

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 Clint Smith Jr
Robby Stocksdale
Joe Sweeney

Pulpit Minister Eric Welch

Missions

Panama Pablo & Myra Sanchez
Panama Denicio & Carmen Miranda

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 Grover Blanton
Scripture Reading Leon Stocksdale
Sermon Eric Welch
Lord's Supper Message Irvin Williams
Table Attendant Art Patrick
Table Attendant Clint Smith III
Closing Prayer Joe Sweeney

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Clint Smith Jr
Bible Reading Nathaniel Welch
Selection 56
Opening Prayer Bill Cravens
Sermon Eric Welch
Closing Prayer Hayward Blanton

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Harold Tincher
Lord's Supper Prayer Clint Smith Sr
Offering Prayer Robby Stocksdale
Usher Greg Blanton
Count Offering Art Patrick
Assist Count Marc Owens

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning

Giving Generously - 1 Chronicles 29:6-9

Sunday Evening

God Will Supply Every Need – Phil 4:4-9, 11-13, 19

Last Sunday

Offering: \$2,023 Attendance: 44

The Worker

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A Father's Example

David A. Sargent

A small boy was consistently late coming home from school. His parents warned him one day that he must be home on time that afternoon, but nevertheless he arrived later than ever. His mother met him at the door and said nothing.

At dinner that night, the boy looked at his plate. There was a slice of bread and a glass of water. He looked at his father's full plate and then at his father, but his father remained silent. The boy was crushed. . . .

The father waited for the full impact to sink in, then quietly took the boy's plate and placed it in front of himself. He took his own plate of meat and potatoes, put it in front of the boy, and smiled at his son.

When that boy grew to be a man, he said, "All my life I've known what God is like by what my father did that night."

Because we ALL sin and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), we ALL deserve the wages of sin: DEATH (Romans 6:23).

But THIS is what God is like: He is a JUST God (Psalm 89:14), but He is also a LOVING God (1 John 4:7-8). Because He is a JUST God, He must punish sin. Because He is a LOVING God, He provided a way for us to have forgiveness. That way was through the gift of His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for the sins of the world (1 John 2:2). A wonderful exchange is made possible through Jesus Christ: He took the punishment for our sins and He offers us His righteousness. "For He [God] made Him who knew no sin [Jesus] to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

The "exchange" is activated when we: believe in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), repent of our sins (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). Then, as we continue to walk in the light of God's Word, the blood of Jesus will continue to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:7-9).

In the exchange of dinner plates, that small boy learned the meaning of GRACE from his father. Grace is something we NEED but we do not DESERVE. The boy's example illustrates what the Heavenly Father offers to YOU and ME. We deserve DEATH, but He offers us forgiveness and LIFE! That's something we need but we don't deserve; that's GRACE!

Won't YOU accept His grace through your faithful obedience today?

God bless you!

- David A. Sargent, serves the church of Christ at Creekwood in Mobile, Alabama via BulletinGold

Patriots of Heaven

Eric Welch

The city of Philippi was a Roman colony in Macedonia, northern Greece, and many of its citizens were retired Roman soldiers. They had all the rights, privileges and status of any Roman. No doubt, the residents of Philippi were proud of their Roman citizenship and were true patriots.

Paul reminded the Christians there that they have a citizenship in heaven and that they, as a colony of heaven, should live worthy of that citizenship (3:20). What does the life of a citizen of heaven look like? Look at the poem about Jesus in Phil. 2:5-11 and you will see. In verses 1-4, the citizens of the heaven must have unity and to have unity, they must have the same attitude of the One who came from heaven.

The poem in Philippians 2:5-11 is the heart of the entire letter. It is the good news of Jesus in a nutshell. Before becoming human, the Messiah pre-existed in a state of glory and equality with God. He is Deity. Yet, He chose not to hold onto or exploit His equal status with God for His own advantage. Rather, he emptied himself of His status and became a servant to all.

Moreover, in His loyalty and obedience to His Father, He allowed Himself to be humiliated by going to his death on a Roman cross. However, through God's power, the Messiah's shameful death has been reversed through the resurrection.

Now God has highly exalted Jesus as the King of all, bestowing upon him a name that is above every name so that all creation should recognize that Jesus the Messiah is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Paul then presents two examples of men living out the life and attitude of Jesus, Timothy and Epaphrodius. They participated in His suffering and sacrificial love and are worthy of imitation.

Paul urged his readers to follow Jesus' example as a way of life for citizens of heaven: to be humble and unified, to vent their anxieties to God who gives them peace, to stop complaining and to see beauty and grace in all circumstances, to rejoice. In due time, they will be exalted to live in heaven itself.

Paul Himself saw his suffering as a reenactment of Jesus' life. He says that his hardships taught him that the secret of contentment is simple: trust and dependence on God. Paul encouraged the Philippians living in the midst of intense Roman patriotism to follow Jesus' example to let His story become theirs.

Indeed, America needs more patriots of heaven.

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

Hamburg Pike Happenings

An abbreviated worship service is scheduled for Sunday evening January 27th. The Elders plan to present the 2019 financial budget immediately following.

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday January 28th at 6:30 p.m. the meal theme is Chili.

The Lads 2 Leaders groups Providers and Keepers will meet Sunday, January 27th 4:30 p.m. at the church building. The guys will learn about basic car maintenance with Eric, and the girls will learn about first aid and home safety with Alicia and Stephanie. If you want to receive an award for participation at the 2019 convention in Louisville, you must attend this meeting. Any questions, participants can see Stephanie.

A Fellowship meal is scheduled for Sunday January 27th after the morning worship. The meal theme is soup, sandwiches and salads. Drinks will be provided. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

We had to postpone the "Digging Deep" men's Bible study due to bad weather. Let's try again January 31, 7:00 p.m. at my house. I hope you can make it. —Eric

Simple Truth

Ron Bartanen

I recall reading of a famed mathematician who had to hire a bookkeeper to do his books. He said that simple math confused him! His mind was occupied with the profound, but had no room for the simple.

Theologians delight in wrangling over controversial issues to which the Bible gives little, if any, attention, while at the same time missing and even ignoring what we might call simple truth. While there is certainly deep and profound truth in this sacred volume, that which is of first importance must take preeminence, for it pertains to salvation. Consider the simple truth as recognized by the first Christians:

Jesus was believed, and preached as the Son of God. When Philip preached Jesus to the Ethiopian, the Ethiopian wished to be baptized, he first confessed, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37).

Jesus was believed and preached as the sinner's sin-offering. "He made him to be sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Sinners accepted Jesus by faith, repenting of sin, confessing Christ and being baptized. To those brought to faith in Jesus as the Christ, Peter said, "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38).

-- Ron Bartanen preaches for the Arthur church of Christ in Arthur, IL