

Hamburg Pike Happenings

On Saturday October 18th a group will be going to Cornucopia Farm in Scottsburg, IN to pick pumpkins and other fun activities. If you are interested in going please see Ashley Smith or Stephanie Welch.

The monthly dinner for the newly formed “Yahoo” Group (*Young At Heart Older Others*) will be Thursday September 25th at the Cracker Barrel in Sellersburg, IN. All are invited to attend; reservations will be made so please sign the sheet if you plan to attend.

A note from the Yahoo Group: If you would be interested in forming a singing group to visit the sick, those in nursing homes and assisted living, with song and prayer, please sign the sheet in the foyer.

A note from the Building Committee: Thanks to Robby Stocksdale, Greg & Hayward Blanton, Hank & Harold Tincher, Eric, Nathaniel, Ethan and Hannah Welch and Clint Smith Sr. for their participation and hard work on Saturday. Some much needed work was accomplished both inside and outside the building.

Thanks to everyone who prepared food and helped with the serving and cleanup for the fellowship meal on Sunday.

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: “Faith Without Works is Dead” James 2:14-26

Sunday Evening: “Singing Emphasis”

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 Hayward Blanton
Scripture John Keaton
Sermon Eric Welch
Lord’s Supper Luke 24:1-35
Message Clint Smith Jr
Attendant Jeremy Montgomery
Attendant Leon Stocksdale
Closing Prayer Jerry Casey

PM Service

Song Leader Stephen Cravens
Bible Reading Greg Blanton
Selection 51
Prayer Matt Johnson
Sermon Singing Emphasis
Closing Prayer Irvin Williams
If you are unable to serve, please call Art Patrick 502-819-9481 or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511

AM & PM Services

Announcements Robby Stocksdale
Lord’s Supper Joe Sweeney
Offering Grover Blanton
Usher Brandon Montgomery
Count Offering Harold Tincher
Assist Count Marc Owens

Last Sunday

Contribution \$2,722
Attendance 100



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Reading the Bible

The story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains of eastern Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning, Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out Bible. His grandson, who wanted to be just like him, tried to imitate him in any way he could.

One day the grandson asked, “Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don’t understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?”

The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, “Take this coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water.”

The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, “You will have to move a little faster next time,” and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again.

This time the boy ran faster, but again the basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was “impossible to carry water in a basket,” and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, “I don’t want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You can do this. You’re just not trying hard enough,” and he went out the door to watch the boy try again.

At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath, he said, “See Papa, it’s useless!”

“So you think it is useless?” The old man said, “Look at the basket.” The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old coal basket, it was clean. “Son, that’s what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out.

That is the work of God in our lives; to change us from the inside out and to slowly transform us into the image of His son. Take time to read a portion of God’s word each day.

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Blood Moons II

Eric Welch

John Hagee has gone on television claiming that the four blood moons (red lunar eclipses) occur over the next two years are signs of major global events. These signs, he says, are warnings for the end of time. He points out that these eclipses will occur on the major Jewish Holidays of Passover (April 15, 2014 and April 4 2015) and Feast of Tabernacles (October 8, 2014 and September 28, 2015).

What Hagee fails to realize is that these holidays hold no more religious significance than, say, Independence Day in America. Why? Because the Law of Moses that established them is no longer the covenant between God and His people. Jesus fulfilled that covenant. Mat 5:17 *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.*

Eph. 2:15 *by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace.* Paul says that those who wish to be justified by the Law of Moses have fallen from grace. Gal 5:4 *You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.* We are justified by faith in Jesus in the new covenant; His new covenant people are Christians (Romans 2:29).

I understand that Jewish Christians continued to observe cultural customs after the cross and to follow its legal code, but they did not hold the law as a means of salvation. Those who wanted to impose the Law in this way were vehemently opposed (Acts 15; Galatians 2:3; Colossians 2:16-17). In his writings about the blood moons, Hagee is showing nothing more than ignorance of the old covenant fulfilled by Jesus and the new covenant given by Him.

Treasure in Clay

This simple short story helps us to remember we are God's treasure in clay. Too often we act as though people are nothing more than clay balls.

2 Corinthians 4:7 "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us."

A man was exploring caves by the Seashore. In one of the caves he found a canvas bag with a bunch of hardened clay balls. It was like someone had rolled the clay balls and left them out in the sun to bake. They didn't look like much, but they intrigued the man, so he took the bag out of the cave with him.

As he strolled along the beach, he would throw the balls one at a time out into the ocean as far as he could. He thought little about it, until he dropped and it cracked open on a rock. Inside was a beautiful, precious stone - treasure in clay!

Excited, the man started breaking open the remaining 20 clay balls. Each contained a similar treasure. He found thousands of dollars' worth of jewels in the balls he had left.

Then it struck him. He had been on the beach a long time. He had thrown maybe 50 or 60 of the balls with their hidden treasure in the clay into the ocean waves. Instead of thousands of dollars in treasure, he could have taken home tens of thousands, but he had just thrown it away!

– Thanks to Marian Stephens for submitting this article

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A Singing Emphasis service is scheduled for Sunday evening September 28th. Men and young men who would like to lead a song or read a scripture please sign the sheet in the foyer.

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.

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday September 29th at 6:00 PM. The meal theme is "Pot Luck" so bring your favorite dish; 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.

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