

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

Leadership

Elders Hayward Blanton
 Jerry Casey
 Clint Smith Sr

Deacons Clint Smith Jr
 Robby Stocksdale
 Joe Sweeney

Pulpit Minister Eric Welch

Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Mission Work

Panama Mission

Pablo Sanchez

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies and Bible Correspondence Courses, if interested contact us at (812) 284-3125 or email: church@hamburgpikecofc.org

Visit Our Website: www.hamburgpikecofc.org

Those Privileged to Serve

A.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 Opening Prayer Clint Smith Sr
 Scripture Reading John Keaton
 Sermon Irvin Williams
 Lord's Supper Message Joe Sweeney
 Table Attendant Rudy Ayala
 Table Attendant Brandon Slotman
 Closing Prayer Hayward Blanton

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Rick Martin
 Bible Reading Greg Blanton
 Selection 6
 Opening Prayer Doug McArthur
 Sermon Irvin Williams
 Closing Prayer Leon Stocksdale

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Clint Smith Jr
 Lord's Supper Prayer Ryan Irwin
 Offering Prayer Hank Tincher
 Usher Art Patrick
 Count Offering Robby Stocksdale
 Assist Count Art Patrick

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: A Friend for All Eternity Eccl. 4:9-12
 Sunday Evening: Blessings of Christianity 1 John 2:29 -3:3

Last Sunday

Offering:\$5,454 Attendance: 87

A Little Perspective

- Pythagorean Theorem: 24 words
- The Lord's Prayer: 66 words
- Archimedes' Principle: 67 words
- The Ten Commandments: 179 words
- The Gettysburg Address: 286 Words
- Declaration of Independence: 1,300 words
- U.S. Government regulations on the sale of cabbage: 26,911 words

Enough said!

- via The Lantern, Highway church of Christ, Sullivan, IL

Four Things You Can Do With Your Hands

1. Wring them in despair.
2. Fold them as if there were nothing to do.
3. Clench them in anger.
4. Find a place where they fit in the work of the Lord and KEEP THEM BUSY

- via The Encourager, Calvert City church of Christ, Calvert City, KY.

The Worker

Hamburg Pike church of Christ

3108 Hamburg Pike
 Jeffersonville, IN 47130

Ph. (812) 284-3125

www.hamburgpikecofc.org

February 5, 2017 - Volume 6 Issue 06



Pilate's Problem Can Be Your Problem Too Washing Your Hands May Not Get Them Clean

Contempt! That is perhaps the best word to describe the attitude of the majority toward Jesus Christ, His life and His ministry and His church. He was held in contempt by His own nation – “He came to his own but they would not receive him”(John 1:11). The Roman governor and his occupation force turned away from Jesus so the Jews could have him crucified. His disciples failed him – one betrayed him to those who wanted him dead, and nearly all abandoned him at his trials. We are going to look more closely at Pontius Pilate's problem with Jesus, and also with the Jews' problem with him. We understand it, but we can never approve or justify what they did to Jesus.

It is easy for us to hold Pilate in contempt, a weak man who washed his hands of responsibility and gave in to the improper demands of the people he ruled. It is easy for us to hold the Jewish leaders in contempt too, for not understanding the words of God and accepting the Messiah, the Christ, He sent to them. It is easy for us to hold in contempt those disciples who were with Jesus daily for some years, for failing to help Him, for seeking to save themselves from the trouble He was enduring.

It will not do, in any of this, to say “It was God's will that Jesus die, and all these people were just carrying out what God had said must happen.” You will notice, if you read the scripture account of these things, that all those who rejected, denied, abuse, abandoned, and killed Jesus were held accountable for it. They had either to find forgiveness for it or be punished and rejected by God for their part in it.

What might God's attitude be today toward people in the organized religions, including a multi-fractured “Christendom,” that routinely denies the will of Christ, disgraces Him by insipid self-serving worship, disobeys and repudiates His commandments, accepts what He rejects, and insists that He be seen as head of “one of the great world religions,” and not as “the one and only way to the one and only true God, the author and finisher of the one and only true religion” – people who insist on crucifying Him again by refusing to accept Him for what He really is? What must God think of government that will not defend the Christ but gives people freedom to continue abusing and neglecting Him, so long as they do not insult or offend anybody else by doing so? I think the word might very well be contempt.

You and I, just like Pontius Pilate and the Jewish people of Jesus' day, must make a choice. Will we hold the Lord in contempt and be held in contempt by Him? What are you doing with Jesus who is Christ?

- Gerald Cowan preaches for the Dongola church of Christ in Dongola, IL.

Are You a First Responder?

Eric Welch

Unsung heroes come in different forms. They are Christian parents struggling to raise their children in this godless culture. They are soldiers landing atop a grenade for his fellow soldiers. They are first responders using their honed skills to rescue someone in trauma, These people fulfill their duty without regard to their own well-being. Their only reward is the safety of others.

Another kind of hero is the Christian who rescues another from the eternal flames of hell (Jude 23). That someone might be the unbeliever who has never heard the good news of Jesus Christ or the Christian who allowed the voices of doubt, pain or pleasures of the world to drown out that good news.

This type of first responder is “spiritual.” They live by the Holy Spirit’s leading, bearing the fruit of the spirit (5:22-23). The rescuer who has produced patience and gentleness will “in a spirit of gentleness” restore that lost person (Jude 1:22). Sometimes a rescue can be painful for the patient, but the person must be brought out of a dangerous situation. Likewise, sacrificing a sinful habit (cf. Matthew 5:29-30; 16:24) might be briefly painful, but it is necessary to be rescued from the flames of hell (Jude 1:23). Therefore, true love for the sinner not mean disregarding or condoning a sin or waiting a year to find out what is happening. This tolerance is not love and it does the person no favors on the Day of Judgment.

These first responders are also “focused.” Just as first responders go directly to the person in danger, a first responder who is “spiritual,” focuses only on the offender. Jesus says to go to him and him alone (Matthew 18:15). Jerrie Barber has pointed out that going first to someone else about another person's sin is like opening and reading that person's mail. Would you do that? Going to others is the second step outlined by Jesus if the person has repented. If the person repents at the first approach, the matter must be dropped for good (cf. 1 Corinthians 13:5). Making the second step first leads to nothing but gossip and a ruined reputation.

These first responders are “mindful.” Before first responders attempt any rescue, they must secure their own safety first. The same is true for the “spiritual.” Paul says, “Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted” (v. 1). Paul is passing along Jesus’ teaching here in Matthew 7:3-5), paraphrasing, “check the beam in your own eye before attempting to pull the speck from your brother’s eye (Matthew 7:3-5; Jude 1:21).

As we attempt to bring at least one person to Christ in 2017, let us have the attitude of the first responder Paul in Romans 9:1-3, “I am speaking the truth in Christ--I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit-- 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.”

Let us be “spiritual,” “focused,” and “mindful” while rescuing someone from the devil’s embrace.

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday February 6th at 6:30 p.m. The meal theme will be Pizza.

Financial Peace University begins Thursday February 2nd at 7:00 p.m. The class will meet in the auditorium for 9 consecutive Thursday evenings. There is a signup sheet on the table along with instructions for obtaining you Financial Peace kit. Please see Brandon Slotman with additional questions.

The Elders request your help in updating the Hamburg Pike contact list. Please check the master copy on the center table in the foyer for your name(s), address and phone number(s). Please update/correct as needed.

The Lads to Leaders meeting is scheduled for February 12th at 4:00 p.m. If you are participating in this program please plan to attend.

Congratulations to Clint Smith Sr. on his appointment as our Elder at Hamburg Pike. We thank you for your dedicated service to the church and your desire and ability to lead this congregation. Please remember Clint and Debbie in prayer and encourage them with your support as they begin this important work.

Gold Mines

- The best way to get even is to forget.
- To forgive is to set the prisoner free, and then discover the prisoner was you.
- You are richer today if you have laughed, given, or forgiven.
- A successful marriage isn't just finding the right person. It's being the right person.
- Words are windows to the heart.

via Bulletin Gold