American tunesmith of the nineteenth century and still blesses the church of Jesus Christ in our day.

Someone has said, "It doesn't take much of a man to be used of God. It just takes all of him."

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Final Update from Nick and Marisa Parker – Dunedin, New Zealand

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Dear friends and loved ones,

It is with a bittersweet heart that I sit down to write to you our final Parker Quarterly Update from New Zealand. On September 23rd, the precise five-year anniversary of our arrival in New Zealand, we will board a plane to return to the United States as our five-year commitment has drawn to a close.

We will be moving to Noble, Oklahoma, where Nick is to start from scratch with the help of his family. Our main sponsoring congregation, West Side Church of Christ in Searcy, AR, has graciously agreed to continue supporting us through the end of the year or until Nick finds a job, whichever comes first.

We love God with all of our hearts, and desperately desire to serve Him with all that we have. We also love the church in New Zealand and will always belong to it and serve it. However, when the end of our five-year commitment drew near, we knew that it was time to re-evaluate where we would be physically serving for the next several years, and our hearts longed to be closer to family during this wonderful, chaotic phase of life that is having and raising children.

We know very little of what the future holds for us, and to be honest, it's equally terrifying and exhilarating, but we are looking forward to finding out what vocational ministry stateside will look like for us.

***From the elders:** The elders of Hamburg Pike Church of Christ responded to a request for financial support from Nick and Marisa Parker five years ago in the amount of \$1200 annually.

It is our prayer that the LORD will grow the seed that the Parkers have sown for the kingdom of God in New Zealand. We pray the LORD's providential care upon their young and growing family as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

What Do You Think?

Eric Welch

The Tuesday before Jesus died, the Jewish leaders were on the attack. Jesus had just expelled the money changers from the temple. The Jewish leaders asked him who gave him the authority to do that. (Matthew 21:23). Jesus had a question of his own, paraphrasing, "Did the baptism of John come from God or men?" Now they were trapped. They could not answer either way without getting into trouble with God or with the populace. "We don't know" was their final answer. Because they refused to answer, Jesus refused to answer theirs.

However, he did not let them off that easily. He gave them a parable (Matthew 21:28-32): "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29 And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. 30 And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him."

This first son is the public sinner, society's rejects, who first rebel but return confess their sin, change be baptized by John. They are more than just sorry (2 Corinthians 7:1); they grieve over their sin and genuinely want to do what is necessary to change.

We must be like the first son. We must do a spiritual U-turn from darkness to God's light. Because actions speak louder than our words, the first or outward evidence of inward change is to stop sinning. That means if we are stealing supplies at work, we stop doing it. If we are living with a boyfriend or girlfriend and unmarried, we move out. If we are abusing our bodies with drugs or pornography, we stop doing it and seek help. Sometimes the change might involve the consequence of those actions (fines, restitution, jail sentence), but we are set free from the slavery, power and penalty of that sin (Romans 6:20-23).

Let's not be like the second son. The Jewish leaders said "yes" to God, but their actions said "no." They focused more on man-made tradition, greed, popularity and power. They liked looking good instead of doing good.

Remember, how we finish is just as important as how we start. Judas and Demas began well but fell away. What happens after baptism is just as important as what happened when we were baptized? We must let our words actions match our words. Jesus is now our master.

Try Running Again

Gus Nichols

Perhaps some reader has tried to be a Christian, but failed. If so, why not try again? Great success does not always come from a single effort. Worthwhile things are always worth trying and striving for, even if we must try again and again. In the year 1917 a tornado destroyed our home, blew it away and ruined our crops out on the farm before it tore up Carbon Hill, Alabama, and left the dead and homeless in its wake. But we did not give up and quit. The next spring we found ourselves planting again, and soon we were growing crops.

Life is like that. Wars are not usually won by a single battle. But battle after battle must be fought before the victory is won. In a way some of the battles are lost, but victory belongs to those who win the last battle.

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One young man started in to fight the cigarette habit but soon felt that the weed had conquered him. However, he decided that no man is licked who will keep on trying, again and again. So he summoned all his forces and marshaled them against his dangerous habit. A day at a time he vowed to his friends and to God that he would not smoke that day, regardless of what happened. Soon he had conquered a habit that is master of millions in our land.

Very few spend a long life in the service of Christ without ever getting discouraged, and for the moment, giving up in despair. But those who overcome the world are they who (if need be) try again and again – who refuse to surrender to the evil one. If they fail, they go down fighting – soon to rise again.

It is easy to give up and quit when the going gets rough, as it most certainly will – sooner or later. Long roads usually have some detours and rough places over which one must travel in order to reach the desired destiny.

The Christian life is like running a race (Heb. 12:1-2; I Cor. 9:25-27). If one fails he should get up and try again. The New Birth is a sort of "Land of Beginning Again" (John 3:5). So is a restoration of an erring child of God (Gal. 6:1; James 5:19-20).

- via the Lake Hills Letter, weekly bulletin of the Lake Hills church of Christ in Chattanooga, TN. Shane Robinson preaches for the congregation. <http://www.lakehillchurchofchrist.org/>

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday October 1st at 6:30 p.m. the meal theme is soup & sandwiches.

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

On Sunday evening September 30th we will have an abbreviated worship service during which the Building Committee will provide an update on our auditorium expansion plans.

The next 5th Sunday is September 30th and the Elders have designated that day for a special contribution dedicated to the care of orphans and needy families. The Elders challenge us to double our regular contribution for that day.

The annual trip to Cornucopia Farm is scheduled for Saturday October 20th. We will meet at the farm at 2:00 p.m. More detailed information and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the board. Please see Ashley Smith if you have any questions.

The annual Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Friday October 26th from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Please plan to attend and participate in this event. Each year we reach over 200 children in the community thru this event. We also have Teal Pumpkins set-up for those with allergies. Please see Ashley Smith if you have any questions. Thank you.