

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 Brandon Slotman
 Clint Smith Jr
 Robby Stocksdale
 Joe Sweeney

Pulpit Minister Eric Welch
 Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Missions

Panama Pablo Sanchez
 Panama Denicio & Carmen Miranda
 New Zealand Nick & Marisa Parker

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies and

Free Bible Correspondence Courses

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Those Privileged to Serve

A.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 Opening Prayer Clint Smith Sr
 Scripture Reading Rudy Ayala
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper Message Robby Stocksdale
 Table Attendant Jerry Montgomery
 Table Attendant Doug McArthur
 Closing Prayer Eric Welch

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Clint Smith Jr
 Bible Reading Greg Blanton
 Selection 40
 Opening Prayer Grover Blanton
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Closing Prayer Rick Martin

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Harold Tincher
 Lord's Supper Prayer Joe Sweeney
 Offering Prayer Leon Stocksdale
 Usher Fin Burton
 Count Offering Hank Tincher
 Assist Count Robby Stocksdale

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning

Q&A: Faith vs. Opinion Romans 15:1-7

Sunday Evening

Q&A: Faith vs. Opinion - (continued)

Last Sunday

Offering: \$2,691 Attendance: 96

"DO IT NOW"

Many years ago I remember reading this statement: "The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug." Words are important. By them we communicate. Words can bless or injure, promote good or incite evil.

Consider the three little words, "God Loves You." Or "I Love You." These words understood and practiced could change the world. Three more little words that have served me well in life are these: "Do It Now."

How often we postpone what should be done immediately. Can you remember times in your life when you procrastinated; putting things off, fretting about some item that long ago should have been resolved?

The same three little words will bless us in the spiritual realm. Do you need to change your life, repent of your sinful way and turn to God in repentance and baptism? "Do It Now." The Bible exhorts, "Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2).

Do you need to drop a bad habit? "Do It Now."

Do you need to begin a regular period of Bible study and prayer? "Do It Now."

Do you need to invite a loved one to worship or to talk to someone about the Lord? "Do It Now."

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PLEASING GOD

Our highest aim in life should be that of "pleasing God." How do we do this? The answer is by FAITH. Read carefully Hebrews 11:6, "And without FAITH it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must BELIEVE that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."

Faith is more than intellectual consent that God exists. It is truly believing in God, trusting him fully and then obeying his commands. Note both words "faith" and "believe" occur in our passage, one being a noun the other verb.

What does FAITH do? How does BELIEVING act?

FAITH is a life-style. "But my righteous one shall live by FAITH, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him" (Heb. 10:38). Both Enoch and Noah "walked with God" (Genesis 5:24; 6:9). It's a way of life.

FAITH obeys God. It is impossible to claim to have a saving faith without carefully obeying God. A FAITH that does not obey is no faith at all. "For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also FAITH apart from words is dead" (James 2:26). By "FAITH" Abraham obeyed God when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going." (Hebrews 11:8).

FAITH makes right decisions, even choosing suffering over treasures. "By FAITH Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin" (Hebrews 11:24,25).

Finally, like Abraham our FAITH will be counted as righteousness. "That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." (Romans 4:22).

How wonderful to please God by living and walking in FAITH!

Cultural Hurricanes

Eric Welch

It has been a rough hurricane season with H. I. M. [Harvey, Irma and Maria] hitting Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico, but with God's help our fellow citizens have pulled through. How can we survive, though, the constant cultural hurricanes striking our country right now? The torrential rains of identity politics, the lightning strikes of hollow politicians, the floodwaters of fake news, the constant howl of political correctness and the tsunamis of immorality can take the wind out of strongest and weathered child of God.

How can we as Christians cope through these tumultuous times? Well, in the way Christians always have. They put their trust in the Lord who said "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27).

Putting it positively, a deep trust in Jesus is evident when Jesus' disciples can learn to laugh. Solomon says, Proverbs 15:30 "The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and good news refreshes the bones." A home filled with laughter is a wonderful place to retreat to after a hard day at work and school. Laughter, as Bob hope once said, is an instant vacation. Fill your home with joy and laughter.

The worship assemblies of our spiritual family are also havens of joy and laughter. The Bible calls us to come into his presence with thanksgiving, gladness, joy and praise. Our Father fills our hearts with laughter because of the blessings of salvation He has given us. Jesus once told the Twelve to rejoice that their names are written in heaven (Luke 10:20). When the apostles were beaten for their faith, they retreated to their spiritual family and found joy that they were counted worthy to suffer as Christ suffered (Acts 4:23ff; 5:41)

Paul writes, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:4-7).

Only in God's peace through Jesus can we learn to laugh in the midst of our earthly trials.

Evangelism Opportunity

Relatives may be more open to the Gospel than anyone else we know. The first person Andrew brought to Jesus was his own brother (John 1:41). Invite a family member (sibling, cousin, grandchild) to attend church Sunday morning and maybe lunch afterwards. Read the article on the back page "Do It Now"

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday October 2nd at 6:30 pm. The meal theme will be soup and sandwiches. Please plan to participate in this good work.

The ladies' Bible class will meet on Saturday, September 30th at 10:00 am. All ladies are invited to attend!

Mark your calendar for the annual trip to Cornucopia Farm. It is scheduled for Saturday October 14th. More details will follow as we get closer to the date.

Our annual Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Friday October 27th 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. See Ashley Smith with questions.

Attention all youth Kindergarten through 12th grade. As part of the Lads 2 Leaders & Leaderettes program we are excited to offer the following classes:

- JUNIOR LEADER – Kindergarten through 5th grade
- GIFTS – Girls 6th through 12th grade
- GUARD – Boys 6th through 12th grade

Our first class for these programs will be held on Sunday October 8th at 4:30 p.m. at the building. Thanks to Hank & Cassie Tincher, Devin Ayala and Greg Blanton for teaching the classes. We encourage all youth to participate. See Ashley Smith with questions.

Through your generosity, the Elders sent a check in the amount of \$3,352 to the Church of Christ Disaster Relief Organization in Nashville, TN. This donation will provide assistance to those affected by the recent hurricanes.