

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 Greg Blanton
 Scripture Reading Ryan Irwin
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper Message Irvin Williams
 Table Attendant Art Patrick
 Table Attendant Nathaniel Welch
 Closing Prayer Jerry Casey

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Ethan Welch
 Bible Reading Rudy Ayala
 Selection 53
 Opening Prayer Grover Blanton
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Closing Prayer Bill Cravens

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Robby Stocksdale
 Lord's Supper Prayer Rick Martin
 Offering Prayer Jerry Montgomery
 Usher Leon Stocksdale
 Count Offering Joe Sweeney
 Assist Count Marc Owens

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning

In Twelve Months - Daniel 4:28-31

Sunday Evening

Unity of the Faith – Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

Last Sunday

Offering: \$6,440 Attendance: 95

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies and

Free Bible Correspondence Courses

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Spiritual Resolutions

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Of course, we have all heard the old saying that resolutions are made in January and forgotten in March. This brings to mind another old, but true, saying: "If we fail to plan, then we plan to fail." The reason so many resolutions go unrealized is because we make no plans on how to succeed or else have unrealized expectations to begin with. Take being a daily Bible student, for example. If one will read three chapters a day from the Old Testament, one can read through it in a year. Nine chapters a day in the New Testament will enable one to read through it once a month. That, it seems to me, is a very reachable schedule and goal.

Above all, let us resolve to live out the wise words of King Solomon, "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccl 12:13).

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Rejoicing Angels

By Edd Sterchi

Ever wonder what causes the angels in heaven to shout for joy? There are several instances of angels proclaiming joy, and they all seem to have a common thread.

The first instance of the heavenly host expressing joy is during the creation of the heavens and the earth. Recounting the incident, God tells Job that when it happened, "the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy" (Job 38:1-7). Most Bible scholars agree that the morning stars and sons of God are in reference to angels, who apparently were created prior to the earth. So in this instance, we see the angels being joyous because of God using His creative powers to make something that had never existed before.

Let's look at another instance of the angels showing joy. When the proper time came (Gal. 4:4), God sent His Son to be born of the human race. It is at this time in announcing the birth of the Messiah to the shepherds that angels proclaimed it a time of "great joy" (Luke 2:8-14). So here the angels express praise and joy at the coming of the Christ-child, the God-Man, Jesus. As in the creation, they are expressing joy over something that had never before existed.

There is one more instance I can find in the Bible of the angels expressing joy – and this one directly involves us. In Luke 15:10 we are told that "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Seeing a sinner come to God and becoming a new creation brings great joy to the angels.

From these three instances, I think we can clearly see that angels get excited over new creations. Think about it: when we have our lives made new through baptism into Christ and we continue to live each day renewed in the Spirit, the angels rejoice over us. What an encouraging thought!

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them!" (Rev. 12:11-12a)

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A Resolution for 2019

Eric Welch

What do you think was the major problem with the church in ancient Corinth? Was it preacheritis and the denominational spirit that prevailed? Was it the lawsuits against each other in secular courts? Was it insensitivity toward Gentile converts who thought it was wrong to eat meat sacrificed to idols? Was it irreverence in worship? Was it the rich being inconsiderate of the poor regarding the Lord's supper? Was it the members who belittled each other over spiritual gifts?

The Corinthian church was in a mess, but these issues were only symptoms of the real problem. In fact, Paul seems to be more specific on what the Corinthian Christians were doing to each other in regarding spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 13). It seems that some were acting impatient and unkind, jealous and boastful, arrogant and rude, selfish, irritable and resentful. Some seemed to have rejoiced in wrongdoing (ch. 5).

Do we not often find these symptoms in modern congregations too? What would you add? Do you think that these symptoms result in a worldly, less spiritually mature congregation where gossip, disrespect for others and irreverence reign? What is Paul's solution to it all?

Paul said that superior to the gifts of tongue-speaking and prophesying is the way of love. Not only would it outlast them both, it would even outlast faith and hope. Love is the only way that can bring the church to maturity and unity.

Do you want a good start to 2019? Be more patient and kind. Give benefit of the doubt to people. Hope for the best. Hold out for the good. If you see wrongdoing and falsehood, lovingly take a stand and seek to correct it, even when people say it is hateful. Don't be ashamed but rejoice with the truth. These things are what real love does.

Think about how much stronger our families and Christ's family at Hamburg Pike can be if we make the way of love our 2019 New Year resolution.

Spiritual Resolutions

Travis L. Quertermous

At the beginning of a new year, it is very common to make resolutions. We look back over the previous year, assess our successes and our failures, and set goals to improve over the course of the New Year. For many people, these resolutions are all of a material nature. For example, they resolve to lose weight, to quit smoking, or to get out of debt.

All of these are indeed worthy goals, but let me challenge you to make some spiritual resolutions this year as well. For example, resolve to be a daily student of the Bible and to read through God's word in 2019. Resolve to attend the church of Christ this year with your family and to be more involved in its activities. Resolve to help the poor and the needy more this year. Resolve to pray to God every day. Resolve to be a more loving and patient spouse, parent, or child. Resolve to share the gospel of Christ with at least one lost soul in 2019.

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Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday January 7th at 6:30 p.m. the meal theme is pizza.

Congratulations to Devin and Rudy Ayala on the birth of their son Miles Thomas Ayala. He was born December 24th 2018 at 4:16 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 18 inches long.

Rather than the ladies providing food, Rudy and Devin have asked for restaurant gift cards due to food intolerances/allergies in their family. If you have any questions, see Stephanie.

The ladies' Bible class will meet Saturday, January 19th 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship room.

The Lads 2 Leaders Keepers and Providers groups will meet Saturday, January 26th 10:00 a.m. at the Welch's home. If you want to receive an award for participation at the 2019 convention in Louisville, you must attend this meeting. Any questions, participants can see Stephanie.

New copies of Christian Family magazine are available on the table in the foyer. Please note Stephanie Welch's article on the children's page 14 "The Fruit of the Spirit – Part 1".

Heaven: An Eternity Without Sunset -- Hell: An Eternity Without Sunrise