

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 Doug McArthur
 Scripture Reading Greg Blanton
 Sermon Kevin Moore
 Lord's Supper Message Harold Tincher
 Table Attendant Art Patrick
 Table Attendant Rudy Ayala
 Closing Prayer Clint Smith Jr

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Rick Martin
 Bible Reading Bill Cravens
 Selection 15
 Opening Prayer John Keaton
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Closing Prayer Nathaniel Welch

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Robby Stocksdale
 Lord's Supper Prayer Ethan Welch
 Offering Prayer Brandon Slotman
 Usher Fin Burton
 Count Offering Joe Sweeney
 Assist Count Hank Tincher

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: A Murderous Rebel – Mark 15:6-15
 Sunday Evening: To Be Announced

Last Sunday

Offering: \$4,122 Attendance: 90

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A Growing Seed

Sometimes all it takes is an encouraging word or comment. It does not take a grand show or a spectacle to inspire others. Planting a simple encouraging thought in someone's heart can impact his or her soul for years to come.

Seventeen years ago a young man delivered his first public devotional in front of 200-300 campers and staff. The previous year at camp, having witnessed another boy in his cabin do the same, caused this eleven-year-old to think, "If he can do that, I can too." He sheepishly spoke with his counselor and volunteered to lead the devotional in front of the entire camp. Later the camp director told him, "I'll have to tell your preacher to let you preach now." Taken back by the compliment, all the boy could focus on was the statement, "You preach now." Without realizing it, the camp director became this young man's first of many mentors who would guide him in being a minister of the Gospel.

"You then, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also," (2 Timothy 2:2).

Jesus described the word of God as a seed that is planted into the hearts of men (Luke 8:4-15). His lesson focuses mainly on the condition of men's hearts in receiving God's word (path, rocky, thorns, and good). We must also notice that someone is scattering and planting that seed. One of God's primary instruments for producing converted and convicted hearts is His faithful servants. As we read in the New Testament: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth," (1 Corinthians 3:6). Here Paul revealed that all Christians have a role in encouraging faith and growth in souls. In other words, God has called His children to mentor to the next generation of the faithful (Titus 2).

Mentoring can be a one-time occurrence or an on-going process. Either way, the Bible encourages Christians to harness every opportunity to inspire one another in service to the Lord (Hebrews 10:19-25). From a simple encouraging word to a Bible study, God can use each moment to grow His people both physically and spiritually.

The word of God is the ever-growing seed that waits to take root in our minds and hearts. It is also ready to be planted in the hearts of others. As Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, the laborers are few; therefore pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send out laborers into his harvest," (Matthew 9:37-38).

Let us not only pray, but let our prayers have feet, hands, and mouths. Faith does not happen by accident. Faith grows and develops with a purpose. Someone is sent with a simple message, and that message grows in the heart and soul of the hearer (Romans 10:10-17). Let us now go and grow. "You preach now."

- Robert Guinn preaches for the Central Church of Christ in Paducah KY.

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Who Will Be Saved?

Many in the world reason this way: "Since God is love (1 John 4:8) and He does not want anyone to perish (2 Peter 3:9), then it naturally follows that all will be saved eternally and no one will be lost."

That thinking has been around for a long, long time and it sure sounds good, but there is one major problem with that thinking. The idea that all will be saved eternally is not true! God's Word is true (John 17:17) and the Bible does not teach all will be saved.

While it is true that God is love and that He does not want anyone to be lost eternally, it is equally true what is stated in the last part of 2 Peter 3:9. God wants all to come to repentance. Not everyone is willing to repent (change).

The gospel is available and is to be preached to the entire world, but not everyone will accept the gospel. Not everyone will come to believe in Jesus, repent of sins, and be baptized into Christ (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 238; Romans 6:3-5) therefor, not all will be saved. When one comes to the point of baptism, their sins are washed away (Acts 22:16) and they begin a new life in the right relationship with Jesus (2 Cor. 5:17-21). The result of being "in Christ" is not to have sin laid to our charge and a host of other spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3)

God certainly wants all to be saved, but the Bible does not teach all will comply with God's will and be saved.
 - Rob Albright serves as minister at the Northwest Church of Christ in Greensboro, NC.

Ten Ways to Help Your Gospel Meeting

Eric Welch

Remember its purpose. Our mission at Hamburg Pike is to “shine as light in the world” (Philipp 2:15) and to build one another up (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Let’s keep it the aim of our Gospel meeting.

Invite. Like Andrew and Phillip, let’s invite our friends and family to “come and see” Jesus (John 1:41-46; 12:20-22). For some, all it takes is a simple invitation.

Pray. Pray for Kevin Moore in his safety, health and preparation. Pray for the lost to come and hear. Pray that every member will support the meeting.

Come. Our Gospel meeting is an excellent way to imitate the early disciples who met together daily in the temple (Acts 2:46). Is the meeting important enough to us to support it?

Arrive early. A good friend invited to eat at your house at 5, does not show up at 5:30. Coming a bit early allows us to greet visitors and keeps us from disrupting someone’s worship.

Be friendly to visitors. The first 30 seconds of a visitor’s arrival will often determine whether he or she will want to return. Let’s make our visitors feel welcomed and appreciated.

Sit up front. If most of the members sit in the back, forcing shy visitors to move toward the front, it can send a negative message. Let’s leave the back pews for them and for later comers.

Bring your Bible. Let’s really be “people of the Book” and hear those pages turning!

Sing with enthusiasm. Following the song leader, focusing on the words and singing out builds up the preacher for good preaching and listeners for good listening (Ephesians 5:19).

Listen intently. Rom 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

How Important is the Church to You?

In Acts 20, near the end of his third missionary campaign, Paul found himself in a hurry to get to Jerusalem. He wanted to arrive there by Pentecost (Acts 20:16) which a careful study of his timeline reveals that it was just a little over a month away. The bottom line is he really needed to get a move-on to get there in time as he had 500 or more miles yet to travel.

In spite of all of this, he took the time to stay at Troas for a week (Acts 20:6). Why would he do this, as we know he was in a hurry on such an urgent mission? We get our likely answer in Acts 20:7, “Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.” Paul wanted to meet with the church at Troas and he knew his brethren would be assembled on the next Lord’s day. It is very obvious that the church was very important to Paul.

How important is the church to you? Is it so important that you, like Paul, develop your weekly schedule around its meeting times and activities no matter how busy you are? Jesus answers the question for us when He said, “But seek first the kingdom of God...” (Matt. 6:33). Is the church first in your life?
- Edd Sterchi preaches for the Broadway Church of Christ in Campbellsville, KY.

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday April 10th at 6:30 p.m. The meal theme is pizza.

Our Spring Gospel Meeting with Kevin Moore from Henderson, Tennessee is scheduled for April 7th, 8th and 9th. Friday and Saturday evenings will be at 7:00 p.m., Sunday at the usual times. Flyers are available in the foyer.

Our next fellowship meal is April 9th after the morning worship; fried chicken will be provided.

He Sees Things Differently

It is clear that Jesus looks at things differently than men. As He entered Jerusalem His followers were cheering while He was weeping (Luke 19:41). They saw the beautiful city of Jerusalem while He saw the ugly sins of the people. They saw Him with a crown of jewels and a throne. He saw a crown of thorns and a cross. They saw the magnificent temple. He saw the sinful merchants and moneychangers.

I pray that God will open our eyes each day to see the things that are meaningful and not be blinded by the things that are not.

- Charlie Gamble preaches for the Brunswick Church of Christ in Southport, NC.

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