

### 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

### Those Privileged to Serve

#### **A.M. Worship Service**

Song Leader Michael Hawkins  
Opening Prayer Ryan Irwin  
Scripture Reading Harold Tincher  
Sermon Eric Welch  
Lord's Supper Message Brandon Slotman  
Matt 27:11-50  
Table Attendant Brandon Montgomery  
Table Attendant Hank Tincher  
Closing Prayer Hayward Blanton

#### **P.M. Worship Service**

Song Leader Rick Martin  
Bible Reading Rudy Ayala  
Selection 12  
Opening Prayer Greg Blanton  
Sermon Eric Welch  
Closing Prayer Clint Smith Jr

#### **A.M. & P.M. Services**

Announcements Robby Stocksdale  
Lord's Supper Prayer Joe Sweeney  
Offering Prayer Jerry Casey  
Usher Jerry Montgomery  
Count Offering Hank Tincher  
Assist Count Harold Tincher

### Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: Giving Back to God – 1 Chron. 29:10-14  
Sunday Evening: The Maltese Viper - Acts 28:1-6

### Last Sunday

Offering: \$3,003 Attendance: 101

# The Worker

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### **You Snooze... You Lose**

Every culture has its idiomatic expressions and one of our modern idioms suggests, "If you snooze... you lose!" Snoozing has to do with not paying attention or being neglectful in some enterprise. Neglect will cost you something, therefore "you lose."

It may be surprising to some that this idiom has its spiritual applications and is suggested by a couple of statements from the pen of the apostle Paul.

*"And this do, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed."*

Romans 13:11

Paul is saying that if we are neglectful about the way we conduct ourselves, we could lose out on salvation. He is exhorting his brothers to wake up to the hour in which they live. It is the last hour and they are near salvation. But... if you snooze, you lose.

*"For this reason many among you are weak and sick and a number sleep."*

1 Corinthians 11:30

Here, Paul is trying to get the attention of Christians who were spiritually asleep, neglecting to do things the way God had commanded. They were not observing the Lord's Supper as it was intended, so they were bringing judgment upon themselves (v. 29).

Thus, if you just go through the motions of God's worship, spiritually asleep, then... you snooze, but lose.

It's easy to fall asleep and neglect the things that God expects of us. Perhaps, knowing the consequence of our neglect will awaken us to the work at hand.

As Paul said, "...it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep."

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<http://www.churchofchristdurango.org/articles/YouSnooze.pdf>

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### **The Effect of the Gospel**

The gospel of our Lord is "the power of God unto salvation" (Romans 1:16). It has been often observed that the word translated "power" comes from a Greek word which is similar to the sound of our word "dynamite."

No one can remain the same after exposed to God's dynamite - the gospel. If he believes it and applies it to his life in humble obedience, it will save him from sin and further advance him along the road to spiritual life. On the other hand, if he rejects it, it will have a disastrous effect in his present life and in Eternity. It has been our unpleasant experience to see men who are horribly scarred and deformed by various kinds of explosions. But the effects upon the life of an individual who mishandles or rejects the gospel explosive are far more terrifying. These miserable souls are seen hobbling through life with shattered convictions, a heart insensible to love, a seared-over conscience, silent and unaccusing, and a will so accustomed to choosing evil that it seems incapable of any other choice.

So, you see, the gospel has a two-fold effect. The light that emanates from it can melt our hearts like wax. But at the same time, that light can harden a rebellious heart as the hardest clay. WE have heard the gospel. It has changed our lives - one way or the other! We need to ask ourselves: What effect has the gospel had on me?

Bob West, Milpitas Messenger, May 1997 <http://www.biblepage.org/message/mm0597.html#virtues>

## **By the King's Side**

Eric Welch

King David was still reaping the fruits of sin against Bathsheba. His own son Absalom fled in exile after avenging the assault against his sister Tamar by Amnon. After a few years, Absalom returned to Jerusalem only to find that his half-brother Solomon set to inherit the throne. Absalom, thus, plotted to take the throne. He began to intercept the civil cases before they could reach the king. After four years of this interference, he was able to win over the hearts of the people by his charm. Absalom then revolted (2 Samuel 15:1-12).

When David heard about it, his only recourse was to escape for the good of his people. The king's servants pledged their loyalty to him. One servant stood out—Ittai. Ittai was a Philistine, and not just any Philistine, he was from Gath. Who else was from Gath? That's right, Goliath. David asked Ittai why he was there; he urged him to stay behind. He could not return home to Gath and he would be safer with Absalom. Being with David was just too dangerous (vv. 13-20).

However, Ittai would have none of it. He replies, "wherever my lord the king shall be, whether for death or for life, there also will your servant be" (v. 21). He knew David to be the Lord's anointed. He chose to be on God's side.

As Christians, we must make the same kind of choices every day (Luke 14:26-27). Absalom represents the cool side, the popular side filled with earthly power, possessions, pleasure—and death (Matthew 16:26). The other side is that of a king also rejected by the world, Jesus. To embrace the King of Kings is not cool or popular, but it is the way to eternal life. The King gives this promise to his servants: wherever the servant shall be, whether for death or for life, there also will your King be (Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5). The choice is a matter of death and life. Will you choose life?

### **Thoughts to Remember**

"Hide not your talents, for use they were made; what's a sun dial in the shade?"

Ben Franklin

"This present world is the world of the dying. The next world is the home of the living."

"Speak well of your enemies....after all, you made them."

"Unless you can create the universe in 6 days, perhaps giving advice to God isn't such a good idea."

"Happiness is a perfume you can't pour on others without getting some on yourself."

"Our temper gets most of us in trouble, and pride keeps us there."

## **Hamburg Pike Happenings**

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be pizza.

A youth devotional is scheduled for Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at the building. This is for ages 0 thru 12. See Michael for details.

A Building Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the building. Please let Clint Smith Sr know if you plan to attend.

The Elders invite male members to volunteer for a Wednesday evening devotional during the spring quarter. Devotionals should be carefully prepared and 3 to 5 minutes in duration. A signup sheet is available on the bulletin board.

Our Spring Gospel Meeting with Kevin Moore from Henderson, Tennessee is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Friday and Saturday evenings will be at 7:00 p.m., Sunday at the usual times.

Our fellowship meals are scheduled for: March 26<sup>th</sup> after the morning worship service; the meal theme is Mexican. April 9<sup>th</sup> after the morning worship; fried chicken will be provided.

The next ladies' Bible class is scheduled for Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

### **Lack of Gratitude and Our Reaction**

There were ten lepers healed, and only one turned back to give thanks, but it is to be noticed that our Lord did not recall His gift from the other nine because of their lack of gratitude. When we begin to lessen our acts of kindness and helpfulness because we think those who receive do not properly appreciate what is done for them, it is time to question our own motives.

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