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## Schedule of Services Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM Morning Worship 11:00 AM Evening Worship 6:00 PM

### Wednesday

Panama Missions Bible Class 7:00 PM

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#### The Deceitfulness of Sin

Sin is very deceitful, alluring, and ensnaring. Hebrews 3:13 says that we are to "Exhort one another daily...lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." With many people sin is first abhorred, then as people become more comfortable with it, sin is tolerated, and then it is embraced. But why is sin so openly embraced by so many? It is because they have not been properly taught the word of God. People, who become so involved in sin, do not want to listen or receive God's word. People, because of sin become "past feeling" (Ephesians 5:19), because they have "their conscience seared with a hot iron" (1 Timothy 4:2). As the morality level of this nation declines, the church is also affected and has become more comfortable with sin. As Paul says in 2 Timothy 3:13; "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse." Satan wants us to become complacent with sin so he can help us to be lost with him in the burning fires of a real Hell.

There seems to be no shame today by those who participate in sin. Jeremiah 6:15 says, "Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed, nor did they know how to blush." The modern world is rapidly casting aside all moral restraints. They want to "call evil good and good evil" (Isaiah 5:20). As or Lord says in Matthew 13:15, "For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed." Sin first has its beginning with lust. "Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin when it is finished brings forth death" (James 1:15). This is spiritual death, which is eternal separation from God.

There are no little sins or big sins. In God's eyes all sin is sin. There is no difference. Homosexuality and adultery (1 Corinthians 6:9-11), murder and lying (Revelation 21:8), or prejudice (James 2:9) are all sins that will cause us to be lost. But these and any other sins which are not forgiven will cause us to be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone along with Satan and "tormented day and night forever and ever" (Revelation 20:10, 15). Also we dare not try to justify anyone in their sin because, "He that justifies the wicked and he that condemns the just, even they both are an abomination to the Lord" (Proverbs 17:15).

But how do we protect ourselves from sin? We are to "Lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us" (Hebrews 12:1). We must "Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good" (Romans 12:9). We are not to be "conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2). How do we renew our mind to protect ourselves from sin? "Your word have I hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against you" (Psalms 119:11). And then we must "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22), because "To him that knows to do good and does not do it to him it is sin" (James 4:17). The terror of the Lord awaits those who because of sin are unprepared to meet Him in the Judgment. Let's not be deceived by sin.

Ron Boatwright http://www.netbiblestudy.net/bulletin/

# A Perfect Mother? David Wright

Mothers often battle guilt. Did I harm my baby by giving him cereal before the time recommended by pediatricians? Have I permanently impaired my toddler's immune system by letting her have too many junk food snacks? Have I warped my grade schooler's psyche by saying no so many times in a sharp voice? Have I wreaked havoc in his social life by refusing to host a gang of rambunctious boys for a sleepover?

Mom, take a deep breath and enjoy your special day on May 12. Perfection is not a prerequisite of good motherhood. As evident below, the best known mothers in the book of Genesis made big mistakes. But their children turned out just fine.

Rachel stole her father's household gods and then lied to him when he tried to recover them. But her son Joseph was a model of honesty and integrity. Potiphar trusted his young slave completely, and that trust Joseph never betrayed.

Rebekah contrived a way for Jacob, her favorite son, to deceive his blind father and steal his brother's blessing. But in time Jacob learned the meaning of submission to God. The Lord renamed him "Israel," a name almost synonymous with blessing and promise.

Sarah was capable of cruelty. She sent her slave girl Hagar into the desert, not really caring what happened to the young woman. But Sarah's son, Isaac, became a kind man and a spiritual father of believers from every nation (Matt. 8:11).

Eve ate the forbidden fruit in Eden. As a result, the entire human race was expelled from the Paradise garden. But her son Abel was a righteous man, the first person in world history to die for his obedience to God. "He died," says the author of Hebrews, "but through his faith he is still speaking" (Heb. 11:4).

### Sermon

Prov. 1:1-9 Her Children Call Her Blessed (a.m.)

He Gave Gifts to Men (p.m.)

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, Jerry Crick (Ann), Esther Davis (Marian), JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, ALMA FAYE DORMAN, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Elma Fielder (Marian), Stacy Forrest (Jean), 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, SUELINNE & 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), Lynn Sullivan (Ann), FERN TINCHER, ERNESTINE TURNER, NORMA WILLIAMS, Fulton Wilson (Ann)

Military Service: Matt Bartram, Joey Blanton, Stephen Blanton, Scott Viers, Jeremy Whitlow

# **Hamburg Pike Happenings**

The next "Monday Night for the Master" meeting is May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. We are going to pass out invitations for our upcoming Gospel meeting.

Make plans to attend our Gospel meeting May 17th thru 19th. The speaker is Brother Jesse Robertson pulpit minister for the Estes Church of Christ in Henderson, TN. The theme is "*Grace and Truth in the Gospel of John.*" Flyers are available in the foyer. We are planning a fellowship meal for the entire congregation after the morning service on the 19<sup>th</sup>. See Robby or Clint Sr for details.

**Outreach Opportunity:** I have a project in mind (borrowed from the Church of Christ in Mitchell, IN). I want to enlist all creative brothers and sisters in making simple little Teddy bears The bears would be good to hand out to newcomers (especially with kids), people of our church family who are shut-ins, or maybe hospital patients and nursing home residents. If you can help, please let me know.

- Marian Stephens

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Hebrew 11:11-16