



HAMBURG PIKE

Church of Christ

The Worker

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WHAT DID I DO TO DESERVE THIS???

Many make this statement in anger and confusion, trying to make sense of some wrong that they feel has been burdened upon them. When I make this statement, I make it in wonder and amazement.

What did I do to deserve the grace and love that God shows to me with each breath I take? Why does he listen when I pray and ask for his help? He knows me. He knows that I will trip and make the same mistake over again. He knows that although I don't mean to, I will again fall and need His hand to guide me.

So why...What did I do to deserve this?

Because I believe! I believe that this world was not just created by a big bang, but by a loving hand. I believe that the sun didn't just rise this morning but that He willed it to be another day. I believe that He has interceded in my behalf more times than I can remember. I believe He gives us obstacles so that we may learn from them, and perhaps He is testing our faith in Him. He wants us to call on Him.

I believe that He loved us so much that he sent His Son to die for a world of people who are amazed and don't know what they did to deserve Him.

Betsy Merrill, Bulletin Editor, Sixth Street Church of Christ, Pompano Beach, Florida via BulletinGold

Leadership		Schedule of Services
Elders	Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey	Sunday
Deacons	Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr, Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney	Bible Class 10:00 AM
Pulpit Minister	Eric Welch	Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Associate Minister	Irvin F. Williams	Evening Worship 6:00 PM
Panama Mission		Wednesday
Pablo Sanchez		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: "Victory Over The World" 1 John 5:4-5

Sunday Evening: "A Forgiving Spirit" Matthew 18:21-22

Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service		PM Service		AM & PM Services	
Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Matt Johnson	Announcements	Jerry Casey
Opening Prayer	Hayward Blanton	Bible Reading	John Keaton	Lord's Supper	Clint Smith Jr
Scripture	Harold Tincher	Selection	57	Offering	Clint Smith Sr
Sermon	Irvin Williams	Prayer	Robby Stocksdale	Usher	Harold Tincher
Lord's Supper		Sermon	Irvin Williams	Count Offering	Hank Tincher
Message	Steven Cravens	Closing Prayer	Greg Blanton	Assist Count	Marc Owens
Attendant	Art Patrick	<i>If you are unable to serve, please</i>		Last Sunday	
Attendant	Leon Stocksdale	<i>call Art Patrick 502-819-9481</i>		Offering	Attendance
Closing Prayer	Joe Sweeney	<i>or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511</i>		\$3,980	81

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I AM THANKFUL

I Am Thankful. . . For the husband who complains when his dinner is not on time, because he is home with me, not with someone else.

For the teenager who is complaining about doing the dishes, because that means she is at home and not on the streets.

For the taxes that I pay, because it means that I am employed.

For the mess to clean up after a party, because it means that I have been surrounded by friends.

For the clothes that fit a little too snug, because means I have enough to eat.

For my shadow that watches me work, because it means I am out in the sunshine.

For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing, because it means I have a home.

For all the complaining that I hear about the government, because it means that we have freedom of speech.

For the parking spot I found at the far end of the parking lot, because it means I am capable of walking, and that I have been blessed with transportation.

For my huge heating bill, because it means I am warm.

For that lady behind me in church who sings off key, because it means I can hear.

For the pile of dirty clothes and ironing, because it means I have clothes to wear.

For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day, because it means I have been capable of working hard.

For the alarm that goes off early in the morning, because it means that I am alive.

And finally...for too much email, because it means I have friends who are thinking of me.

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via BulletinGold

Running to God

Eric Welch

In December 2013 Harrison Odjegba Okene was a cook aboard a Nigerian tugboat that was one of three towing an oil tanker. The boat overturned and sank with him to a depth of 100 feet. All ten of his shipmates and captain were killed.

Mr. Okene was able to survive inside an air pocket with a bottle of Coke and the Bible. He said, "I started reminiscing on the verses I read before I slept. I read the Bible from Psalm 54 to 92. My wife had sent me the verses to read that night when she called me before I went to bed." Okene survived three days of cold temperatures in the belly of the boat when he was rescued by divers.

This real life story reminds me of another real life story of a man, who, in defiance of God, fled from God's presence in a boat headed for Tarshish. God's wrath followed him in the form of a fierce storm. The men aboard the boat pleaded with him. Jonah instructed that they throw him overboard. As soon as he hit the water, there was a great calm. Yet, for Jonah, the storm raged on in the belly of a fish that God had prepared to swallow him. In the fish, Jonah prayed to God. Eventually, the fish was his own rescuer, having regurgitated him onto dry land. Jonah got up and went on to Nineveh to do what the Lord commanded.

Jesus used Jonah's experience not only as a foreshadowing of his own burial and resurrection—the sign that He is the Christ (Matthew 12), but as the basis for Judgment Day: The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah (Matthew 12:41).

In anticipation of that great day, may we run to God, in whom we find life and blessing, and not from Him. Besides, running from God is ultimately the same as running to God because we can never outrun his presence. However, when we meet Him then on the far side of our rebellion, we will encounter His holy and just wrath.

We can never outrun the presence of God. As the psalmist asks, "⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me" (Psalm 139:7-10).

TOP FIVE EVERYDAY EVANGELISM TIPS

1. Look at other people as those for whom Jesus died.
2. Pray for 3 specific people every day, by name, ask God to use you to draw them to Christ.
3. Tell people how being a Christian gives your life meaning and purpose.
4. Build friendships with non-Christians. Watch for opportunities to help them.
5. God is the great evangelist. You only sow the seeds, but He makes them grow. Do what you can to tell others. God will bring the harvest; for He has promised that His Word will not return to Him void (Isaiah 55:11).

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will NOT meet Monday February 8th.

If you require a receipt for your 2015 contributions please provide an estimated amount to Clint Jr or Ashley by February 21st.

Remember This...

Children have more need of models than of critics.

When weighing the faults of others, be careful not to put your thumb on the scale!

Correcting faults is like tying a necktie. We can do it more easily on ourselves than on others.

The Bible will keep you from sin, and sin will keep you from the Bible.