

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 Rick Martin
 Scripture Reading Grover Blanton
 Sermon Irvin Williams
 Lord's Supper Message Jerry Casey
 Table Attendant Jerry Montgomery
 Table Attendant Rudy Ayala
 Closing Prayer Eric Welch

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale
 Bible Reading Harold Tincher
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 Opening Prayer Bill Cravens
 Sermon *Singing Emphasis*
 Closing Prayer Clint Smith Sr

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Joe Sweeney
 Lord's Supper Prayer Leon Stocksdale
 Offering Prayer Greg Blanton
 Usher Fin Burton
 Count Offering Hank Tincher
 Assist Count Art Patrick

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning Our Rock of Refuge
 Isaiah 32:1-4
 Sunday Evening *Singing Emphasis*

Last Sunday

Offering: \$2,536 Attendance: 98

Did You Think to Pray?

Consider the following truth: "Jesus went more readily to the cross of Calvary than we do to the throne of grace in prayer." But why is that so? Is it because of a lack of faith? A spirit of independence? Carelessness? Yes, yes, and yes.

Friends, when I meditate upon that opening statement, I am put to shame. What about you? Well, if you're like me, you have a choice to make. Will you go your own way and act as though you were never confronted by this truth, or will you decide to do better? If my Lord could willingly face the horrors of the cross, then surely I can with more consistency approach the gracious throne of God with my petitions and intercessions.

What about you? Give it some thought.

"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." 1 Peter 3:12

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The Body Is Not One Member but Many

In the Lord's church, all have a part to play and a job to do, all are important (1 Cor. 12:14-18). Ask the question, "What can I do to make the work of the church a success?" Here are a few possible answers:

Market our congregation's website. Create a signature file in your email program to include the congregation's web address in every email. You might also utilize other electronic communication such as Facebook. If you pay bills or correspond via U.S mail, buy a rubber stamp with the web address and stamp your letters, bills etc.

Distribute tracts. We have tracts available in the foyer for this purpose. If you purchase a rubber stamp with the church's web address, stamp the tract and hand them out. Give them to people you know. Mail them to your friends and neighbors. (*note: It's illegal to put things in other's mailboxes.*)

Visit the elderly and shut-ins. Imagine for a moment that you've been active in the church for many years and now are in poor health. You relied on the edification when you were able to attend worship, the sermons, the prayers, the singing, the communion, but now there's a void that needs to be filled. In our bulletin there is a list of those who are exactly in this position (see the prayer list on page 3). It's our job to make sure they never feel forgotten. Call them, send cards, sing with them, read the Bible to them, discuss Eric's sermon or the Sunday morning Bible lesson with them, listen to their stories.

Participate in our Monday Night for the Master program when we begin meeting again September 11th.

One last suggestion, always be prayerful about the work being done, pray for the workers and the influence we can have on this community. We have many members who are diligently doing what they can to fulfill the physical and spiritual needs of the church and the Christian responsibilities/work that the Lord has put before us. But, we need more workers, there is much to do.

If these suggestions don't suit you look for those things that do. Let's use our talents working together in the kingdom of God.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 1 Corinthians 12:14-18

A Yoga Church?

Eric Welch

Americans so divided politically and economically would do well to heed Jesus' words, "one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15). Indeed, Jesus had much to say about wealth and money, but often this obsession with stuff keeps people from hearing what He teaches.

Case in point, Jesus was teaching the crowd about fearing God when someone interrupted Him to ask a favor. "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me" (Luke 12:13). Whatever the man's problem, money had become the center of his life. His preoccupation for material things kept him from hearing Jesus' message that day. Jesus replied, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" (Luke 12:14). Jesus had not come to settle quarrels between Him and his brother?

Many people still see Jesus this way. They think He has come to fulfill their every need. Just today, someone called me at my study and asked whether the Hamburg Pike congregation offers yoga classes. I answered in the negative. Jesus came to seek the lost (Luke 19:10), to die for us. His mission is the church's mission. He wants each of us resisting Satan and stretching to win the race (James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9; Philippians 3:13; 1 Timothy 4:8; 2 Timothy 4:7; Hebrews 12:1-2). What good will it do to live 99 years anyway only to lose eternal life (Matthew 16:26)?

Christ is often perceived as nothing more than a wise teacher, philosopher or social justice warrior. Just follow Jesus' teachings, they say, and you will prosper. Jesus did not come to earth to heal humanity's social ills, such as hunger, alcoholism, AIDS, crime and war. Whenever Jesus healed people of disease, He always met their spiritual need first, whether from the masses or from individual cases (Mark 2:1-12; Mark 9:35; cf. John 12:4-8).

Jesus' message for that brother and for us is "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15). He then elaborates with the parable of the rich farmer. The farmer was industrious and progressive. He had grown from production to storage. Yet, he invested in things, not in people and certainly not in God. Jesus' point is that if we collect riches as though God does not exist, we are fools.

Remember, Jesus says that we must be concerned about living for the kingdom of God, not how we are going to pay the bills (Luke 12:31). Invest in what will endure forever.

²⁶*For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?*
Matthew 16:26 (ESV)

⁷*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*

2 Timothy 4:7 (ESV)

Hamburg Pike Happenings

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.

The Ladies' Bible Class will meet Saturday, June 24 at 10:00 A.M.

A Singing Emphasis is scheduled for Sunday evening June 25th, men and young men of the congregation who would like to lead a song or read scripture please sign the sheet in the foyer.

A youth Devo, ages 12 and under, is scheduled for Thursday June 22nd 6:30 pm at the building.

Attention youth group ages 2 - 5. You now have worship notes available for you to complete. They are located in the foyer next to the youth bulletin board. When you turn in 6 completed papers you will receive special recognition for this accomplishment. Thanks to Debbie Tincher for designing and preparing these worksheets.

In preparation for VBS; work days at the building are scheduled for Saturday July 1st and Saturday July 8th from 10:00 am until noon. Please plan to help.

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