

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
Free 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	Ryan Irwin
Sermon	Eric Welch
Lord's Supper Message	Irvin Williams
Table Attendant	Grover Blanton
Table Attendant	Dillian Goddard
Closing Prayer	Clint Smith Sr

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader	Robby Stocksdale
Bible Reading	Derrick Smith II
Selection	8
Opening Prayer	Doug McArthur
Sermon	<i>Singing Emphasis</i>
Closing Prayer	Hayward Blanton

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements	Joe Sweeney
Lord's Supper Prayer	Clint Smith Jr
Offering Prayer	Hank Tincher
Usher	Art Patrick
Count Offering	Harold Tincher
Assist Count	Hank Tincher

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning

Building Up Marriage – Revelation 2:1-7

Sunday Evening

The Greatest Commandment - Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Last Sunday

Offering: \$3,270 Attendance: 94

Joy is My Strength

The joy of salvation is my strength.

It is a joy that makes my heart glad.

It is a joy that sets me apart from others.

It is a joy that witnesses to the world.

It is a joy that makes me want to sing and shout!

It is a joy that delights in spiritual things.

It is a joy that causes me to smile at the future.

It is a joy that directs my gratitude, praise, and adoration toward heaven.

It is a joy that strengthens my spirit.

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Hard to Forget

The sun had just risen on a hot August day in 1944 in the small village of Plelo, in German-occupied France. The 15-year-old boy did not know why he and the other citizens of Plelo had been lined up before a firing squad in the middle of the town square. Perhaps they were being punished for harboring a unit of Marquisards, the French underground freedom fighters. Perhaps they were merely to satisfy the blood lust of the German commanding officer who, the evening before, had routed the small group of Marquisard scouts. All the boy knew was that he was about to die.

As he stood before the firing squad, he remembered the carefree days of his early childhood, before the war, spent roaming the green of the French countryside. He thought about all he would miss by never growing up. Most of all he was terrified of dying. "How will the bullets feel ripping through my body?" he wondered. He hoped no one could hear the whimperings coming from deep in his throat every time he exhaled.

Suddenly, the boy heard the sound of exploding mortar shells beyond the limits of his little village. Quickly rolling tanks could also be heard. The Germans were forced to abandon the firing squad and face a small unit of U.S. tanks with twenty GI's led by Bob Hamsley, a corporal in Patton's Third Army. A Marquisard captain had asked Hamsley for help. [Hamsley and his unit overtook the Germans.]

In 1990 the town of Plelo honored Bob Hamsley on the very spot where dozens of the town's citizens would have died if not for him. The man who initiated the search for Hamsley and the ceremony honoring him was the former mayor of Plelo, that same 15-year-old boy. He found the man who saved his life and honored him. *

It's hard to forget your savior!

Consider the fact that because of our sins, you and I deserve to face the "firing squad" and suffer the penalty for our sins. "For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23).

But God sent Jesus to rescue us! In order to rescue us from sin, however, Jesus had to give His life for us and die on the cross to redeem us from sin. "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed." – 1 Peter 2:24

Jesus will save those who accept His offer of salvation and life by placing their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to demonstrate gratitude for their Savior by walking in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

When we were facing the "firing squad" for harboring sin in our lives, Jesus came to our rescue. He took our place and suffered the punishment for our sins for us.

It's hard to forget your Savior!

Won't YOU accept the Savior's offer of salvation and eternal life by committing your life to Him today?

- David A. Sargent, minister for the Church of Christ at Creekwood in Mobile, AL www.creekwoodcc.org

* Tim Stafford, Florence, AL quoted in Leadership, Winter Quarter, p. 49 "illustrations" www.crosswalk.com

Building up marriage

Eric Welch

Have you ever wondered why you married your spouse? Have you ever felt that he or she no longer loves you or that you no longer love him or her? If you followed up with these questions with the question, "what do I do?" that means that you are ready to fight for your marriage. If you are having serious problems, I recommend a licensed counselor who respects and uses the authority of the Bible to help you. For those not at that point, let me suggest two things.

Remember your vows. The relationship between Jesus and the church is like the relationship between husband and wife. That's why Paul used it in Ephesians 5:22-33. "Husbands," Paul says, "love your wives." "Wives, respect your husbands."

How are husbands they to love their wives? Just as Jesus loved the church, His bride. How did Jesus love the church? He sacrificed himself for her. Husbands might be willing to sacrifice give their physical lives for her, but it means more than that. He must give up all other relationships before her. He must sacrifice anything that stands between him and her, a bad habit, a hobby or work.

How are wives to respect to their husbands? They must submit to their spiritual leadership. Upon learning of Christ's great sacrifice, one of the things that the first generation of Ephesian Christians did when they accepted Christ was to sacrifice expensive sorcery books by burning them. Their first and focused allegiance was now to Jesus and only to Jesus. They had forsaken all other gods for Him. Both Husbands and wives need to remember that part of their vow that says, "forsaking all others?" That's respect and submission to Christ who loved sacrificially. That means all allegiance and affection are to each other. A boundary has been set around you both and, no one, not even your children must be allowed inside that circle. It belongs to you both alone.

Second, Remember the works. In Revelation 2, what did Jesus tell the Ephesian church to do when he said: "you have abandoned the love you had at first?" He said, "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first." To rekindle their love for Christ, they must see how far they had fallen. If you ever feel your love for Jesus grow cold, think about what you did when you first became a Christian. You were getting to know Him through the Scriptures. You spent time with him in daily prayer and weekly worship. Remember all the things Jesus did for you. This principle works in a stale marriage too. Rekindle your love for each other by doing the things you used to do at the beginning when you began dating. Spend time together. Make EVERY anniversary a big deal and those in the years that are a multiple of 5 even bigger. Remember all the things you said to each other and the notes you sent each other. Remember the places you went and the foods you shared.

Love "the doing" comes before and creates love "the feeling," if it is real love.

Remember your vows to each other and "do the works you did at first" to rekindle your love for each other.

Hamburg Pike Happenings

- A Fellowship meal is scheduled for February 25th after the morning worship service. The meal theme is breakfast.
- A Singing Emphasis Service is scheduled Sunday evening February 25th. Men and young men of the congregation who would like to lead a song or read scripture please sign up.
- The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday February 26th at 6:30 p.m. The meal theme is Pizza.
- Attention all Lads to Leaders participants. We will be meeting at the building at 5:00 p.m. on the following Sundays: February 25th, March 4th, 11th and 18th. Anyone who would like to lead their songs, work on their artwork or say their "Know the Books", please come to as many of the meetings as needed. If you have any questions please see Ashley Smith.
- Congratulations to the entire 6th grade basketball team at Christian Academy of Indiana for winning the 2018 IBL Tournament Championship. This is a back to back championship win for the team. Congratulations to coach Clint Jr also. The team had a great season; we are proud of you!
- The Hamburg Pike contact list has been updated and printed. Please take as many copies as needed. Thanks to all the families for updating their contact information. A special thanks to Ethan Welch for his work in publishing the list.