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A gospel preacher is not a "deacon," servant or caretaker of the church property or work. The church selects and the preacher appoints men as deacons to take care of this business. A preacher is not to leave the Word to serve tables, but give himself continually to prayer and serving the Word (Acts 6:1-4).

**Preachers And The Local Church** - Much of the error concerning preachers and their work comes from a wrong view of the relationship of the preacher and the local church. Many consider the preacher as an employee or servant of the church. As such the church is an employer that determines the scope and duties of the work of their employee. This view is expressed in the statement: "We pay the preacher and we tell him what to do."

The command to pay preachers for preaching (1 Cor. 9:14) does not make them church employees. Such support is compared to that of God's priests (1 Cor. 9:13-14). The priests were supported by the people's offerings to the Lord as the Lord's servants, not the peoples' hirelings (Num. 18:1-20; Deut. 18:1-8).

A preacher is not an employee of any church, but a servant of the Lord (1 Tim. 4:6). He is accountable to the Lord, entrusted to do the Lord's work and not "entangle himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier" (2 Tim. 2:3-4). As with His priests, the Lord provides for His servants from His people's offerings to Him.

The Scriptural relationship between a preacher and the Christians that support him is that of fellow workers in the Lord. The Lord commands the preacher to preach the gospel and those who hear him to support him in his work. Together they have "fellowship in the gospel" of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 9:6-14; Phil. 1:5-7; 4:15-19).

Wayne Greeson <http://www.padfieldconsulting.com/preaching/preacher.html>

**"The apostle Paul: he preached as though he would never preach again; a dying man to dying men."**



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## What Is A Preacher?

What is a "preacher"? What are the duties of a preacher? What exactly is a preacher supposed to do? Everyone has an opinion and will readily give it, but what does God say?

**Servant, Herald And Messenger** - There are three terms in the New Testament that describe God's worker known as a preacher. These words are not only descriptive of the worker, but the work God expects of him. These terms are: minister, preacher and evangelist.

**The Word "Minister"** - Diakonos, meaning one who serves, a servant. A preacher is a minister or servant of Jesus Christ (1 Tim. 4:6). His work is to serve the Lord's Word, the Gospel to all men (Acts 6:4; Rom. 15:16). A "good minister of Jesus Christ" must also "put the brethren in remembrance of these things..." (1 Tim. 4:6). A preacher is to "take heed to the ministry which (he) has received in the Lord, that (he) fulfill(s) it" (Col. 4:17).

**The Word "Preacher"** - Kerux which means a herald, a public proclaimer from the king who authoritatively declares the king's law to the people which must be obeyed. The Lord authorized (1 Tim. 2:7) and sent out His preachers or "heralds" into all the world (Rom. 10:14-18). Their sole work is to proclaim His message, the gospel (2 Tim. 2:1-7; 4:1-5).

The word "evangelist" is from the Greek word euangelistes and simply means a messenger of good. Christ gave evangelists (Eph. 4:11-12) to bear His good message, the "gospel" which means "good news." Paul warned preachers to "do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" (1 Tim. 4:5). Paul charged "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Tim. 4:2).

**Diverting The Lord's Heralds** - The work of a preacher is short and simple in its description, but large and vital in its scope. Men dissatisfied with God's simple work have devised many other roles and works for their "preachers." By this device, Satan delays, distracts and diverts the important work of the King's royal heralds into a thousand channels. As churches have expanded their work and mission beyond what the Lord gave, they have expanded the "job description" of a preacher. We are told preachers are to be pastors or "shepherds" and counselors busy visiting, overseeing and guiding "the flock." We are told preachers are to be deacons, caretakers and superintendents managing and supervising the church building and facilities.

A gospel preacher is not a "pastor," shepherd, elder or counselor. A pastor is a shepherd, the office of an elder, bishop or overseer. This is a different worker for the Lord with a different work. A pastor's work is to shepherd and oversee the flock, watching for their souls (Acts 20: 17, 28; Heb. 13:17). A preacher appoints men qualified to do the work of a shepherd, but he does not do their work, as he has sufficient of his own (Acts 14:23, 21-25; Tit. 1:5-9; 1 Tim. 3:1-7).

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### Leadership

**Elders** Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey

**Deacons** Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr,  
Robby Stocksdales, 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

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### Those Privileged to Serve

#### AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins  
Opening Prayer Grover Blanton  
Scripture Hank Tincher  
Sermon David Wright  
Lord's Supper  
Message Harold Tincher  
Attendant Marc Owens  
Attendant Jerry Montgomery  
Closing Prayer Robby Stocksdales

#### PM Service

Song Leader Clint Smith Jr  
Bible Reading Greg Blanton  
Selection 26  
Prayer Hayward Blanton  
Sermon Singing Emphasis  
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 Jerry Casey  
Lord's Supper Rick Martin  
Offering Leon Stocksdales  
Usher Brandon Montgomery  
Count Offering Harold Tincher  
Assist Count Robby Stocksdales

#### Last Sunday

Contribution \$2846  
Attendance 85

## The People of God

David Wright

The individual follower of Jesus is known as a “disciple,” “believer,” or “Christian.” Collectively, Christians are thought of as the “church,” “the body,” the “bride,” and so on. Each of these designations emphasizes a different aspect of our relationship with Christ.

*The Church of Christ.* The Greek word translated “church” (*ekklesia*) means “assembly.” While someone may argue that he feels closer to God in the woods or on the lake than in worship, he has overlooked an essential component of true spirituality. The people God claims are men and women who love and encourage each other, who make time every week to assemble together to praise the Lord (Heb. 10:24-25).

*The Body of Christ.* This biblical designation emphasizes the unity of God’s people. Every member has his own unique combination of strengths and gifts. Some lead in public ways. They shepherd the flock, teach, lead singing, direct prayers, read scriptures, serve the Lord’s Supper, or collect the offering. Others participate in God’s work through service and support. They work as personal evangelists, organize programs, prepare food for the bereaved and sick, provide transportation, give financial assistance, decorate Sunday school classrooms, and so on. Although everyone serves in his own way, each person is essential to the functioning of the whole. This harmony is just like the unity of the various members of the human body (1 Cor. 12:12-30).

*The Bride of Christ.* The apostle Paul was a tough man. He refused to deny his faith in Jesus, even if that refusal meant frequent beatings, deprivations, and imprisonment. Paul was a tough man, but he had a tender heart. It thrilled him to know that Jesus cherished his people, like a groom reveling in his love for his bride: “Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, [...] that the church might be presented before him in splendor” (Eph. 5:25-27).

### Sermon

John 13:1-11

His Farewell Address (a.m.)

Singing Emphasis (p.m.)

<sup>14</sup>Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? <sup>15</sup>What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup>What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

“I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them,  
and I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore go out from their midst,  
and be separate from them, says the Lord,  
and touch no unclean thing;  
then I will welcome you,

<sup>18</sup> and I will be a father to you,  
and you shall be sons and daughters to me,  
says the Lord Almighty.”

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm. The meal theme is Salads; sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. Please come join us.

Hank & Cassie’s fellowship group will meet March 30<sup>th</sup> after the morning worship; the meal will be pot-luck.

The Building Committee will meet Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

The 2014 Spring Mill Bible camp is scheduled for June and July. Registration forms are available in the foyer. Please see Clint Smith Jr. for details.

Hamburg Pike is holding a Gospel meeting April 25-27. The guest speaker is to be Doug Burleson.

The Elizabethtown congregation is conducting a Bible Bowl on Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup>. The competition will cover Genesis chapters 26 thru 50. Our teams should sign up by April 1<sup>st</sup>, please see Robby Stocksdales for other details and questions.

Congratulations to Brandon Montgomery who received a very good report during a recent inspection at his place of work.

Caleb Hambelton will be visiting Hamburg Pike the first weekend of April. He will teach the teen class on Sunday morning, present the Lord’s Supper message, and lead the Pew Packers class. Other details are to be announced.

This Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> will be David and Carolyn’s last Sunday with us before moving to Texas. The congregation has been blessed by your dedication to the Lord’s work; thanks and we will miss you!

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