



The Worker

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Deacons Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr,
 Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney

Pulpit Minister David Wright
Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Panama Missions

Evans Campbell Pablo Sanchez

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

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

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Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 Opening Prayer Greg Blanton
 Scripture Grover Blanton
 Sermon David Wright
 Lord's Supper Matt 27:57-28:10
 Message Robby Stocksdale
 Attendant Brandon Montgomery
 Attendant Jeremy Montgomery
 Closing Prayer David Wright

PM Service

Song Leader Clint Smith Jr
 Bible Reading Hank Tincher
 Selection 24
 Prayer David Blackwell
 Sermon David Wright
 Closing Prayer Clint Smith Sr
*If you are unable to serve,
 Call Art Patrick 502-819-9481
 Or Harold Tincher 288-5956*

AM & PM Services

Announcements Leon Stocksdale
 Lord's Supper Kevin Blalock
 Offering Harold Tincher
 Usher Fin Burton
 Count Offering Joe Sweeney
 Assist Count Marc Owens

Last Sunday

Contribution Attendance
 \$3,303 75

What Is and Is Not Gambling?

Strictly defined gambling is the act or practice of betting. It is "the act of playing a game and consciously risking money or other stakes on its outcome." Some say that all of life is a gamble and everything we do involves risk and is no different from casino gambling or wagering in any form. Gambling, however, involves the creation of unnecessary risks.

In life we make judgments consistent with the natural laws relating to the various parts of life. In gambling one risks everything on blind luck, the scratch of a card, a roll of the dice, a spin of the wheel, or a flip of a coin.

The farmer does not gamble when he invests his time, money and assets to plant his yearly crop. "Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains." James 5:7.

The factory owner does not gamble when he designs a new style of product for the market he sees. ¹⁴yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. ¹⁵Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin." James 4:14-17.

One who invests in stocks does not take inordinate chances with his resources when he invests in legitimate enterprises, please read the parable of the talents found in Matthew 25:14-30.

Gambling is trying to get something for nothing -- without rendering a service, exchanging goods or providing any other remuneration for the benefit received.

¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12: 11, 13, 17, 21.

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The Better Choice

David Wright

As Christians we tend to separate personal sin into two categories—"big sins" and "little sins." It is sometimes said that small wrongs are the things / do, while major trespasses are the things other people do. Perhaps it is more common for the church to think that big sins are the transgressions associated with social disgrace. For instance, a person sins big if he has committed adultery, embezzled money, trafficked in drugs, murdered a neighbor, or performed an abortion.

This view overlooks a very serious offense. Pride may parade itself with little fear of public censure, yet it is utterly abominable to God. Arrogance corrupts the heart with selfishness, poisons the mind toward others made in the divine image, incites rebellion against the Lord, and stands in the way of repentance and salvation. Solomon lists "six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers" (Prov. 6:16-19, NIV). This catalogue of abominations certainly includes socially shameful things (such as lying lips and bloody hands). But what item heads the list?

The Christian guilty of pride may deal with this sin in one of two ways. On the one hand, he may wait for *God* to humble him, to bring him crashing down. This was the course chosen by Israel in the desert. Moses said: "You shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments, or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger" (Deut. 8:2-3). On the other hand, a Christian may choose to humble *himself* by passionately seeking and imitating Jesus. For obvious reasons, this is the better choice.

Sermon

Ps. 119:9-16

How We Got the Bible (a.m.)

Strengthen Your Weak Knees (p.m.)

6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

James 4:6-10

Hamburg Pike Happenings

A note from our Elders: Jerry and Hayward invite and encourage the male members of the congregation to volunteer to present a Wednesday devotional during the spring quarter March thru May. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Lessons should be prepared and 3 – 5 minutes in duration.

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday March 17th at 6 pm. Please join us, the meal theme is oriental.

Fellowship Group Meeting Schedule:

Clint & Debbie's group – March 16th after the morning worship.

Robby & Kirsten's group – March 23rd after the morning worship.

Hank & Cassie's group – March 30th after the morning worship.

The Building Committee will meet Thursday March 20th at 6:30 p.m.

The 2014 Spring Mill Bible camp is scheduled for June and July. Clint Smith Jr and others from Hamburg Pike will be at the camp the week of June 22 – 27. Registration forms are available in the foyer. Please see Clint Smith Jr. for details.

A reminder for tax season: Your contributions to the church cannot be taken as a tax deduction without proper documentation. Please see Clint or Ashley Smith for contribution receipts if needed.

The Elizabethtown congregation is conducting a Bible Bowl on Saturday July 26th. The competition will cover Genesis chapters 26 thru 50. The age groups are: K - 2nd grade, 3rd - 5th Grades, 6th - 8th Grades and 9th - 12th grades. Our teams should sign up by April 1st in order to get the materials to begin practice. See Robby Stocksdale for other details and questions.

Please mark your calendar for two important upcoming events:

- Hamburg Pike is holding a Gospel meeting April 25-27. The guest speaker is to be Doug Burleson.
- Hamburg Pike is having its first vacation Bible school July 20-23. Josh Wright is planning to bring a group of young people from Rome, Georgia, to help with this good work.

The Elizabethtown congregation is hosting an evangelism seminar with Stephen Rogers on Saturday, April 12. The cost per person is \$10. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. Please RSVP by March 21; a flyer is posted on the bulletin board.