

### 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 Hayward Blanton  
 Scripture Reading Jeff Blanton  
 Sermon Eric Welch  
 Lord's Supper Message Joe Sweeney  
 Table Attendant Danny Leachman  
 Table Attendant Marc Owens  
 Closing Prayer Robby Stocksdale

#### P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Ethan Welch  
 Bible Reading Chris Smith  
 Selection 63  
 Opening Prayer Hank Tincher  
 Sermon Eric Welch  
 Closing Prayer Clint Smith Jr

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

Announcements Harold Tincher  
 Lord's Supper Prayer Grover Blanton  
 Offering Prayer Ryan Irwin  
 Usher Greg Blanton  
 Count Offering Art Patrick  
 Assist Count Marc Owens

### Sermon Titles

#### Sunday Morning

Why Do We Reject Evolution? Genesis 8:21-22

#### Sunday Evening

A Great Multitude - Revelation 7:9-17

#### Last Sunday

Offering: \$3,280 Attendance: N/A

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies and  
 Free Bible Correspondence Courses

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### **Trading Freedom for a Dorito**

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The Bible makes it clear that sin has pleasure attached to it (see Hebrews 11:25), but that the pleasure is only passing; it is only "for a season." After the moments of enjoyment comes the entrapment of sin. The addictions. The damaged reputations. The harmed relationships. The wasted money. The time that is no longer available. Above all, the sting of a marred relationship with our heavenly Father.

When we think about it that way, that pig on the West Coast seems a little more like us. He got a few minutes of pleasure from those potato chips but ended up right back in the pigpen where he started.

Maybe it is time we start looking past the temporary excitement that seems to accompany sin and start looking at where it will lead us in this life and, ultimately, in eternity. When we do, we will not trade our freedom in Christ for something insignificant.

"Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover - up for evil, but living as servants of God."  
 (1 Peter 2:16)

- Adam Faughn preaches for the Central Church of Christ in Paducah KY.

# The Worker

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### **A Wife for Isaac**

Eric Welch

What advice would you give a young Christian for dating? Only date people you would want to marry? Makes sense. The purpose of dating, after all, is marriage, right? Whom would a faithful Christian want to date for marriage? I hope the answer is obvious. But how does a Christian find the right person? The answer is easy: do it God's way. If you want to avoid a rocky marriage and a dysfunctional family, learn to make the distinction between good and evil. God does that. Before you begin to date, determine that you will only date someone who loves God and shuns evil. That person will be a follower of Christ. The book of Genesis provides an excellent opportunity to study the importance of making distinctions. I call it the distinction principle.

Moses wrote Genesis during the 40 years in the desert. The children of Israel were recovering from oppressive slavery in Egypt. They needed a refresher course of who God is and who they are. Genesis provides an inspired history of Israel's beginning and how God brought it about. He made distinctions, separating good from evil. In fact, Genesis ends with the Israelites coming to live in Egypt. For 400 years, they remained a distinct people from their pagan Egyptian hosts.

Genesis reminded Israel how the God of their ancestors made distinctions. They learned right from the first chapter. God Himself is distinct from creation because He is its Creator. He divided light from darkness, the waters above from the waters below and the land from the sea. On the fifth day, God made the single human pair after His own image, distinct from all other creatures. The text bears out two ways in which humans are like God: rule and reproduction. God delegated to them the dominion over the animal kingdom. Also, this couple could become one flesh in marriage and produce children. Only the heterosexual union can reflect the creative image and glory of God.

Genesis shows two examples in which distinctions were made regarding marriage. In Genesis 6, the sons of God chose poorly, and married the daughters of men. The result of this mixing good and evil was great wickedness. Because God could no longer bear, it He brought the great flood as judgment. No fellowship can exist between light and darkness (2 Corinthians 6:14).

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The second story from Genesis 24 is about esteemed father Abraham. Abraham understood the principle of making distinctions. To find a wife for Isaac he commissioned his chief servant: "Put your hand under my thigh that I may make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, but will go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac." Abraham knew that the Canaanites did not worship the living God. Centuries later, God forbade his people to marry Canaanites, so that they would not be led astray by false gods (Exodus 34:15-16; Deuteronomy 7:3-5). Abraham had made a distinction between the Canaanites and his family. He wanted to protect Isaac, his long-promised son. Furthermore, Abraham passed along this principle to Isaac, who, in turn, taught his sons Jacob and Esau not to take wives from the Canaanite women (Genesis 27:46; 28:6-9). However, Esau did not heed that advice, and his choice caused family dysfunction (26:34-35; 36:2).

Arranged marriages in Abraham's culture is different from ours. Of course, we do not choose a certain person for our children, as God's providence chose Rebecca (Genesis 24:15). Parents can still "arrange" marriage by praying for their children. They can teach them to choose good and to shun evil. Will their choice of marriage partner lead them to heaven or to hell?

*Note: Eric's article will appear in the next issue of Christian Family magazine*

## **Trading Freedom for a Dorito**

By Adam Faughn

Doritos are a favorite of many people. These potato chips come in several strong flavors, and the crunchy snack is often eaten at cookouts or on road trips. But can you imagine giving up your freedom for a bag of those tasty chips?

That's what a huge pig in Highland, California recently did. The pig, which was described as being the same size as a mini-horse, got loose and was wandering the streets of that community. It seems that this pig has a way of doing that from time-to-time, so some of the local police are used to calls about this particular animal. Knowing that, one deputy had a bag of Doritos in her lunch bag, and simply made a small trail of the crunchy snacks, which the pig followed right back to its pen, where it was secured again.

This pig was free but gave it all up for a crunchy snack. We can laugh at that, or we can see a deeper picture about ourselves. How often do we trade so many great blessings in this life for things that are fun or enjoyable but of far less value to us? How many people trade a lifelong commitment with a spouse for a few moments of intimate pleasure with another? How many trade a reputation and integrity for a night of drinking and partying?

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## **Hamburg Pike Happenings**

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 Puppet Team and Junior Leader group will meet Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Pre K youth are welcome to attend too. See Ashley or Cassie with questions.

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. the meal theme is potluck.

A pitch-in dinner is scheduled for Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> after the morning worship service. The theme will be crockpot favorites. A sign-up sheet is on the table.

The next Men's Digging Deep Bible study will be Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. at the building.

A note from the Elders: Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> will be the first 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday contribution. This 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday contribution will go into the New Building Fund Account for 2019. We expect the New Building Project to start construction this spring. Please pray for the Building Committee. Please consider giving to fund the Lord's church expansion at Hamburg Pike.

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.