

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

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Panama Pablo & Myra Sanchez
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The Only Opinion That Matters

Babe Ruth was at bat and Babe Pinelli was the umpire behind the plate. The first pitch was a swing and a miss, as was the second pitch. Babe Ruth dug in for the next pitch. The pitcher wound up and delivered, and Ruth didn't move. From behind the plate the umpire cried out, "Strike three!" Ruth got in Pinelli's face and said, "There's 40,000 people here who know that last one was a ball tomato head." Pinelli took a look around the stadium, then responded to Ruth, "Maybe so, but mine is the only opinion that counts. The batter's out!" - Jerry Sutton, The Way Back Home

No matter what we think, no matter what anyone in the world thinks - God's opinion is the only one that matters.

"Ye have heard that it hath been said ... but I say unto you ..." - Matthew 5:43-44.

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Those Privileged to Serve

A.M. Worship Service
 Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 Opening Prayer Grover Blanton
 Scripture Reading Rudy Ayala
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper Message Clint Smith Jr
 Table Attendant Rick Martin
 Table Attendant Harold Tincher
 Closing Prayer Brandon Slotman

P.M. Worship Service
 Song Leader Robby Stocksdale
 Bible Reading John Keaton
 Selection 17
 Opening Prayer Doug McArthur
 Sermon Singing Emphasis
 Closing Prayer Bill Cravens

A.M. & P.M. Services
 Announcements Leon Stocksdale
 Lord's Supper Prayer Greg Blanton
 Offering Prayer Hayward Blanton
 Usher Derrick Smith II
 Count Offering Hank Tincher
 Assist Count Joe Sweeney

Sermon Titles**Sunday Morning**

Building Up Christian Education – 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Sunday Evening

Create in Me a Clean Heart – Ps 51:1-6, 10-13, 15-17

Last Sunday

Offering: \$2,730

Attendance: 120

The Worker

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**Jesus, Master Carpenter**

When a carpenter sees a piece of wood, how does he look at it? Well, the answer is, he sees it differently from the way most other people see the wood. Most people would look at a piece of wood out here and say, "It's got all these knots in it; it's got cracks in it; it's got some ink on it where they stamped it at the lumber yard, it's a little bowed" and so forth. A carpenter doesn't look at wood that way - he sees the potential. A carpenter says, "I can find a place for that imperfect board - maybe I can plane it and make it useful."

The carpenter sees the potential of the wood, not the problems of the wood!

You know what kind of wood is in great demand today? Old barn siding. We look at wood like that and we say, "That's worthless." That's not the way carpenters see it. It's used for shelving, interior walls, and various other things today, often without being refinished. We say, "That wood's not good for anything!" A carpenter says, "I think I know a use for that."

In the same way, when Jesus Christ looks at us today, what does He see? Does He see all of the flaws that will doom us eternally? That's how we look at people. We see their imperfections; Christ, though, sees their potential. Christ looked at a fisherman by the name of Simon (Jn. 1:42). And Christ said, "You're Simon, the son of John; you'll be called Cephas" which means "Peter" or "rock." Can you imagine what Peter's friends must have said? "You mean, Simon - this guy - is going to be a rock in Your kingdom some day? You've got to be kidding! This guy's nothing but a braggart. He's nothing but a show off. He's not going to amount to anything!" But Christ saw his potential. Jesus Christ said, "I'm going to rename him 'the rock' because he will be a rock in My kingdom."

A carpenter, therefore, sees the potential in that wood, and not the flaws and imperfections that might doom it in the eyes of others. Dear Reader, The Great Carpenter is still working with us today. We urge you to allow Him to work with you and bring out your potential.

- R. W. McAlister, Anna church of Christ, Anna, IL.

An Ideal Heavenly Age?

Eric Welch

Someone asked me recently what preborn babies that have died will be like in heaven. Will they still be infants? This bitter-sweet question has been asked by many people, especially those who have suffered such loss. I am sad to say that we just do not know the answer to that question because the Bible does not say.

This question could be asked about any stage of life. If I die today, will I look like what I would be at an age that is more fully mature than what I am now? Will the Lord turn the clock back for the elderly? Will He "fast-forward" the age of children to a certain "ideal heavenly age?"

Some people think that there is such an age in heaven. They will read 1 John 3:2 and make that conclusion: "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is." If we will appear like Him and He died and rose at age 33, then 33 must be how old we will all look in heaven. This interpretation is a misuse of this verse and is unwarranted. The concept of an ideal heavenly age is found nowhere in Scripture.

What we do know is that God will make all things new in heaven (Revelation 21:5). Regardless of the age we might appear to be, our resurrected, spiritual bodies will be perfect, no more subject to disease, decay or death—forever!

There are many things that God has not revealed to us that will just have to wait until He comes for us. "For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience" (Romans 8:25-25). Even then, He will still not reveal all things. As the song "Farther Along," says, "we will understand it better by and by." But, and "better" will never mean "completely." We will have an eternity to delight in and learn about our God and the mysteries of His nature. Whoever says that heaven will be boring is sorely mistaken. We will have an eternity with the Ones we love and the ones we love. How comforting is that thought!

In the meantime, let us continue to walk by faith and hope and to love Him first and foremost.

DON'T SAY "IT CAN'T BE DONE"!

- With God's help, we can be the same church we read of in Scripture (Rm. 16:16).
- With God's help, the church can carry the Gospel to the world (Mk. 16:15).
- With God's help, we can build a great Bible school (Mt. 19:13).
- With God's help, we can help those in need in our community (Mt. 14:21).
- With God's help, we can care for the widows and fatherless (Jas. 1:27).
- With God's help, we can convert family members and friends (Lk. 19: 10).
- With God's help, the church can grow large in number and stay sound in the faith (Acts 4:4; Tit. 2:1).
- With God's help, we can use new methods and ideas without changing the message of the Gospel (Rm. 1: 16, Gal. 1:69).
- With God's help, we can make it to heaven (Mt. 25:21).
- "But Jesus beheld them and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but With God all things are possible' Matthew 19:26

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. The meal theme is pizza.

The ladies Bible class will meet Saturday morning, April 28th, at 10:00 a.m. at the church building. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.

A Singing Emphasis service is scheduled for Sunday evening April 29th. Men and young men of the congregation who would like to lead a song or read scripture please sign the sheet in the foyer.

Sunday April 29th is the first 5th Sunday of 2018 and the Elders have set the day for a special contribution. Our goal is to double the budget amount in order to assist the Jacksonville, Alabama church of Christ. They oversee the House to House Heart to Heart publication and Polishing the Pulpit. Their buildings were damaged by a tornado on March 19th, 2018.

Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries in Bowling Green, KY has provided us with 20 coin canisters for their annual "Silver for Children" campaign. If your family would like to take one home, please see one of the Elders. The campaign return date is Sunday September 2nd.