

Leadership
Elders Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey
Deacons Clint Smith Jr, Robby Stocksdale
 Joe Sweeney
Pulpit Minister David Wright
Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Schedule of Services
Sunday
 Bible Class 10:00 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Panama Missions
 Evans Campbell Pablo Sanchez

Wednesday
 Bible Class 7:00 PM

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AM Service		Those Privileged to Serve		AM & PM Services	
		PM Service			
Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Robby Stocksdale	Announcements	Leon Stocksdale
First Prayer	Robby Stocksdale	Bible Reading	Joe Sweeney	Lord's Supper	Grover Blanton
Second Prayer	Clint Smith Jr	Selection	42	Offering	Jerry Montgomery
Scripture	David Blackwell	Prayer	Hank Tincher	Usher	Art Patrick
Sermon	David Wright	Sermon	David Wright	Count Offering	Art Patrick
Lord's Supper		Closing Prayer	John Keaton	Assist Count	Joe Sweeney
Message	Jerry Casey	<i>If unable to serve please call:</i>		<i>Do not be slothful in zeal,</i>	
Attendant	Brandon Montgomery	<i>Art Patrick 502-819-9481</i>		<i>be fervent in spirit,</i>	
Attendant	Greg Blanton	<i>Harold Tincher 812-288-5956</i>		<i>serve the Lord. Rom 12:11</i>	
Closing Prayer	Ron Iverson				

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Integrity

A. Jay Kelly

His wife said to him, "Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!" He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" In all this, Job did not sin in what he said. Job 2:9-10

Lynn Anderson had a hit with a song called "I Never Promised You a Rose Garden" many years ago. In the song, a wife was reminding her husband that not everything goes right all the time and that relationship had to be able to weather the storms as well as the good times. There is an Arab proverb that sums up that feeling quite well. It says, "All sunshine makes a desert." That would seem to sum up what Job told his wife as well.

We need to understand that Job was far from perfect and his wife was probably not as evil as we make her out to be from this verse. How many times have we had the same reaction as Job's wife to our problems? How many times have we wanted to give up? How many times have we told ourselves or others that this is just too hard? How many times has Satan tempted us to quit trying?

Some of us have given in from time to time and Satan is using that failure to incite us to give up again.

We need to be like Job. No, he was not the paragon of virtuous understanding we sometimes think him to be. He failed to understand all the reasons for God's allowance to Satan, but so do we.

Is there really anyone reading this who claims to understand all of why God does what he does? We don't need to always understand, just believe. We can understand it later. We'll have all eternity.

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Bombs, Guns, and Booze

David Wright

The bombing in Boston on April 15 is a great tragedy for our country, and especially for the people directly affected by the deadly blasts. The families who have lost loved ones and the individuals languishing in the hospital with severe injuries will find it impossible to return to life as usual. For them, things will never be the same again. All the victims of this terrorist attack have our deepest sympathy, and we will not forget to remember them in prayer.

Americans who escaped any direct involvement in this horror are more free to consider the bombing within the context of current events. Since the Sandy Hook shooting on December 14, 2012, many politicians and media personalities have been busily exploiting the tragedy as an opportunity to pass tougher gun control legislation. What laws will they want to pass in the Boston bombing aftermath? Will they ban possession of pressure cookers and ball bearings? Will they insist on stricter registration for all citizens who make bombs in the garage or basement? Oh, that's right. All bomb making activity is already strictly prohibited.

Not even a thick stack of legal restrictions can protect us from people bent on wickedness. In China (a country with no Second Amendment rights) Zheng Minsheng, 41, went to a Namping elementary school on March 23, 2010, and murdered eight children with a knife. In fact, evil people can make weapons of almost anything—acid, poison, a screwdriver, a crowbar, a two-by-four.

Why is it that no one in Washington is talking about banning the sale or possession of alcohol? Everyone knows that some drinkers badly abuse the stuff, destroying themselves and endangering the lives of others. Lawmakers, however, seem perfectly content with encouraging “responsible drinking” and punishing drunks who injure their families or neighbors. Why? Because the Eighteenth Amendment (ratified on January 16, 1919, and repealed on December 5, 1933) failed miserably to stop criminals from manufacturing, selling, and transporting liquor. Why would a gun ban work any better? Criminals would have guns, and law-abiding citizens would be at their mercy.

Our nation is not in need of more legislation. What we need is a deep reverence for the moral law of God. The Bible warns that the lot of murderers “shall be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death” (Rev. 21:8). When biblical warnings of eternal judgment become a more serious concern than climate change, America will be a safer place to live.

Sermons

Matt. 9:1-8

Who Can Forgive Sins? (a.m.)

A Power Prayer (p.m.)

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Romans 13:8-10

Prayer List: Chandra Akers (Marla), Tina & Randy Balentine (Jean), Katie Blankenbaker, (Jean), LIZ BLANTON, MARTIN BONNEY, Sally Bower, (Debbie T.), Dallas Bratcher (Debbie T.), Ruth Bumpus (Polly), JAYNE CRAVENS, JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, ALMA FAYE DORMAN, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), FRANK & MARY HARRIS, DOUG & JUDY HAWKINS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, RON IVERSON, Elise Jackson (Christine), Alice Jenkins (Ann), Charles & Marlyn Jenkins (Ann), Arletha Kenty (Nathan), Josephine King (Polly), MERLE & JOYCE KNUCKLES, FRANCES LAWTON, SUE LINNE & Rhea, Estin Martin (Jean), POLLY MCCLINTOCK, JERRY & SONJA MONTGOMERY, CAROL MOUSTY, Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Sam Sellers, Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), FERN TINCHER, ERNESTINE TURNER, NORMA WILLIAMS, Fulton Wilson (Ann)

Military Service: Matt Bartram, Joey Blanton, Stephen Blanton and Scott Viers

Hamburg Pike Happenings

Clint Sr and Deb's fellowship group will meet Sunday April 21st after the morning worship. The theme is Italian; see Clint Sr. or Debbie for details.

The next “Monday Night for the Master” meeting is April 22nd at 6 pm. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

On Monday evening, April 29, Joe Brothers will make a sixth visit with us in his series "Taking the Gospel to the World on Our Street." Joe entitles the upcoming event "Leaving the Dugout: Open Season on Satan." The evening will consist of a light finger foods meal and an evangelism activity to follow. Wear your walkin' shoes!

It is better to be with God in trouble than out of trouble without Him.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

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