

### 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 Bill Cravens  
Scripture Reading John Keaton  
Sermon Eric Welch  
Lord's Supper Message Robby Stocksdale  
Luke 23:13-48

Table Attendant Rudy Ayala  
Table Attendant Dillian Goddard  
Closing Prayer Joe Sweeney

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

Song Leader Clint Smith Jr  
Bible Reading Michael Hawkins  
Selection 36  
Opening Prayer Derrick Smith II  
Sermon Eric Welch  
Closing Prayer Greg Blanton

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

Announcements Jerry Casey  
Lord's Supper Prayer Grover Blanton  
Offering Prayer Leon Stocksdale  
Usher Harold Tincher  
Count Offering Art Patrick  
Assist Count Joe Sweeney

### Sermon Titles

#### **Sunday Morning**

To the Rescue - Psalm 78:50-53

#### **Sunday Evening**

The Great Commission – Mt. 28:16-20

#### **Last Sunday**

Offering: \$3,012

Attendance: 79

# The Worker

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### **Parents Have To Live It**

by: Alan Smith

At one point during a game, the coach said to one of his young players, "Do you understand what cooperation is and what teamwork is all about?" The little boy nodded in the affirmative.

"Do you understand that what really matters is not whether we win or lose, but that we play together as a team?" The little boy nodded yes.

"Good," the coach continued. "And, when a strike is called, or you're thrown out at first, you don't argue, curse, attack the umpire with a bat, or throw dirt in the opposing team members' faces. Do you understand all that?"

Again the little boy nodded, "Well, sure, coach. That's what you taught us."

"Good," said the coach. "Now, please go over there and explain all that to your mother."

I've been to a few Little League games when the above conversation needed to take place! It's sad to see parents who act in an irresponsible manner because you know that they are teaching their children (and others' children) to behave in a similar manner.

God has given those of us who are parents an awesome responsibility -- not only to teach our children what is right, but to live in such a way that they can see that we are willing to practice what we've been teaching them to do.

Moses told the parents of Israel to take the laws which God had given them and "teach them diligently to your children...." (Deut. 6:7). But before telling parents to do that, he warned them: "Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it...." (Deut. 6:3).

Before we can teach a love of God and others to our children, it must be in our own hearts. May God bless those of you who are parents as you strive to do just that. May your life be so filled with a desire to follow God that your children will be open to hear all that you have to say to them.

Have a great day!

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## If You Had Been Here

Eric Welch

The September 2018 issue of Gospel Advocate features a series of articles centered on the theme “Where Was God?”. Where was God... When disaster struck? When I was sick? When my loved one died? When the wicked prospered? When the church fell away? These questions are dealt with in the articles.

In our study of Ruth, Naomi in a sense knew exactly where God was and He was out to get her. However, what these questions often have in common is that the sufferer does not deny God’s existence. He or she still believed in God, but in times of crisis, they had trust issues and struggled with doubt about whether God truly cares.

This age-old question even showed up while God was on earth. In John 11 one of Jesus’ friends, Lazarus, was on his deathbed. His sisters, Martha and Mary, sent a message to tell Jesus in order to get Him to come. However, when Jesus got the message, He waited two days before leaving. In the meantime, Lazarus died. When Jesus finally arrived, both sisters told Him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died” (vv. 21, 32). The sisters had faith. Each calls Him “Lord.” Martha confesses Him as “Son of God.” But they were asking “Where was God?”. If Jesus could have done something about it, why didn’t He? Does He not care? Jesus did not rebuke their grief; He mourned it (v. 35. but told them that they would see God’s power in Him. As a result, their faith in Him would grow (v. 14, 25, 40). John 11:35

What we see in the stories of Ruth, Mary, Martha and Lazarus is that God works according to His will, not ours. We must learn to trust God’s sovereignty, that He knows best in our situation.

Where was God? Where He was when, in His love, He sent His own Son to the cross for us and where He will be on the Day of Judgment when He will mete infinite justice once and for all (John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Matthew 25:31).

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:16-17

<sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

<sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

Matthew 25:31

## Hamburg Pike Happenings

A Fellowship meal to honor our first responders is scheduled for Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup> after the morning worship. The meal theme is soup and sandwiches. We are expecting visitors so please bring enough to feed approximately 15 people.

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. the meal theme is Pizza. The Elders encourage members of the congregation to join us on Monday evenings for this great local outreach. We share a meal together and write cards of encouragement to those in need and to our first time visitors. Please prayerfully consider joining the group.

On Sunday evening September 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have an abbreviated worship service during which the Building Committee will provide an update on our auditorium expansion plans.

The Elders have decided, instead of a Fall Gospel Meeting, to schedule a Bible Teaching Seminar on Saturday morning November 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is being announced early, and will be announced several times during the coming weeks, in order to give everyone opportunity to plan their schedules. Our speaker will be Michael Whitworth who conducts about 60 seminars a year. This is for everyone who would like to attend, not only teachers; additional information is posted on the bulletin board.

Men and young men are encouraged to present a Wednesday devotional after the Bible Study. The devotional should be 3 – 5 minutes in duration. This is for the Fall Wednesday night quarter September – November. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Potter Children’s Home is having their annual Commodities Drive. The list of items to be collected: Worcestershire sauce, marshmallows, cotton balls, disposable bowls, black pepper. If you are interested in donating these (or any items) the church will collect and store until picked up by David Hamilton. The scheduled pick up date is the week of September 16<sup>th</sup>. The list of needed items will be posted on the bulletin board.

Potter Children’s Home will pick up the “Silver for Children” campaign coin canisters in September. Please bring your canisters in no later than Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>. We expect them to pick up the canisters along with the donated items for their commodities drive the week of September 16<sup>th</sup>. Potter Children’s Home contact information: David Hamilton (270) 792-8883.