

### 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

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Free Bible Correspondence Courses

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### Those Privileged to Serve

#### **A.M. Worship Service**

Song Leader Michael Hawkins  
Opening Prayer Grover Blanton  
Scripture Reading John Keaton  
Sermon Eric Welch  
Lord's Supper Message Robby Stocksdale  
Table Attendant Marc Owens  
Table Attendant Jeremy Montgomery  
Closing Prayer Clint Smith Jr

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

Song Leader Ryan Irwin  
Bible Reading Greg Blanton  
Selection 54  
Opening Prayer Hayward Blanton  
Sermon Eric Welch  
Closing Prayer Doug McArthur

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

Announcements Joe Sweeney  
Lord's Supper Prayer Clint Smith Sr  
Offering Prayer Leon Stocksdale  
Usher Hank Tincher  
Count Offering Harold Tincher  
Assist Count Art Patrick

#### Sermon Titles

##### **Sunday Morning**

Does God Exist? Job 12:7-9

##### **Sunday Evening**

The Whole Armor of God – Ephesians 6:10-18

##### Last Sunday

Offering: \$2,970 Attendance: 71

# The Worker

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### 4 Things I Want My Children to Know about the Church

By Adam Faughn

We live in times where speaking about “the Church” is looked down upon. People want to talk about Jesus, but not about the Church. Or, at times, people have a concept of the Church as just being another social gathering, much like a community club or ball team.

The Church, however, is far more. I need to know and appreciate that, and I also need to instill that in my children. So, while this is not an exhaustive list, here are four things I want to teach my children about the Church.

1. The Church is Not Mine; It Belongs to Christ. Here is where it all starts. This is a divine institution. It is not man-made, and it was certainly not made by me. Jesus built it (Matthew 16:18) and purchased it with His blood (Acts 20:28). That being true, He has the say in how the Church is organized and what is practiced. We do not get that say, and we only truly honor Him when we faithfully follow Him, the Head of the Church (Colossians 1:18).

2. The Church is a Beautiful Family of People. Though a divine institution, the Church is comprised of people, and those people are from all over the world and are made up of every walk of life. The Church is described as a body (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:12-27) where each part plays a vital role in maintaining the health of the whole. Young and old, married, and single, people of every race and language; they all make up a beautiful family that must work together and work through problems together to the glory of God.

3. The Church should be the Center of Our Schedule. I want my children to see the priority of the Church right on our calendar. When there is an activity, priority is given to the Church, not the world. That does not mean we will be able to attend every single activity, but the priority is being with God's people and working and worshiping with them.

4. The Church will be in Eternity Together. I want my children to learn to love being with God's people here because it is God's faithful people who will be together for all eternity! I want them to know that following Jesus really is the only way (John 14:6), so only those in the Church that belongs to Jesus will be in eternity.

There are certainly many other things I want to teach my children about the Lord's Church, but these four are invaluable to them gaining a lifelong love for this great body. I pray that, in teaching these things to my children, it also builds an even deeper love for the Church in my heart.

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## **A Defense of the Truth**

Eric Welch

Have you noticed how often politicians will use Scripture to score political points? To promote foreigners entering our country illegally, one politician followed a holiday greeting with this line, "...love for all people. (Including refugee babies in mangers + parents.)"

Of course, Mary and Joseph did not flee Nazareth for Bethlehem as refugees. They went there to register in the Roman census. Yes, they did flee Herod's murderous threat for Egypt, but we cannot conflate the ancient story with what is happening today. However, below is my contribution to the discussion:

Refugee or not, the problem is when [politicians] cherry pick Scripture to suit an agenda but will ignore and mock the rest of Scriptures, especially that one in the same story of the child (John) leaping for joy in the womb at the announcement of Jesus' conception.

To my comment came this sarcastic reply from an obvious skeptic:

"I think my favourite (sic) is still found in Judges 19. After they refused the offer to rape the other man's daughter, the man gave the gang of angry drunken men his concubine and they raped her all night long. So, the next day, when they arrived home, the man cut her up into 12 pieces with a knife. A nice story to tell your kids."

Understanding the playbook of Internet trolls seeking a knee-jerk reaction, I disarmed this attack on Scripture by agreeing with him instead:

"Right. It was an extremely disturbing story, which was the point the author was making. Reporting the story does not mean endorsing the immorality within. The key to understanding the whole book is found in the very last verse. That's all I will say about this red herring."

I still have not seen a reply as of this writing. Perhaps my answer is not what was expected.

Every day thousands of women want "doctors" to "cut up into pieces" (using the commenter's words) their preborn children. The number of documented abortions since January 1973 has reached about 60 million. Some of these women, such as "Shout Your Abortion" founder Amelia Bonow, do think it is a nice story to tell your kids. She has been seen on video recently bragging about her abortions to children.

Yet, people think that maliciously attacking the Bible without even trying to understand it is a better way to improve society. May the Lord have mercy on us.

These attacks are just par for the course. Peter reminds us, "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 (1 Peter 3:15).

Let's read and study our Bible more deeply in 2019 so that we can be "prepared to make a defense" of the truth.

## **Hamburg Pike Happenings**

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. the meal theme is Pot Luck.

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

Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup> is the last day to participate in the Right to Life campaign. Please see Hayward with questions.

A Fellowship meal is scheduled for Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup> following the morning worship service. The meal theme is soup, sandwiches and salads. Drinks will be provided. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

The Lads 2 Leaders groups Providers and Keepers will meet Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m. at the church building. The guys will learn about basic car maintenance with Eric, and the girls will learn about first aid and home safety with Alicia and Stephanie. 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.

Attention all youth K to 5th grade. Our Junior Leader program for Lads 2 Leaders has 2 meetings scheduled for January. We will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup> in the multi-purpose room. We hope you all will attend. Also, any pre-K youth are welcome too because our puppets will be giving performances. If you have any questions please see Ashley or Cassie.