

Hamburg Pike Happenings

Men and young men of the congregation are encouraged to volunteer for a Wednesday evening devotional during the fall quarter. The Elder's ask that the message be 3 – 5 minutes in duration. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

A "Kid's Movie Night" is scheduled for Friday September 19th at 6:30 PM at the building. Flyers are available; please see Clint Jr. for further details.

A Teen Devotional is scheduled for Saturday September 20th at 5:00 pm at the building. See Michael Hawkins for more information. **FREE FOOD!**

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday September 22nd at 6:00 PM. The meal will be Pizza, please sign the sheet if you plan to attend.

On Saturday, the 27th, 7:00 P.M., the Kansas church of Christ is hosting a teen devotional and bonfire with hotdogs and s'mores. Teens who would like to go please see Eric and Stephanie for more information.

The Titus 2 Ladies Day Part 1 is scheduled for Saturday October 4th beginning at 8:45 AM. Breakfast will be provided, please bring a dish for lunch. See Liz Blanton for details.

Sunday September 21st will be the last Sunday the Blalock's will be with us before their move to Bowling Green, KY. In their honor we will have a combined fellowship group pitch-in meal after the morning worship.

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: "Show No Partiality" Matthew 22:35-40
 Sunday Evening: "What Baptism Will NOT Do"

Leadership

Elders Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey
Deacons Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr,
 Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney
Pulpit Minister Eric Welch
Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

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

Panama Missions

Evans Campbell Pablo Sanchez

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Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 Opening Prayer Grover Blanton
 Scripture Matt Johnson
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper
 Message Irvin Williams
 Attendant Jerry Montgomery
 Attendant Art Patrick
 Closing Prayer Hayward Blanton

PM Service

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale
 Bible Reading Ernie Marshall
 Selection 50
 Prayer Jerry Casey
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Closing Prayer Nathaniel Welch
*If you are unable to serve, please
 call Art Patrick 502-819-9481
 or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511*

AM & PM Services

Announcements Clint Smith Jr
 Lord's Supper Leon Stocksdale
 Offering Harold Tincher
 Usher Fin Burton
 Count Offering Joe Sweeney
 Assist Count Marc Owens

Last Sunday

Contribution Attendance
 \$2,871 79



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The Family Needs Grandma!

"The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers: not given to much wine, teachers of good things: That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed: (Titus 2:3-5).

In this passage, Paul identified the role of Grandma as a key stabilizing factor for a successful home.

This is the last line of defense as mapped out by Paul... Grandma! Today this is compounded by the fact that now, in many cases, Grandma hasn't known marital success or a "settled life" either. I was born in 1955 and graduated in 1973. I was the product of a happy home, as were both my parents. The hoary head (gray head) is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness. Proverbs 16:31

Previous to my generation, divorce was unheard of. When I married, my Grandma started in lecturing me, "In our family, we marry for life!" She was right... She died with the man she had loved all her life. My mother, her daughter, died with the man... (my father) whom she had loved all her life. My father loved my mother till the day she died. With my generation, that presumption has collapsed. There are fewer and fewer of us left.

This situation of crumbling marriages and fragmented families has been in a state of decline though out my lifetime. Most within this generation have not seen a Bible example of how they are supposed to live. For example, most young men coming of age today... literally have not been raised by their fathers! They have been raised by someone else. How can a young man learn how to be a father when he has not seen one... or at least a genuine one?

As respect for scripture from every level of society has declined, one result has been that success in marriage has all but collapsed. The rise in the divorce rate, aka "rate of failure" in marriage steadily arose along with the rise in the teaching of evolution. In 1925 the teaching of evolution vs creation hit the courts and became a key part of required teaching. A child no longer was the offspring of God, but became recognized as an animal. School discipline began to disintegrate... The "animals" acted as such... slowly at first... loyalty, fidelity etc... "human" traits slowly began receding.

School prayer was outlawed... So young "animals" were no longer allowed to address their creator. Next, it became legal to destroy children in the name of civil rights. If our children are but "evolved cattle" then, it logically follows that parents should have the right to choose death for their children... as they choose death for their cattle or their pets. We put animals to sleep when it is "kinder" than letting them live. Said children were declared to legally be "non-persons" in much the same fashion as slaves had once been. Note the visible, measurable effect these decisions have had on the viability of marriage and stability!

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That which makes us human (different) has bit by bit been undermined and then repudiated. For this article, we could track the decline of marriage, the rise of violence, the collapsing economy; the rise of welfare... each of these things is interrelated. It is a package deal. Respect for God, respect for our country, respect for ourselves... Civilization has slowly begun to unravel. Why? ... These events did not occur in a vacuum "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Proverbs 1:7.

My generation began experimenting with the fundamental foundations of society itself and this experiment has failed!

I joined the rank of "Grandparent" some 10 years ago. I grew up through the rebellion of the sixties. I have watched the explosion of drugs, divorce, and finally of violence. My own sister was murdered over a divorce. During my lifetime, as a nation, we have "sown the wind, and have reaped the whirlwind!" (Hosea 8:7)

My point is this: My grandparents are all gone. I am now old enough that my friends are beginning to gradually die off. The newest ranks of grandparents are no longer the last bastion of stability and happiness! In earlier years, when a marriage fell apart, Grandma was there. But today, too often Grandma is divorced, single and struggling as well. Today, most (yes most) grandmas have very little to offer. They have lost the moral high ground to give the lecture that my grandma gave to me.

Soon... no one alive will remember what once "was"... As no one now alive remembers a time when families were an unshakeable bedrock of our society. A bedrock that was so stable that only one ended in divorce for every thirty four marriages. It was shameful to fail at marriage. It was shameful for a man to walk out on his family, or for a woman to throw out her husband and expect the government to "raise" her kids.

What is "normal?" Chaos has taken the place of stability... and soon living memory will fade. We will not remember what "could be"... Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Galatians 6:7

A local newspaper article appeared a few years ago that said our area (Wichita, KS) has one of the highest divorce rates in the nation, 7 divorces for 10 marriages. I guess that is fair, we are also a national center for late term abortions. We have gone from 1 divorce in 34 marriages... to a point where basically half of all marriages fail everywhere. But in our area it is nearing 3 out of 4!

God through Hosea warned us of this situation. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." Hosea 4:6

Time is running out for us as a people! Never in recent memory has the frailty of human reasoning been more obvious. Never has the need for Jesus Christ (and His leadership!) been more clearly demonstrated. "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

My grandmas have both been dead for many years... If our society is to survive, the older women of this day must gather their grandchildren and demand that they undo what our generation has done!

Our young people must know that there is something better! We must once again fearlessly declare the ways of God are better than the ways of man. We must once again admit that we are not smarter than God and must rely on God's wisdom.

We are about to hand off a world that is not as good as the one our parents and grandparents handed off to us... For the sake of our children and grandchildren we must tell them why! So they will know to "want" what they do not see!

Jerry Blount the Pillar church of Christ Wichita, KS

Four Blood Moons

Eric Welch

On Sunday evening, September 14, I spoke about the future according to Jesus. In that discussion, I mentioned a few uninspired books written by men. One of those books, Four Blood Moons: Something is About to Change, was written by John Hagee, a prominent televangelist who often rubs elbows with politicians. Hagee contends that, starting on April 15, 2014 "four blood moons" (called tetrads) will shine down on America and will continue every six months until October 2015. Hagee claims that each blood moon will be a sign of a coming global event. These blood moons are lunar eclipses that occur rarely, but Hagee believes that they are signs that the end of the world is near.

How does Hagee draw such conclusions? He uses Act 2:19-20: And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; 20 the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

Hagee explains that each eclipse that comes will have religious significance. Each will occur on the Jewish feast days of Passover (April 15, 2014 and April 4, 2015) and the Feast of Tabernacles (October 8, 2014 and Sept 28, 2015). Hagee also connects past tetrads to major events involving the Jewish people. For example, one tetrad occurred in 1493 when Jews were driven from Spain. Another came in 1949 when Israel was founded as a nation. The last tetrad was in 1967 during the Six-Day War between Israel and Arab nations.

Hagee interprets these cosmic events as God's warning sign that big things are about to happen. I plan to answer these claims in future articles. As we look at these claims over the next two weeks, let's keep constantly in mind these verses: Mat 24:36 But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only (Jesus).

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