

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

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 Clint Smith Sr
Scripture Reading Rudy Ayala
Sermon Eric Welch
Lord's Supper Message Greg Blanton
Matt 26:26-68

Table Attendant Dillian Goddard
Table Attendant Marc Owens
Closing Prayer Jerry Casey

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Clint Smith Jr
Bible Reading John Keaton
Selection 61
Opening Prayer Ryan Irwin
Sermon Eric Welch
Closing Prayer Nathaniel Welch

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Robby Stocksdale
Lord's Supper Prayer Ethan Welch
Offering Prayer Hayward Blanton
Usher Hank Tincher
Count Offering Harold Tincher
Assist Count Joe Sweeney

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning

Why Do Christians Hate? – 1 Peter 3:15

Sunday Evening

Hearing and Doing the Word – James 1:19-27

Last Sunday

Offering: \$3,684 Attendance: 68

Commit to Submit

The word for "submit" (in some cases, "be subject") in the New Testament comes from a military term meaning to arrange troops under the command of a leader. The word is defined by Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon as, "to subject one's self, to yield to one's admonition or advice, to obey."

Of course, this word is used in specific cases (as in the case of wives, servants, and young folks, cf. Eph. 5:22; 1 Pet. 2:18; 1 Pet. 5:5), but it is mostly used in the general sense for all Christians. Take note of what we are to submit and be subject to:

* We are to fully submit to God and His will (Jas. 4:7).

* We should submit to the government and its ordinances (1 Pet. 2:13-14).

* We must submit to and encourage fellow Christians (Eph. 5:21).

* We are even to submit in ministering to others (1 Cor. 16:15-16)

Christians, let's submit and commit ourselves to these things, knowing that a better world results from them.

- Edd Sterchi preaches for the Broadway Church of Christ in Campbellsville, KY.

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How Can I Increase My Dependence Upon God?

By Lance Cordle

"For the sake of Christ, then I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:10)

- I can begin each day with prayer that includes thanks.
- I can replace the question, "Why has God done this to me?" with, "How has God helped me in the past?"
- I can count my blessings.
- I can set aside a favorite Bible verse or a favorite group of verses that can serve as points of reflection in my life—in good times as well as bad.
- I can look for ways to be God's instrument for good in the lives of others.
- I can read the Bible daily.
- I can insure treasure in heaven by directing some of my money to those who are in need.
- I can reflect on what my life would be without Christ.
- I can thank God for good health.
- I can read and practice the "one another" messages of Scripture (e.g., John 13: 34; Ephesians 4:32).
- I can streamline my life by limiting or eliminating luxuries that encourage me to forget God.
- I can consider periodic fasting (Matthew 6:16-18).
- I can ponder the phrase "daily bread" in the model prayer of Jesus (Matthew 6:9ff) and how I should not take for-granted God's daily provisions.
- I can remember, reflect on the fact, and remind others (especially my family) that every good gift comes from God (James 1:17).
- I can be constantly aware of how fragile human life really is (James 4:14).
- I can remember the fact of Romans 8:31: "If God is for us, who can be against us?"
- I can stay connected to God's people.
- I can end each day with prayer that includes thanks.

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Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus

Eric Welch

Before we can determine the meaning and application of the Bible for us today, we must determine what it meant for the original readers. A bad interpretation will lead to wrong applications. This point is certainly true of the book of Hebrews.

Hebrews is essentially a sermon, a "word of encouragement" that had attached to it the features of a letter (note the ending). The letter can be divided into two parts: teaching about Jesus (what? - 1:1-10:18) and application (so what? - 10:19-13:17). The early Jewish church was in danger of abandoning the gospel of Christ. The author thus sets out to establish the fact that Christ is superior: He is superior to the angels (1-2), to Moses (3-4), to Aaron (4-7) and His ministry to the old covenant (8-10). Each of these sections is sprinkled with a warning against leaving Christ (2:1-4; 3:6-4:13; 5:11-6:8; 10:26-31).

Why would they be tempted to desert Christ? persecution (chapter 10). They were encouraged to endure because there is no alternative to Christ. Then the author lists those people whose faith kept them going (chapter 11).

Then the supreme example of faithfulness in the face of suffering was Jesus (12:1-2). We must fix our eyes on Him because of who He is and what He has done for us. God then treats us as his own children because of Jesus.

No matter what you are going through now, keep your eyes on Jesus. Faithfully making the church's assemblies is one practical, concrete way to do this (Hebrews 10:25-26). Another way is to do something on our own. Read God's Word. This week carve out a block of time to read Matthew, Mark, Luke or John in one sitting. Meditate and pray to be more like Him.

If I Perish, I Perish

Alan Smith

The young people in one church had been studying the Book of Esther. It was obviously that one boy had been paying attention when his family had Brussels sprouts for supper. Spearing one and looking at it distastefully, he placed it in his mouth, saying, "If I perish, I perish."

The story of Esther is one of the greatest stories of courage in the Bible.

When Mordecai realized that there was a plot to kill the Jews in Persia, he saw only one possibility to save them, and that was through Esther. He asked Esther to go before the king and request that he rescind the decree and save the Jewish people. But Esther was hesitant to do that because there was a law that said that anyone who went into the king's court without an invitation could be put to death, and she hadn't been invited for a month!

Mordecai sent another message to Esther that said, in effect, "Think, Esther. The decree says all Jews. It doesn't exclude anybody in the king's household. You are a Jew and that means you've already been condemned to death. If the king receives you, you've got a chance. But even if he doesn't, you're no worse off."

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If I Perish, I Perish *(continued from the previous page)*

One of the most powerful verses in all the Bible is found in verse 14. It's a question that I believe every Christian should ask himself when he's facing a difficult situation: "Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

"Esther, have you ever thought that maybe this is the reason why God put you in the position of being queen? Did you think He did it just so you could have an easy life? This is the reason God has brought you where you are. Your presence in the palace is not by accident but by divine appointment."

The time had come for Esther to make a choice. She could approach the king and possibly lose her life, or she could remain silent and allow the annihilation of herself and her people. She decided to stand for what was right. And with the heroic words, "If I perish, I perish!" (4:16), she went to the king.

Has God put you in a position to make a difference to the people around you? Like Esther, will you have the courage to respond, regardless of what the consequences may be?

- 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 March 4th at 6:30 p.m. the meal theme is soup and sandwiches.

The Puppet Team and Junior Leader group will meet on the following Sundays in March. We will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room on March 3rd, 10th and 17th. Pre K youth are welcome to attend too. See Ashley or Cassie with questions.

The ladies' Bible class will meet Saturday March 16th 10:00 a.m. at the building. See Stephanie with any questions.

Spring Bible Class material is available for pick-up. The Bible Class material for all ages will be labeled and on the front pew. The Spring Quarter starts Sunday March 3rd and Wednesday March 6th.

The Hamburg Pike contact list is being updated. The elders ask member families to please carefully review and update your family's contact information.