

### 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

#### **Missions**

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

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies and

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### Those Privileged to Serve

#### **A.M. Worship Service**

Song Leader Michael Hawkins  
 Opening Prayer Dillian Goddard  
 Scripture Reading Bill Cravens  
 Sermon Irvin Williams  
 Lord's Supper Message Rick Martin  
 Table Attendant Ryan Irwin  
 Table Attendant Jeremy Montgomery  
 Closing Prayer Jerry Casey

#### **P.M. Worship Service**

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale  
 Bible Reading John Keaton  
 Selection 5  
 Opening Prayer Clint Smith Jr  
 Sermon To Be Announced  
 Closing Prayer Nathaniel Welch

#### **A.M. & P.M. Services**

Announcements Brandon Slotman  
 Lord's Supper Prayer Hank Tincher  
 Offering Prayer Derrick Smith II  
 Usher Leon Stocksdale  
 Count Offering Harold Tincher  
 Assist Count Joe Sweeney

#### Sermon Titles

##### **Sunday Morning**

He is Our Everything – Hebrews 1:1-14

##### **Sunday Evening**

To Be Announced

##### Last Sunday

Offering: \$3,772 Attendance: 102

### **Changing Tastes**

Have you ever heard anyone complain about airline food? I'm sure many of you have, but the airlines aren't necessarily to blame. Did you know that our tastes change depending upon our altitude? That's right. Food that you may enjoy eating in your favorite restaurant, if served on an airplane at 35,000 feet would not taste the same. This is due to a decreased sense of smell and a reduction in taste bud sensitivity humans experience at that altitude.

When I learned this truth, I couldn't help but reflect upon how the same thing happens to us within the spiritual realm. When we embark on a quest to be more and more like Jesus, we sometimes find ourselves in "thin air." As we pursue godliness, we'll find ourselves reaching new heights of spiritual maturity, and consequently, we will no longer have a "taste" for many of the things we once found enjoyable. The nearer we are to God, the things of earth will have less and less appeal.

My prayer is that we will all reach spiritual heights that will cause our "tastes" to change.

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# The Worker

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### **Who Is Jesus?**

When the Lone Ranger rode away after defeating the bad guys, invariably someone would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Jesus wore no mask, but due to His unique teaching and behavior, people asked Him who He was.

Are You the Coming One? (Matthew 11:3; Luke 7:19, 20). The imprisoned John the immerser sent messengers to Jesus with this question. The "coming one" refers to the one the prophets foretold (i.e. the Messiah). Rather than give a straight "yes or no" answer, Jesus told the messengers, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind receive their sight and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them" (Matthew 11:4, 5). These were things that the prophets foretold that Messiah would do. Yes, Jesus was the One that the prophets said was coming.

Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? (Mark 14:61). Seeking to condemn Him, the High Priest posed this question at Jesus' first trial before the Sanhedrin. "Christ" (Messiah) means "anointed one." In ancient times, oil was poured upon one's head when he was set into office as a prophet, priest, or king. Jesus is all three. "Son of the Blessed" is equal to "Son of God," which will be covered in the following paragraph. In answer to this two-pronged question, Jesus answered clearly: "I am" (Mark 14:62).

Are You then the Son of God? (Luke 22:70). Again it was the High Priest who confronted Jesus with this question (see Matthew 26:63). Just as "Son of Man" focused on Jesus' humanity, "Son of God" focused on His Deity (i.e. that He is God). All men are generically "sons of God" in that they are made in His image. But Jesus is the "Son of God" in a unique way. By His very nature, He is Deity. Jesus' answer, "Ye say that I am" (Luke 22:70 KJV), certainly did not reflect what the Sanhedrin believed. Rather, it was a polite way of saying, "Yes."

Are You the King of the Jews? (Luke 23:3; Matthew 27:11; Mark 15:2; John 18:33, 37). This time it was Pilate questioning Jesus. The governor was thinking of a political king. Jesus' kingdom, however, "is not of this world" (John 18:36). He rules not over biological Jews, but over the true Jews described in Romans 2:28, 29). He answered the governor, "Thou sayest it" (Luke 23:4 KJV). Jesus was not stating Pilate's view of Him, but giving a polite affirmative, just as He had done before the Sanhedrin.

Jesus is the One the prophets foretold. He is the Christ. He is the Son of God. And He is the King of the Jews. "A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord!"

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## **Building Up Our Elders**

Eric Welch

Sunday, January 28, 2018, was a wonderful day to build up our elders for the work they do for us: Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey and Clinton Smith Sr. We were able to honor them with a cake and a small gift. As of this writing, we will soon receive a bigger gift--a framed photograph of our elders to be placed in the foyer. You will be invited to sign it to express our love and support. More will be announced later.

Just last night at "Monday Night for the Master," I overheard one of them say, "I am sending a shepherd's card to..." Did you know that our elders have their own special cards that they send out to encourage us personally? I have received them before and I appreciate such thoughtfulness for me. All my life I have heard these leaders of the church called mostly by the Biblical term "elder." This biblical term (presbyteros) means someone who is advanced in age and thus in wisdom gained by life experience. This wisdom also wins respect from within and from without the church (1 Timothy 3:2, 7). By such wisdom, these men become qualified to "oversee" the church.

In fact, "overseer" (episcopos) is another term related to the elders, which, in turn, is linked with the third term "shepherd" (or "pastor"). In Peter 2:25 the exalted Christ is described or entitled as the "Shepherd" and "Overseer" (or "Guardian") of our souls. Paul also links the two words in Acts 20:28. The terms had long been regarded together, even as far back as Numbers 27:17 when Joshua was to succeed Moses.

My favorite designation for these godly men is "shepherd" because it essentially captures the meaning of all three terms. The oversight of the shepherds is a responsibility willingly shouldered to provide loving care and concern for the sheep, not to be used for personal glorification (2 Peter 5:15). The meaning of the role is best found in Jesus who served us selflessly because He was moved with concern for our salvation. May God continue to bless our shepherds as they guard our souls. Let's us pray for them constantly.

### **The Lord Wants You To Live an Abundant Life!**

Jesus said that He came to give us "an abundant life." (John 10:10) Once we are "in Christ," God wants us to enjoy ourselves in the Lord. Christians are to be a joyous people (Phil. 4:2). We must show our love for the Lord through our actions. One song says: "They'll know we are Christians by our love."

Paul tells the Colossians that since we are Christians our mindset must change (Col. 3:1-2). This is the passage where we are told to "set our minds on the things that are above, not the things that are below." (Col. 3:2) "Set your minds..." tells us that it must be a deliberate choice not only to accept Christ, but one to serve Him. Jesus will never force Himself on the unbeliever, and likewise, He will not force the believer to grow in Him. We must want to. And if we want to, He has promised to equip us for the journey.

We must put everything out of our hearts and minds that are detrimental to the Christian growth (Col. 3:5-11). Whenever God tells us to "put something off," He replaces it with something for good. (Col. 3:12-17) We are told that we must have the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-25). We must realize that once we become a Christian these characteristics don't come automatically, they must be cultivated. These are attitudes we must have if we are to live the "abundant life" in the Lord. So, let's seek to "grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus." 2 Pet. 3:18) If we make this our goal, we will desire everything God has for us and will use what he has given us to help ourselves and encourage each other as we live this life in the here and now waiting, watching and working for the Lord Jesus Christ. Look up! He may come today!

- Larry Miles Louisville, KY publisher "Larry's Lines". Copyright 2009 www.larryslines.com

## **Hamburg Pike Happenings**

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The meal theme is Potluck.

A draft copy of the 2018 Hamburg Pike church of Christ contact list is available in the foyer. Please check and update your family's information. Please see the Elders if you have any questions.

Volunteers are needed to prepare communion trays for 2018. If you are willing, please sign up for the month on the "Prepare Communion Trays" list posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. There are several open months remaining; thank you for your service to the Lord.

We are excited that we have 19 youth members and 5 adult members registered for the upcoming Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes convention. The convention will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> in Louisville, Ky. The registered members from our congregation are participating in over 75 events! Please pray for these members as we prepare for the convention. - Ashley and Clint Jr.