

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 Nathaniel Welch
Scripture Reading Grover Blanton
Sermon Eric Welch
Lord's Supper Message Irvin Williams
Table Attendant Clint Smith III
Table Attendant Dillian Goddard
Closing Prayer Eric Welch

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale
Bible Reading Leon Stocksdale
Selection 20
Opening Prayer Derrick Smith II
Sermon Eric Welch
Closing Prayer Rick Martin

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Jerry Casey
Lord's Supper Prayer Ryan Irwin
Offering Prayer Jerry Montgomery
Usher Hank Tincher
Count Offering Harold Tincher
Assist Count Robby Stocksdale

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning

Why We Believe What We Believe about the
Role of Women - 1 Corinthians 11:1-3

Sunday Evening

His Steadfast Love - Psalm 100

Last Sunday

Offering: \$2,999

Attendance: 86

Let Us Love One Another (continued from page 2)

The love that we have for other Christians will be seen in the way that we live, and in the things that we do (1 John 3:16-18). If we see a brother and we have the ability to help them we will do so. In fact, it should make us happy to be able to help out a fellow Christian. If we are not willing to help each other we are not of the truth and our hearts condemn us before God (1 John 3:19).

Our love for one another will greatly affect our eternal destiny and our influence in the community. Why would anyone want to be a part of a group if they do not believe the members of that group love one another? We need to have a genuine love for fellow Christians that will be obvious even to those who are in the world (Romans 12:9, 10). When they see the love we have for another it is possible they may be drawn to the church.

To be Christ-like we must love one another. To be godly we must love one another. To have a strong influence on others we must love one another. To encourage each other we must love one another. To help each other we must love one another. To go to heaven together we must love one another. May God help us always to abound more and in our love for Him and in our love for our fellow Christians.

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What is the Church?

One of the important words in the New Testament regarding the people of God is "church". It is used in a very special sense in the New Testament. The church was planned by God. (Eph. 3:8-11) He revealed the church to us in the New Testament and Jesus shed His blood to purchase the church. (Acts 20:28)

The word "church" comes from a Greek word which refers to an assembled group of people: therefore, I cannot be the church by myself. I cannot worship as a church by myself. To be part of the church, I must be around and with other people who assemble together as Christians.

The word "church" also refers to a specific group of people. Luke records "...the Lord added to the church daily those that were being saved." (Acts 2:47) The unsaved are not part of the church. Only saved people are part of it. People do not join the church; the Lord adds them to it.

The word "church" also refers to the spiritual body of Christ on earth. Paul records that Jesus is "to be head over all things to the church, which is His body." (Eph. 1:22, 23) Paul repeats this again in Col. 1:18 by stating: "He is the head of the body, the church."

The word "church" refers to that which Christ established. Some folks will talk about "doing church". It is interesting that Christ said He would build His church in Matt. 16:18. The church worships as a group of people assembled together. (Acts 2:42; 20:7)

The word "church" is spoken of in the singular sense. In Rom. 16:16 we read that the "churches of Christ salute you." Here the word "churches" is used; but, we know from how it is used elsewhere that this verse is referring to local congregations throughout the Roman empire. For example, we read "...the church of God which is at Corinth." (1 Cor 1:2) Paul was at Ephesus and "called for the elders of the church." (Acts 20:17)

The church is a very important part of God's plan to save man. He planned it before time began. (Eph. 3:8-11) Let us make sure we are part of the church of the New Testament. That church was made up of those who were saved as the Bible teaches. (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38) It was organized with elders as the overseers (Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5) It is a group of people whose names are registered in heaven. (Heb. 12:23) Are you part of that church?

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Building Up Mothers: Makers of Moms!

Eric Welch

King Lemuel demonstrated in Proverbs 31 how his mother molded him. He praised her for it. Now, Titus 2:3-5 might be well considered the Proverbs 31 of the New Testament. Paul instructed Titus to tell the “older women...to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands...” A wise mother will reproduce herself in her daughter, shaping her to be what God designed her to be.

Why is Titus to remind a mother to love her family? An element of Cretan culture may have influenced the Christian women to shirk responsibility at home. Our culture is like that culture in many ways today. Some extremists, for example, tell girls that they should not even desire motherhood.

However, God has assigned different roles to men and women. He knows that the best person to teach girls His purpose for her is an older woman. She is the queen of the family and knows how to manage her home, to control herself to stay pure, to be firm yet loving, and to submit to her husband’s spiritual leadership.

The purpose of Paul’s instructions goes back to God—“that the word of God may not be reviled” (v. 5). Influential elements in society have disparaged the Bible as old-fashioned and misogynistic. These elements react to men who twist the Scriptures pertaining to their leadership of the family and abuse women. However, sincere, truth-loving Christian men and women know better. True male leadership is serving and self-sacrificing (Ephesians 5:25, 28).

No celebrity, pop-psychologist, or women’s magazine can do what real godly mothers can do. Mothers are Molders of Men and Makers of Moms.

Let Us Love One Another

The church at Corinth had many problems. Some of those problems directly affected the relationships between brothers and sisters in Christ. The way those Christians were treating each other is the reason why Paul showed them a more excellent way. The more excellent way is love (1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:13)

When Christians do not love one another there are going to be problems in the church. Not only will there be problems in the church but there will be Christians who lose their souls. John wrote, “We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him” (1 John 3:14, 15).

Whether or not we love our brothers and sisters in Christ says a lot about our relationship with God (1 John 4:7-11). If we do not love our fellow Christians then we are not born of God, do not love God, and do not know God. We can claim to love God all we want to but if we are not treating our brothers and sisters in a loving manner we are simply liars.

The greatest example of love is God’s love for mankind (1 John 4:10-11). God sent His Son to die for us. That gives evidence of tremendous love. We love God because He loved us and made it possible for our sins to be removed. John drew an important conclusion based upon these facts. “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another” (1 John 4:11).

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Prayer Requests

Please remember all our Bible Class teachers in your prayers.

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday May 14th at 6:30 p.m. The meal theme is Hamburgers.

A Fellowship meal is scheduled for Sunday May 20th after the morning worship service. The meal theme is soup and sandwiches.

The ladies' Bible class will meet Saturday, May 26th, at 10:00 a.m. at the building. All ladies are invited to attend and bring a friend!

Please mark your calendar for our upcoming VBS. It is scheduled for July 16th through July 18th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each evening. The theme is “Building Up the Family”.

Attention all youth ages 0 – 18 and their families. A canoe trip is planned for Saturday June 16th. The estimated cost is \$24 per person but we get a better discount if we have a larger group going. If interested please see Michael.

Summer quarter teaching material is available. Please see Clint Smith Sr. for your class material. The summer quarter begins on Sunday June 3rd and Wednesday June 6th. Thanks to Robin Owens for ordering our class material.