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Deacons Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr,
 Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney
Pulpit Minister Eric Welch
Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Panama Mission

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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Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: "Maladies of Skin and Sin" Luke 5:12-16

Sunday Evening: "And It was Night" John 13:30

Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 Opening Prayer Rick Martin
 Scripture Ethan Welch
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper
 Message Eric Welch
 Attendant Nathaniel Welch
 Attendant Grover Blanton
 Closing Prayer Irvin Williams

PM Service

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale
 Bible Reading Greg Blanton
 Selection 9
 Prayer Jerry Casey
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Closing Prayer Matt Johnson
*If you are unable to serve, please
 call Art Patrick 502-819-9481
 or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511*

AM & PM Services

Announcements Harold Tincher
 Lord's Supper Joe Sweeney
 Offering Clint Smith Jr
 Usher Jeremy Montgomery
 Count Offering Joe Sweeney
 Assist Count Hank Tincher

Last Sunday

Contribution Attendance
 \$3,069 57

The Dart

A young lady named Sally relates an experience she had in a seminary class given by her teacher, Dr. Smith. She says that Dr. Smith was known for his elaborate object lessons.

One particular day, as Sally walked into the seminary class, she knew they were in for a fun day. On the wall was a big target and on a nearby table were many darts. Smith told the students to draw a picture of someone that they disliked or someone who had made them angry. He would then allow them to throw darts at the person's picture.

Sally's friend drew a picture of the person who had stolen her boyfriend. Another friend drew a picture of his little brother. Sally drew a picture of a former friend, putting great detail into her drawing, even drawing pimples on the face. Sally was pleased with the overall effect she had achieved.

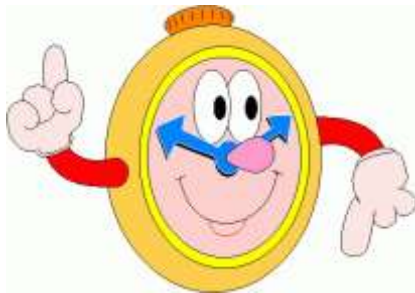
The class lined up and began throwing darts. Some of the students threw their darts with such force that their targets were ripping apart. Sally very much looked forward to her turn, and was filled with disappointment when Dr. Smith, because of time limits, asked the students to return to their seats.

As Sally sat thinking about how angry she was because she did not have a chance to throw any darts at her target, Dr. Smith began removing the target from the wall.

Underneath the target was a picture of Jesus. A hush fell over the room as each student viewed the mangled picture of Jesus; holes and jagged marks covered His face and His eyes were pierced.

Dr. Smith dismissed the class with these words: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40).

No other words were necessary. Tears filled the eyes of the students focused only on the picture of Christ.



**Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 2 a.m.:
Turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed
Saturday night!**

There was a woman who was constantly going to the minister complaining that no one was visiting her or serving her in the church when she was in pain or need. This wasn't the truth as the minister knew of several who had called, sent mail, or visited the woman, but the minister kept silent until one day he just couldn't help himself. He told the woman to go home, bake a particular type of cake, and take that cake to another woman in the church who was shut in. The woman left in a huff, mad at the world. Then she thought about it, baked the cake and took it to the other woman, who had a more grateful disposition.

The other woman was truly a shut in, unable to walk or do anything for herself, confined only to bed. Slowly the grateful shut-in, leading by example, influenced the other woman to see just how grateful she should actually be and that her pains or needs were minimal in comparison, and the woman worked on changing her attitude.

Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Let's look at John 13:1-17, for the ways in which Jesus loved and served others:

John 13:1 "Just before the Passover feast, Jesus knew that his time had come to depart from this world to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now loved them to the very end."

Jesus loved and served these men:

1. Unconditionally - He loved them to the end...
2. Sacrificially - He knew that he was leaving, but was still thinking of his followers.
3. Demonstrably - He put the towel around himself and washed their feet, ALL of their feet, knowing that Judas would betray him, that Peter would deny him, knowing everything.
4. No one was unworthy of His service. He included everyone, and loved them.
5. He loved them without the expectation of getting anything in return. Even knowing what was coming, he was still concerned about their welfare.

What is the acid test of a true servant? It's when you do something for someone else who is utterly incapable of EVER returning the favor.

Just some thoughts; we've all come across people who are bitter and concerned only with what they can "get." It's when you see those people who have very little to give, yet keep on giving, that it really makes you see how God is working in them. *Author Unknown*

Does Your Name Match?

Eric Welch

In 2008, in the Romanian county where our family lived, a woman brought home what she thought was her newborn girl.¹ When she changed the baby's diaper for the first time at home, she found that the hospital had given her a boy. The hospital explained that it was a mix up of the families' last names—Zahariuc and Zaharia. The woman was not suspicious because the baby was wearing the clothes that the parents provided. Romanian hospitals do not use foot and wrist bracelets that American hospitals use to match the names of newborns to their parents before discharging them. Nor do they allow the babies to stay in the room with their mothers, which explains why she did not dress her baby nor change the diaper until she got home. Thankfully, the parents were able to get their daughter home safely.

How does the world identify the true child of God? Does the name he or she wears match the name of Jesus. There are some identity bracelets that disciples do where that allow them to be identified. The first is the disciples' love for one another. *By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.* (John 13:34-35). This love shows concern for one another. Thus the admonition in 1 John: *Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth* (3:18). I've seen many examples of love for one another here at Hamburg Pike. Let me commend you to God for it.

Another identity bracelet of a true disciple is fruit. My father-in-law is able to identify many trees by their leaves. I can do that only with a few, but I can certainly identify fruit trees by the fruit they produce. Jesus said, *You will recognize them (false prophets) by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?* (Matthew 7:15-16). John 15:8 *By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.* In the context, it is again, the fruit of love that they must have for one another.

Another identity bracelet that matches the name we claim with the name of the Lord is John 8:31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." So many today are closing their ears to the voice of Jesus to listen to the voice of culture and are compromising with it. If we stay strong and true to the teachings of Jesus and continue in it, one will be free from the slavery of sin. One can be shackled by the hands of persecution. For example, Christians might eventually be fined or find themselves in a jail cell for speaking against homosexuality, but the heart cannot be shackled when it is free of sin. By standing up for Jesus, abiding in His word and never backing down, the world (the sinsphere) will indeed know that we are truly His disciples.

Does the name you or the church wear match the name of Jesus?

¹<<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,448476,00.html>>

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The next Monday Night for the Master group meeting is Monday March 9th at 6:00 pm. Soup is on the menu for our meal.

Would you like to help with VBS? There is a "Giving Tree" in the foyer with items that are needed for our upcoming Vacation Bible School. If you would like to give a donation towards the purchase of these items please see Ashley Smith or Stephanie Welch. Thank You!

Please mark your calendar for Sunday March 29th. This is the first of four 5th Sundays during 2015. The Elders plan to designate each of the 5th Sundays for special contributions. The Elders prayerfully urge your participation in planning to give at least a double gift on these Sundays.

Wednesday evening devotionals for the Spring Quarter; men and young men of the congregation are encouraged to volunteer for a Wednesday evening devotional message. If you would like to participate, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board. The lessons should be prepared for a length of 3 to 5 minutes. Thank You.