

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
 Brandon Slotman
 Robby Stocksdale
 Joe Sweeney

Pulpit Minister Eric Welch
 Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Missions

Panama Mission Pablo Sanchez

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies and
 Bible Correspondence Courses

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Those Privileged to Serve

A.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 Opening Prayer Doug McArthur
 Scripture Reading Ethan Welch
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper Message Hank Tincher
 Luke 24:1-35

Table Attendant Brandon Montgomery
 Table Attendant Marc Owens
 Closing Prayer Robby Stocksdale

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale
 Bible Reading Jerry Casey
 Selection 38
 Opening Prayer Nathaniel Welch
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Closing Prayer Ryan Irwin

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Leon Stocksdale
 Lord's Supper Prayer Greg Blanton
 Offering Prayer Derrick Smith II
 Usher Harold Tincher
 Count Offering Robby Stocksdale
 Assist Count Marc Owens

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning Jesus Our Advocate 1 John 2:1-2

Sunday Evening A Cup of Cold Water Matt 10:40-42

Last Sunday

Offering: \$3,532 Attendance: 90

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Blocking the Sun

John F. Board

(Article dated August 27, 2017)

What an interesting day we experienced yesterday. Most viewers considered the much-anticipated event of the eclipse a fascinating experience. I, of course, felt that I could care less, until the event was minutes away; at that point my fascination was peaked. Brenna and Kayleigh came to the building and all of us, including Kim, took turns viewing the eclipse. For us, the eclipse ended and we did not have to get out into the crazy traffic. Even by the time we left the office, the traffic from points south and west had begun to clog the roadways in Elizabethtown and the surrounding area. All of this exciting activity was due to an event where there was blockage or partial blockage of the sun.

I'm convinced that I did not fully grasp the importance of yesterday's blocking of the sun. Many who have studied science no doubt could appreciate the event much more than I could appreciate it. That being said, I think there is another type of blocking of the Son that takes place that others might not realize is such an important event! Of course, as you can probably tell from the spelling, I am talking about the blocking of Jesus. Both Christians and non-Christians alike can be guilty of a form of blocking Jesus. Let me list a few ways below for your consideration:

1. Christians may "block" the Son (Jesus) by simply not living the type of lives He would desire for us to live. I am especially mindful of Matthew 5:13-16 where Jesus enjoins us to be salt and light to the world. He teaches that we should "let our light shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven." Yet many Christians block the light of the Son by living worldly lives of sin.
2. Christians may also "block" the Son (Jesus) by failing to teach others about Him. We are enjoined to take the Gospel to others (Matt. 28:18ff; Mark 16:15-16) for IT is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16). Yet many block Jesus being "seen" by others because we do not tell others about His life and how His life has impacted our own. We don't live sinful lives in the sense of committing sins of commission, but we do sin by committing sins of omission.

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3. Non-Christians also block the Son (Jesus) when they do not allow Him to be the light of their life! Some never allow the illumination of the Son (Jesus) to impact their lives. Because they do not, they live in darkness. Fascinating to me though is that just like yester-day's physical blocking of the sun, a non-Christian does not have to remain in that darkness for long. As what is blocking the Son moves away from their lives, the light and message of hope can enter and provide the teaching needed so that a non-Christian can have their sins washed away and walk in the light for the rest of their time on the earth.

I guess the question we all need to ask ourselves is "Are we blocking the Son from our lives?" If we are, why don't we make the much-needed change today! We may never have the same opportunity to do so again as life is even more unpredictable than the blocking of the physical sun. And while we are waiting to make a decision, the Son may appear for the last time—then it will be too late!

Justice for All

Eric Welch

Our world is filled with many injustices because it is increasingly blurring the lines between good and evil. Injustice occurs at the highest levels of government. The greatest injustice in American history was the Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision in 1973. Injustice occurs in the business world. A CEO runs a company into the ground but gets millions upon leaving. It also gets personal. A corrupt coworker gets the promotion over you. You are trying to follow the Lord but you get laid off from your job. An adulterous ex-spouse is causing unending grief to the innocent party.

Whenever you feel an injustice has occurred, may you take comfort from Psalm 7. King David was responding to an injustice against Him.

First, affirm your trust in God. "O LORD my God, in you do I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers and deliver me, lest like a lion they tear my soul apart, rending it in pieces, with none to deliver (Psalm 7:1-2).

Second, examine your life. David exclaims, "...if there is wrong in my hands...if I have repaid my friend with evil or plundered my enemy without cause." Then, he is ready to be punished for it (Psalm 7:3-5). He seems to think that he was wronged because he himself might have done wrong. Contrary too many in American culture; let us own up to our wrongs and make them right.

Third, turn the injustice over to God and never seek revenge on our own. God has given recourse to human courts (Romans 12:17-13:4), but they are not perfect. God's justice, however, is perfect. He needs no blindfold. He "is a righteous judge" (Psalm 7:11). On Judgment Day, He will right all wrongs and will punish sin forever (Psalm 7:12-13; 2 Corinthians 5:10).

By learning to turn injustice over to Him, we can eventually have peace that will guard our heart (Philippians 4:7) and will allow us to praise Him: "I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High" (Psalm 7:17).

¹¹ *God is a righteous judge,*

and a God who feels indignation every day.

¹² *If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword;*

he has bent and readied his bow;

¹³ *he has prepared for him his deadly weapons,*

making his arrows fiery shafts.

Psalm 7:11-13 English Standard Version (ESV)

Hamburg Pike Happenings

To assist those in need due to the devastation caused by the hurricanes in Texas, Louisiana and Florida, the Elders have chosen to donate money to the Church of Christ Disaster Relief Organization in Nashville, TN. The Elders ask that if you wish to donate, please write your check to the Hamburg Pike church of Christ and note that it is for disaster relief by Sunday 9/17/17. The goal is \$3,000; direct questions to the Elders.

A Fellowship meal is planned for Sunday September 24th after the morning worship service. The meal theme will be Mexican; a signup sheet will be available.

Attention girls grades 3 to 12! If you plan to participate in the Lads 2 Leaders activity "Keepers of the Home", please let Stephanie know by Wednesday, September 20th. This year we'll learn how to cook, bake, gather recipes, etc.

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet on Monday September 25th at 6:30 pm. Paula Casey will be grilling hamburgers; please let her know what sides you can bring. Please plan to participate in this good work.

The ladies' Bible class will meet on Saturday, September 30th at 10:00 am. All ladies are invited to attend!