



HAMBURG PIKE
Church of Christ

The Worker

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One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up.

As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a steppingstone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up.

Remember the five simple rules:

1. Free your heart from hatred - Forgive.
2. Free your mind from worries - Most never happens.
3. Live simply and appreciate what you have.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less from people but more from yourself.

-Author Unknown

Leadership	Schedule of Services
Elders Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey	Sunday
Deacons Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr, Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney	Bible Class 10:00 AM
Pulpit Minister Eric Welch	Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams	Evening Worship 6:00 PM
Panama Mission Pablo Sanchez	Wednesday Bible Class 7:00 PM

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies and Bible Correspondence Courses - Phone (812) 284-3125

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Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: Gospel Meeting
Sunday Evening: Singing Emphasis

Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service		PM Service		AM & PM Services	
Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Matt Johnson	Announcements	Jerry Casey
Opening Prayer	Greg Blanton	Bible Reading	John Keaton	Lord's Supper	Rick Martin
Scripture	Clint Smith Jr	Selection	16	Offering	Hank Tincher
Sermon	Justin Rogers	Prayer	Robby Stocksdale	Usher	Jeremy Montgomery
Lord's Supper		Sermon	<i>Singing Emphasis</i>	Count Offering	Robby Stocksdale
Message	Irvin Williams	Closing Prayer	Ernie Marshall	Assist Count	Art Patrick
Attendant	Marc Owens	<i>If you are unable to serve, please call Art Patrick 502-819-9481 or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511</i>		Last Sunday	
Attendant	Nathaniel Welch			Contribution	Attendance
Closing Prayer	Joe Sweeney			\$2,372	70
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Why Do I Need to Worship on Sunday Night?

"Why do I need to worship on Sunday night if I fulfilled my obligation on Sunday morning?" To ask the question in this way indicates that one may fail to understand the heart of Christianity.

Christianity is the religion of "the second mile" not the religion of doing just barely enough to "get by." It is the religion of daily self-sacrifice (Luke 9:23). It is the religion of putting the Lord and his kingdom (church) first at all times, not just when the mood strikes us (Mat. 6:33). Worshipping God involves more than mere obligations. It involves our relationship with God and our brethren.

It reaches upward, outward, and inward. So, why...? Among other reasons...

- I need the spiritual strength, Bible knowledge, and edification that results from additional worship and Bible study to help me personally become more spiritually minded and grow closer to God (James 4:8).
- I need the spiritual food (nourishment) that comes only from partaking of the milk and meat of God's word (1 Pet. 2:1-2).
- I need the Christian fellowship that comes by being with my church family (1 John 1:3).
- I need to let my Christian light shine and glorify God more often (Mat. 5:16).
- My brethren need my influence and encouragement just as I need theirs (1 Thes. 5:11, 14; Rom. 14:19; Heb. 3:13).
- My family needs to see where my spiritual priorities are so that I may properly influence my loved ones for Jesus (1 Pet. 3:1-7).
- My respect for the authority of our eldership demands it (Heb. 13:7,17).
- I need to demonstrate just whose side I am on (the Lord's or Satan's) (Mat. 6:24).

Steve Waller Hartley Bridge Road church of Christ, Macon Georgia

Note: Also ask yourself "Why Do I Need to attend our Gospel Meeting? The same answers apply!"

"I Am with You"

Eric Welch

At the first return from exile, the Jews had laid the foundation of the temple but slacked off. The Lord sent his prophet Haggai to the Jews to encourage them to get back to work on the temple. The Lord reminded them, "I am with you" (1:13); "Be strong and work, for I am with you;" "Do not fear;" From this day on I will bless you" (2:4-5) and "I have chosen you" (2:19). In response, the people obeyed God's voice and feared the Lord (2:12). They went right to work on the temple

Sometime even the people of the greater covenant can become discouraged and focused on other things besides the mission of the church to preach the gospel. A gospel meeting is an opportunity to encourage all of us to stay strong, to work hard and to remember that we belong to God as His treasured possession. This Friday, Justin Rogers of Henderson, TN, will do just that with "Lessons from the Psalm."

In what ways can we work for the success of our meeting? We can be strong in our enthusiasm for the meeting. We can show enthusiasm as we invite our friends, family, coworkers and neighbors to come. You could be the only one in their lives who care enough for their soul to say anything. Nothing will top a personal invitation.

We can also be strong in our attendance. Some of us may have no choice and cannot attend due to work or illness. Let us make it a goal that we will do all that we can to be here. Throw in your support for the speaker and for the gospel by attending each service of the meeting. Our enthusiasm for the meeting will be so encouraging to our speaker.

An enthusiastic welcome before and after the services to all our visitors will contribute greatly to the success of the meeting. A first-time visitor's first impression of the church will not be the size of the building nor the worship services. That first impression will be made by how the person was greeted at the door. Greeting someone with a genuine smile and a firm handshake will go a long way. Therefore, arrive early and stay later to and let them know how glad you are that they came. That enthusiasm might just get them to return.

Another way to welcome others is to leave the best parking spaces and seating to our visitors. If you can, park farther away from the doors so that our visitors will not have far too walk. Also, sitting closer to the front will show consideration to those who might arrive late. We can show our hospitality by inviting them to eat with us after the morning worship. Maybe such spontaneous courtesy will encourage visitors to inquire more about what they will have seen and heard. What a wonderful and open opportunity to share our love for others with the gospel.

If we have shown enthusiasm in sowing the seed and watering it, God will provide the harvest (1 Corinthians 3:6). Even if not a single person answers the Lord's call, each will know that the Lord is the center of our worship and our lives and that the Bible is the center of our preaching and people are the center of our mission.

Will you help make the gospel meeting a success?

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Ladies Bible class will meet on Saturday, May 30, at 10:00 am.

Your life is God's gift to you; what you do with it is your gift back to God.