

## 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 Irvin Williams  
Scripture Reading Grover Blanton  
Sermon Eric Welch  
Lord's Supper Message Hank Tincher  
Matt 27:11-50

Table Attendant Ryan Irwin  
Table Attendant Jerry Montgomery  
Closing Prayer Clint Smith Jr

### P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale  
Bible Reading Rick Martin  
Selection 62  
Opening Prayer Leon Stocksdale  
Sermon Eric Welch  
Closing Prayer Doug McArthur

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

Announcements Joe Sweeney  
Lord's Supper Prayer Greg Blanton  
Offering Prayer Jerry Casey  
Usher Harold Tincher  
Count Offering Joe Sweeney  
Assist Count Art Patrick

### Sermon Titles

#### Sunday Morning

A Preacher's Work - 2 Timothy 4:1-5

#### Sunday Evening

Your Calling and Election Sure – 2 Peter 1:3-11

#### Last Sunday

Offering: \$3,866 Attendance: 95

### **High Anxiety and Blessed Relief**

Christians are not completely immune to anxiety. However, as Holy Spirit-filled followers of the will of God, we do have access to a God who cares for us and who will help us cope with this human reality. Consider, for instance, some things that have been discovered about human anxiety. Objective studies indicate that the average person's anxiety is focused on...

- 40% - things that will never happen.
- 30% - things about the past that can't be changed.
- 12% - things about criticism by others, mostly untrue.
- 10% - about health, which gets worse with stress.
- 8% - about real problems that will be faced.

The greatest "real problem" is the reality of sin in the life and the consequences thereof. This is the heaviest burden one can bear. By grace, God gave us Jesus Christ who pleads: "Come to Me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. All of you, take up My yoke and learn from Me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for yourselves. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30).  
- Johnny Hester preaches for the Matthews church of Christ in Matthews, MO.

# The Worker

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### I Corinthians 13 (NASB)

By Larry Pasley

Love Is Patient - We must not make impatient demands but allow people to grow at their own pace.

Love Is Kind - We must be gentle and sensitive to the needs and hurts of others.

Love Is Not Jealous - Our supreme concern must be for other people's growth and well-being, not our feelings.

Love Does Not Brag and Is Not Arrogant - We must not spend our energies building up ourselves, but remember that servanthood is making the other person successful.

Love Does Not Act Unbecomingly - We are not to try to act like non-Christians. We need to be Christians who act like Christians.

Love Does Not Seek Its Own - Our desire must be to put others first. If we cannot do this then we cannot expect others to do it either.

Love Is Not Provoked - At times this becomes a great difficulty, but we must learn as the Apostle Paul in II Corinthians 2. He stated that in every disappointment he learned to use that situation to reaffirm love for the person who disappoints him.

Love Does Not Take Into Account a Wrong Suffered - Jesus suffered much wrong and rejection and we, too, must be willing to experience that same suffering.

Love Rejoices With the Truth - Others will easily see our values by what we get most excited about.

Love Bears and Believes All Things - We must expect the best and see people as God sees them - for the potential they can become with Christ's help.

Love Hopes All Things - We need to memorize Philippians 4:8 and recite it daily to ourselves.

Love Endures All Things - Many heartaches will come our way, and the desire to give up and quit will often pass through our minds. But God's love for us endures even our shortcomings. How can we do any less?

Love never fails – We should never stop loving people because of their actions. Love will cover a multitude of sins.

The Apostle Paul said love is the fulfillment of the law. (Rom 13:8) If we love God and love our neighbor as ourselves then we will do all that God expects of us. If we love God, we will keep His commandments (John 14:15) and if we love our neighbor, we will do nothing to harm them. (Rom 13:10) If we love our enemies, we will do good to them. (Luke 6:27) Twelve times in the New Testament we are told to "Love one another.

May we always realize the importance of Love.

- Larry Pasley serves as a minister with the Jackson Street church of Christ in Alexandria, LA.

## Lads to Leaders

Eric Welch

On the weekend of April 18-21, the boys and girls of Hamburg Pike will soon present what they have learned throughout the year at the convention in Louisville. To encourage them, I am planning a series of lessons on the different roles in the church that they will fill one day. These lessons will remind us to encourage them along the way.

Recently, we looked at what the Bible says about the job of teachers in recognition of the Bible class teachers at Hamburg Pike. We appreciate them greatly. The teachers' job is to introduce Jesus to their students by living what they teach, by being passionate, creative, challenging and relatable through simple conversation.

We will probe the place of the preacher. Paul sums it up in 2 Timothy 4:5, to "do the work of an evangelist." His task is to present the good news of Jesus to anyone who will listen.

We will explore the example of elders. What is their primary responsibility? Are they just meant to be decision makers, as the term "elder" pertains to older men with wisdom? Do they lead by example only or has God given them authority?

We will dig into the duties of deacons. If "preacher" implies "preaching" and "elder" represents wisdom and experience, what does "deacon" mean?

Then we will look into the work of worship leaders. This congregation is blessed with men who have great natural (talents) and learned (skills) abilities, but worship is not a time to put them on display to feed the leaders' ego. True worship is not about the worship leader at all. What, then, is his task?

Special thanks go to all of those who have directed and taught in the Lads to Leaders ministry.

**Directors:** Clint Jr. and Ashley Smith

**Co-director:** Cassie Tincher

**Scrapbook:** Alicia Goddard

**Jr Leader and puppets:** Ashley and Cassie

**Keepers:** Eric Welch and Hank Tincher, assisting

**Providers:** Stephanie Welch

**Singing:** Rick Martin and Sonja Montgomery

## Broken Hearts

By Joe Slater

"So rend your hearts, and not your garments" (Joel 2:13a).

I'm not accustomed to ripping my clothes as a sign of distress. But such was common in ancient times and is still practiced by some Jews mourning their dead.

In the first instance recorded in Scripture, Reuben tore his clothes, being horrified at what his brothers had done with Joseph (Genesis 37:29). A few verses later, a grief-stricken Jacob tore his clothes, mistakenly believing that Joseph was dead (37:34).

Joshua and Caleb tore their clothes in anguish and grief upon hearing their fellow-spies' pessimistic report. Many years later, Joshua once again tore his clothes as he mourned Israel's defeat at the first battle of Ai (Joshua 7:6).

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## Broken Hearts *(continued from the previous page)*

Young King Josiah tore his clothes after hearing the words of the Book of the Law (2 Chronicles 34:19). His people's appalling disobedience to God's law would result in horrifying punishment. Josiah himself, however, would be spared from seeing it "because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before Me, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me" (v. 27).

Joel's people knew the custom of tearing clothes to signify repentance, but for them it was empty ritual. God wanted broken hearts and changed behavior, not just ripped clothes.

What does God want from you and me? He is still "gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness" (Joel 2:13). But repentance must be from a broken heart, not merely a ritualistic show. As David wrote in Psalm 51:17, "A broken spirit . . . and a contrite heart, these, O God, You will not despise."

- Joe Slater serves as minister of the Church of Christ in Justin, TX. He may be contacted through the congregation's website: <http://justinchurchofchrist.com>

## Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. the meal theme is pizza.

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 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Pre K youth are welcome to attend too. See Ashley or Cassie with questions.

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

The Elders invite and encourage men and young men of the congregation to lead a Wednesday evening devotional during the Spring Quarter. The sign-up sheet is on the board.

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

2019 Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 a.m. Please remember to move your clocks forward 1 hour at bedtime Saturday night.