

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

Missions

Panama Mission Pablo Sanchez

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies
 and
 Bible Correspondence Courses

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Those Privileged to Serve

A.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 Opening Prayer Hayward Blanton
 Scripture Reading Nathaniel Welch
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper Message Joe Sweeney
 Table Attendant Rudy Ayala
 Table Attendant Jeremy Montgomery
 Closing Prayer Jerry Casey

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Clint Smith Jr
 Bible Reading Greg Blanton
 Selection 22
 Opening Prayer Robby Stocksdale
 Sermon *Singing Emphasis*
 Closing Prayer Bill Cravens

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Clint Smith Sr
 Lord's Supper Prayer Doug McArthur
 Offering Prayer Hank Tincher
 Usher Fin Burton
 Count Offering Art Patrick
 Assist Count Robby Stocksdale

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning Were the Apostles Able to Spread the Gospel to "All Creation Under Heaven?" Colossians 1:23
 Sunday Evening The Sword of Judgement Matt 12:42

Last Sunday

Offering: \$2,131 Attendance: 97

HONKING HORNS

A woman was having difficulty getting her car started after it stalled in traffic. The gentleman (?) in the car behind her insisted on expressing his impatience by blowing his horn every few seconds. Finally, worn out by his thoughtlessness, she walked back to his car and said, "I'm having some difficulty getting my car started. If you'll go and see if you can start it, I'll honk your horn for you!"

Some do more honking than helping in the church! There are more talkers than workers, and more critics than laborers. Those who do the most honking generally do the least working. They may never have preached a sermon, taught a class, led a song, or served as an elder or deacon: but they do know how it should be done. Such chronic objectors make suggestions on projects being discussed. They say, "You go ahead and make the plans, and I'll tell you what's wrong with them!" It is much easier to criticize than to do the work.

Of course, anyone who drives much is going to be honked at now than then. Don't lose your temper. Maybe you need waking up. And, before you honk the horn, make sure you've tried to get the engine started.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works," Heb. 10:24

"If anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor do the churches of God." 1Cor.11:16

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The Bible

The Psalmist said of the Word of God, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psa. 119:105).

There are many reasons I could give as to why I believe the Bible to be the Word of God. We could examine the prophecies that have been fulfilled (Psa. 22; Isa. 53; Dan. 8:1-8), or the fact the Bible is historically and geographically accurate (Acts 21:1-12; Luke 10:30), or the fact it has stood the test of time and has been transmitted to as God has desired (Matt. 24:35).

However, in this article, I would like to tell you what others have said about the Bible.

On his deathbed, Sir Walter Scott, the British poet, said, "Bring me the Book!" When asked what book he replied, "There is but one book."

Andrew Jackson, the seventh president of the United States, said, "That Book is the rock on which this republic rests."

Thomas Jefferson, our third president, said, "I have always said, and will always say, that the studious perusal of the sacred volume will make better homes, better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands."

John Quincy Adams, our sixth president, said, "The first and almost only book deserving of universal distinction is the Bible. I speak as a man of the world to the men of the world and I say to you, 'Search the Scriptures.'"

Daniel Webster, a distinguished American who served as a congressman, senator, and Secretary of State, said, "The Bible fits man for life and prepares him for death."

The Bible has been challenged in every century, yet stood the test of time against all its enemies and the corroding influences of time.

In 303 A.D. the Roman emperor Diocletian issued an edict to destroy Christians and the Bible. Over a burned Bible Diocletian built a monument on which he wrote "Extincto nomine Christianorum" (the name Christian is extinguished).

Twenty-five years later, Diocletian was dead and the new Emperor Constantine commissioned fifty copies of the Bible to be prepared at government expense.

In 1776 the French skeptic Voltaire predicted, "One hundred years from my day, there will not be a Bible on earth except one that is looked upon by an antiquarian curiosity-seeker." After his death, the presses used to print his books printed Bibles and Voltaire's house was used by the Geneva Bible Society to distribute Bibles. One hundred years from the time of Voltaire's prediction, the first edition of his work sold for .11¢ in Paris, but the British government paid the Czar of Russia half a million dollars for an ancient Bible manuscript.

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Biblical Interpretation: Names

Eric Welch

In the previous two articles, we have learned that repetition and descriptions of people can help us understand Biblical text. We should also pay attention to people's names.

In certain cultures, like Native American, names can reflect the circumstances surrounding the birth of a child (Think "Sitting Bull"). Others used names to focus on a certain virtue that the parents wanted the child to have throughout life.

In the Old Testament, names of people often reflected what God was doing for his people. God changed the name of childless Abram (exalted father) to Abraham (father of a multitude) because of His promise of a child with his barren wife Sarah. God changed Jacob's name ("he supplants") to Israel ("he struggles with God") to reflect Jacob's struggles throughout his life that culminated in his victory with God (Genesis 32:23-32).

Let's look at the names in a lesser known story in Judges 4. For twenty years Israel was oppressed by the Canaanite king Jabin and his commander Sisera. Sisera's Israelite counterpart was Barak. Barak means "lightening," but he was anything but. He was passive, faithless and timid or void of any thunder.

However, two faithful and courageous women, Deborah and Jael, become the unlikely heroes of Israel. Deborah ("bee") was a prophetess and a judge because Israel apparently lacked qualified men. Under a honey (palm) tree, she gave out sweet justice to those who came to her. This "bee" had to sting (prod) Barak to get up and do his duty to attack Sisera (4:6-7). He said that he did not want to not go without her, likely because he wanted someone with contact with God. She said that she would go, but she told him that the honor of killing the enemy would fall to a woman.

Then Jael enters the picture. Jael ("mountain goat") gave the fleeing Sisera milk to drink, but stabbed through the head while he slept. Through the actions of the bee and the goat, peace came once again to the "land of milk and honey." God surely provides deliverance from unlikely sources. What names can you think of that can help the understanding of a story in Scripture?

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We need to be thankful that God has revealed His mind to us (1 Cor. 2:5-13). "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

The Word of God is given to us in life and will be opened before us in judgment. Jesus said, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him -- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day." (John 12:48). The Bible is not just a good book -- it is the Word of God!

David Padfield

Hamburg Pike Happenings

Attention all youth and their families: we are planning a canoe trip for June 17th. If you are interested, please speak with Michael before May 28th to get on the list. If we have enough people we can get a group discount.

The Ladies' Bible Class will meet Saturday, May 27, at 10 AM. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to participate. Those ladies who can will go out to lunch together after class.

Our Summer Quarter of Bible classes begins Sunday June 4th and Wednesday June 7th. The teen class will meet in the auditorium with the adult class for a summer video series. Thanks to all our teachers for the good work they do each week.

Our VBS is scheduled for July 10th thru July 13th 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each night. Please plan to attend and invite your family and friends.

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