

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 Irvin Williams
 Scripture Reading Rudy Ayala
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper Message Rick Martin
 Table Attendant Brandon Montgomery
 Table Attendant Nathaniel Welch
 Closing Prayer Clint Smith Sr

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Clint Smith Jr
 Bible Reading Greg Blanton
 Selection 41
 Opening Prayer Jerry Casey
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Closing Prayer Ryan Irwin

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Joe Sweeney
 Lord's Supper Prayer Ethan Welch
 Offering Prayer Grover Blanton
 Usher Leon Stocksdale
 Count Offering Robby Stocksdale
 Assist Count Joe Sweeney

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning

Meet Me in the Middle – Matthew 5:23-26

Sunday Evening

The Resurrection of Jesu – Luke 23:50 – 24:12

Last Sunday

Offering: \$ N/A Attendance: 93

Apologetics

What is apologetics? In 1 Peter 3:15, Peter writes, "...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect..." The expression "to make a defense" comes from a Greek word (apologia) that conveys the idea of giving a verbal (or written) defense of the Lord's way. This pertains not only to the Lord's character and divinity, but also His teachings.

Thus, when one denies that baptism is essential to salvation, the faithful Christian will stand up and oppose such words. When one stands opposed to the Lord's decree on the singular nature of the Lord's church (one body, one church; Eph. 4:4), the faithful Christian will stand opposed to such words. You get the idea. When the Lord states something, all things contrary to what He said needs to be opposed.

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What a Friend!

By Lance Cordle

In the mid-1800's, a young Irishman named Joseph Scriven was engaged to be married to a young lady. On the day before the wedding, he rode out to meet his fiancé at a river. Upon arriving, he was devastated to learn that her horse had been startled and thrown her into the water, where she drowned. He said later, "The bottom of my world seemed to disappear." He turned to God and leaned upon him for strength.

He moved to Port Hope, Ontario, Canada. In his sorrow, he chose to remain alone and tutor children. He devoted his life to doing good deeds for other people. In fact, he became known as the Good Samaritan of Port Hope. A few years later, however, he again found love and was engaged to be married. Within weeks of the wedding, his new love, Eliza, contracted pneumonia and died.

A few months later, in sending a message to his mother, who was ill at the time, Joseph wrote a poem in which he poured out his heart about the need to lean upon God in times of trouble. He gave it the title, Pray Without Ceasing. The poem was at first published anonymously and only later did he admit that it was he who had written it. He died several years later, apparently having deliriously wandered into a body of water during the night and drowned.

His words, however, have lived on and have been sung and loved for years. They are found in most songbooks of today. Many who have sung them need little prompting to melodiously declare, "What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!" (Sources: You Tube, The story behind the hymn, What a Friend We Have in Jesus;" Wikipedia, "Joseph Scriven."

Immediately following the words, "Greater Love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends," Jesus also said "You are my friends if you do what I command you (John 15:13, 14 ESV). Each Christian has the privilege of being the friend of Jesus.

Though we may not have walked with Him while He was on earth, we can walk with Him today. We can take confidence in knowing that He has also said, "And, behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20) Let us trust the Lord throughout our lives and let us lean upon his promise—"I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

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Using Old Testament Passages Today

Eric Welch

Someone has asked me a question about consistency in the use of Scripture. If we can quote Old Testament passages to condemn practices such as dancing, then why can we not use the Old Testament to support practices such as the use of instruments in worship, since we do find them there (e. g. Psalm 150:3-4). In other words, if we want something and we find evidence for it in the Old Testament it is okay, but when we don't want something, we say, "that's old testament." I will attempt an answer in two parts.

First, we must understand what we mean by "Old Testament" and "New Testament." What we call "Old Testament" are the books of the Bible from Genesis to Malachi. These books were written after God had established his covenant with Israel and only Israel on Mt. Sinai (Deuteronomy 5:1-5). The first covenant was meant to become obsolete. Jesus made it obsolete when He fulfilled it and established a new covenant by His death (Matthew 5:17; 26:28; Ephesians 2:15; Hebrews 8).

Therefore, all that we do we do from the authority of Jesus and the authority He gave to the apostles (Matthew 28:18-20). The condemnation of the modern dance begins with Jesus and His teachings on the principle of lust. Jesus said in Mat 5:27, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 "But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart." We must ask ourselves, then, "what would cause a man to sexually desire a woman who is not his wife?"

The apostles, in teaching disciples to observe all that Jesus commanded, condemned sexual immorality. In 1 Corinthians 9:10 and Galatians 5:19-20, Paul says that sexual immorality will be punished. In Galatians 5:19, one of the works of the flesh, "sensuality," is quite specific. The Greek word for "sensuality" means "unrestrained living, unbridled acts of indecency which shock the public." Barclay defines it as "a love of sin so reckless and so audacious that a man has ceased to care what God or man thinks of his actions." What modern practices do you think would fit this definition? What acts do you think would shock Jesus if He saw one of His disciples doing them? Immodest dress? Pornography? The suggestive bodily movements found in modern dances? These dances are basically vertical foreplay that does not belong to the unmarried couple.

We do not use the Old Testament as the authority to condemn dancing, but to show from its examples what dancing can lead to. Paul does this in in 1 Corinthians 10. He even says in v. 11 it is for our example to learn from. The account in Exodus 32:6 even describes the sensuality practiced by the Israelites. He then used the authority of an apostle that Jesus gave him to say, "don't be like them; flee idolatry" (v. 14).

Jesus, not the Old Testament, is our authority. The Old Testament has been given to us to learn from. I'll continue the discussion next week.

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday October 15th at 6:30 p.m. the meal theme is Chinese.

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.

Please mark on your calendar Saturday November 3rd for our one-day seminar with Michael Whitworth from Fort Worth, Texas. Everyone is invited. Teachers of any experience-level of bible classes for children/teens/adults are encouraged to attend. Non-teachers are also welcome. "TEACHING ROCKET" is a seminar that educates, equips, and empowers bible teachers and students in the local church.

Attention teens: The Evansville Youth Rally is scheduled for November 16th and 17th. We need to get a list of the teens that plan to go in order to make reservations. See Robby if you are going or have other questions.

The offering for Sunday September 30th totaled \$6,321. The Elders are thankful to the Lord for the generous gifts given. This 5th Sunday collection will be devoted to the care of orphans and needy families via Potter Children's Home, SonShine Children's Home in Haiti, and Children's Home of the America's in Panama.