

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 Doug McArthur
 Scripture Reading Fin Burton
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper Message Brandon Slotman
 Table Attendant Nathaniel Welch
 Table Attendant Hank Tincher
 Closing Prayer Hayward Blanton

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Rick Martin
 Bible Reading Ethan Welch
 Selection 27
 Opening Prayer Greg Blanton
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Closing Prayer Leon Stocksdale

A.M. & P.M. Services

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

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning To Be Announced

Sunday Evening To Be Announced

Last Sunday

Offering: \$3,798 Attendance: 73

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. 'I've gone for 30 years now,' he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

The Worker

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A Faithful Man, Who Can Find?

Proverbs 20:6 asks a very sobering question...“But a faithful man - who can find?” If ever there was a day when our world needed faithful men, today is the day!

Listen, men - our world needs us today more than ever. Our world needs us to be Godly men. Your wife needs you to be a Godly man. Your children need you to be a Godly man. The church needs you to be a Godly man. Your business needs you to be a Godly man. Your community and your nation need you to be a Godly man. The whole world needs more men behaving Godly!

If families are going to survive in the 21st century, men will have to stop behaving badly and start behaving Godly. We've heard it said, and rightly so, “As the family goes, so goes society.” Take that back one step further, “As men go, so goes the family.”

Psalm 112 tells us exactly where the whole process has to begin. Verse 1, “Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.” This gets right to the root of the problem for most men. Too many men don't have a healthy fear of God. Too many men don't find great delight in His commands. The happy man is he that fears the Lord. He's the kind who takes pleasure in his duty. He that fears the Lord, as a Father, with the disposition of a child, not of a slave, delights greatly in his commandments, is well pleased with them and with the equity and goodness of them.

Men, do you realize God has given you the responsibility of spiritual leadership in your family and in the church (Eph. 5:23; I Tim. 2:12)? Do you realize someday you're going to give an account back to God of how you lived your life, and how you led your family spiritually (Romans 14:12)? Men, we have to assume our family responsibilities. We've got to be men of God and behave Godly because our souls and the souls of others precious to us depend on it so much!

- R. W. McAlister

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Your Father Called

Years ago I saw a clever TV ad by a religious group: "Your Father called, and He wants you to come home." God, our Heavenly Father, has, indeed, called us. He did this through the gospel (2 Thessalonians 2;14), not through human traditions. As the parable of the lost son teaches us, the Father wants His wayward children to come home (Luke 15).

Primarily, the lost son in Luke 15 stands for the child of God who has fallen away. There is a sense, however, in which all people are children of God, having been made in His image (Acts 17:28, 29). Either way, God desires that sinners come home. He is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

Why won't children come home? Sometimes it is because they don't like the rules of the house. "Nobody's going to tell me what to do!" Rebellion prompted the young son in Jesus' parable to leave the Father's house; and it kept him away until he came to his senses. Only when he was willing to submit to his father did he return home.

God our Father has some rules for His family, too. They are contained in the New Testament. Self-willed people leave when they don't like the rules. Tragically, they stay away until and unless they come to their senses and submit to the Father's authority.

Sometimes children won't come home because they don't appreciate the blessings of their father's house. The young son in the parable obviously thought he would be much happier on his own, doing as he pleased, spending his inheritance on whatever tickled his fancy. For a time, it appeared that he was right. Why would he come home when he was having so much fun?

Then the famine struck; finally, the boy realized how foolish he had been. He was impoverished while his father's servants enjoyed plenty. Now he understood how blessed he had been as a son in his father's house; he was willing to return, even to a lesser station.

Few people comprehend the blessedness of being a faithful child of God. The world pulls at us, tempting us with the deceitful pleasures of sin. We foolishly allow ourselves to believe we'll be better off doing the works of the flesh than bearing the fruit of the Spirit. Eventually, we discover that Satan makes big promises, but doesn't deliver. We find ourselves starving in the barren wasteland of sin. Why, oh why, did we ever leave the Father's house?

Are you away from God? Do you see the tragic mistake you made? Why not change your mind and change your ways? Your Father called, and He wants you to come home.

- Joe Slater serves as minister of the Church of Christ in Justin, TX.

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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.

In preparation for VBS: work days at the building are scheduled for Saturday July 1st and Saturday July 8th from 10:00 am until 2 pm. Please plan to help.

There will be a short VBS meeting for all teachers and workers immediately following services on Wednesday night, 6/28/17. We will meet up front in the auditorium.

Think About These:

- Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them makes an impression.
- He who dies with the most toys is still dead....
- "Dear God, I have a problem. It's me...."
- If anyone speaks badly of you, live so that none will believe it.
- The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.
- Seven days without prayer makes one weak.
- Do your best and then sleep in peace. God is awake.
- Work is a dirty word for many people. Others try to avoid it at all costs. But, your work matters to God.

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