

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

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Free Bible Correspondence Courses

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Those Privileged to Serve

A.M. Worship Service

Song Leader	Michael Hawkins
Opening Prayer	John Keaton
Scripture Reading	Dillian Goddard
Sermon	Eric Welch
Lord's Supper Message	Derrick Smith II
Table Attendant	Brandon Montgomery
Table Attendant	Jerry Montgomery
Closing Prayer	Clint Smith Jr

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader	Rick Martin
Bible Reading	Brandon Slotman
Selection	6
Opening Prayer	Bill Cravens
Sermon	Eric Welch
Closing Prayer	Irvin Williams

A.M. & P.M. Services

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

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning

Why We Believe What We Believe About the Church
Matthew 16:13-19

Sunday Evening

A Kingdom of Priests Exodus 19:1-8b

Last Sunday

Offering: \$2,942

Attendance: 103

The Fish Net

When Jesus began His ministry, He begun with a fish story (of sorts). Not really a fish story, but an occasion where experienced fisherman worked all night and was preparing to return, having caught nothing. Jesus sees the men returning and they were somewhat downcast as a result of an empty night. The Lord then told them to take their nets and cast them over the side for a catch; somewhat doubtful, they do. Amazed at the catch, Peter presents himself to the Lord humbly (Luke 5:8). This, as far as Luke presents, is the beginning of Jesus' mission to the Israelite nation.

When John finishes his gospel, we are again at the lake and, again, Jesus tells the fisherman to cast their nets over the side for a catch. They do so and the catch is great (John 21:1-8). At the beginning of the Lord's mission He taught His disciples how to catch men; the net used was going to be two parts. First, it would be the message of the Lord taught and, second, it would be the message of the Lord lived. Some, unfortunately, are better able to teach than live. In such cases, the net has "sprung a leak"! Let us be sure to patch nets in order that we can teach and live the gospel.

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A Little Time

By the time you are able to read this article, we will be in the month of February 2018. By this, I am reminded of how time is seemingly fleeting. James wrote, "For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14). If we only have "a little time" on this earth, and we cannot deny the process of aging and decay (see Ecclesiastes 12:1-7), and we cannot deny our appointment with death (see Hebrews 9:27), what should we be doing with our time?

We know "time flies when you're having fun" (and if you're a frog, "time is fun when you're having flies"). Some say, "Life is short; live it up." Some exclaim, "YOLO!" (meaning, "you only live once"). And each of the latter is about fulfilling your own lusts and desires with no acknowledgement of God as the supplier of one's life and time. The truth is, time is flying whether we're having fun or not. The truth is, life on earth is short. The truth is, you do only live once on earth. Furthermore, the truth is, we only have this one short life to prepare for eternity hereafter.

Therefore, instead of using all of our time fulfilling our own desires, we need to be "redeeming the time, because the days are evil [meaning, we are decaying and dying]" (Ephesians 5:16). "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Why, James, have you written to us about the fleeting of our lives? 1. Because "ye know not what shall be on the morrow" (James 4:14). 2. Because "to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). The latter verse is not about sin in general. It is about the sin of procrastination. It is about the sin of the unwise use of time. It is about the sin of using our time for ungodliness.

We are ... blessed to have "a little time" on earth. God is the designer, provider, and sustainer of this time. Are we using it to serve Him? "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:9-10).

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A Combination that is Difficult to Beat

One of my favorite books in the Old Testament is the book of Nehemiah. It, of course, provides the reader with details concerning the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem. From an historical perspective, that makes it interesting. However, that is not the only thing that intrigues me about this book. There are a number of lessons that are still useful for us today.

Without going into detail, I would suggest, for example, that present-day leaders could learn a great deal from the qualities, personality, strategies, etc. of Nehemiah himself. We can also learn a lot from the people who "...had a mind to work" (Neh. 4:6). A recent reading (again) of Nehemiah reminded me of one possibly overlooked verse. It would be helpful for God's people today to read and consider it.

The context of the verse has to do with the opposition and ridicule on the part of those who were enemies of the people of God and their project. In the words of Nehemiah 4:8, "And they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it." Please notice carefully the response to that: "And we prayed to God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night" (Neh. 4:9)

There are three very important components in that verse.

- Prayer (they prayed to God)
- Action (they set a guard)
- Persistence (the guard was in place day and night --- It could be said that they "never let down their guard.")

They did not depend upon any one of these three by itself. They did not just pray. They did not just take action. They did not just persist in building the walls without taking defensive measures. They persisted in that as well. It should go without saying that God's people are under increasing attacks today.

The number of people who are opposed to us and to what we are trying to accomplish for Him is seemingly growing daily. It is not now, nor has it ever been, the time to "throw in the towel" and give up. Neither is it the time to do only one of the things that the people of Nehemiah's day did. It is now, and it always has been, the time to pray, act, and persist. Great things can still be done!

- Jim Faughn Central Church of Christ in Paducah KY. www.centralchurchofchrist.org

By Whose Standard?

"Then David's anger turned greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, 'As the Lord lives, surely the man who has done this deserves to die'" (2 Samuel 12:5).

Nathan the prophet came to King David with a parable. David thought it was a real story about a sheep thief, when in fact it was a story about a man who stole another's wife, and then had the husband killed. David was that man. He was so blind and clueless; he didn't realize the story was a picture of his own life. The death sentence seemed right to him until he realized he was the man.

If someone made up a parable about our lives and came to us for an opinion, would we demand justice and vengeance? Before we set ourselves up as judges on the sinners in the world, we need to look at our lives in the mirror. Jesus told us to be careful when we make judgment. The same standard may come home to haunt us.

--via the weekly bulletin of the church of Christ in Shelbyville, IL.

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday February 12th at 6:30 p.m. The meal theme is Pizza.

Ann Patrick sends her thanks to everyone who donated coats for the Jail Ministry. They were very much appreciated.

God Is Love 1 John 4:7-12

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.