

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

Those Privileged to Serve

A.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 Opening Prayer John Keaton
 Scripture Reading Rick Martin
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper Message Greg Blanton
 Table Attendant Jeff Blanton
 Table Attendant Dillian Goddard
 Closing Prayer Jerry Casey

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Clint Smith Jr
 Bible Reading Clint Smith III
 Selection 1
 Opening Prayer Grover Blanton
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Closing Prayer Doug McArthur

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Clint Smith Sr
 Lord's Supper Prayer Ryan Irwin
 Offering Prayer Leon Stocksdale
 Usher Robby Stocksdale
 Count Offering Joe Sweeney
 Assist Count Marc Owens

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning

Do We Indoctrinate Our Children? Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Sunday Evening

To Be Announced

Last Sunday

Offering: \$7,495 Attendance: 88

The Six S's of the Savior

Jesus came to the earth to...

...Seek - "for the Son of Man has come to seek...that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

...Serve - "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..."(Mark 10:45).

...Suffer - "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God..." (1 Pet. 3:18).

...Sacrifice - "...as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma" (Eph. 5:2).

...Sanctify - "Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate" (Heb. 13:12).

...Save - "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..." (1 Tim. 1:15).

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Is There Anything More Tragic Than This?

Dan Jenkins

The pictures of the third world countries of starving children burn images in our souls that simply cannot be erased. In a land of obesity, we sit on our plush couches and are moved when we see the poverty in other parts of the world. Is there anything more tragic than this?

A study by the United Nations shows there are 800,000,000 starving people on this earth with 25,000 of them dying each day from starvation. It is hard to imagine this as we look at the abundance of food in stores. Yet, the reality is about 20 people have starved to death since you started reading this article. Is there anything more tragic than this?

As much as it may surprise you, the truth is that there is something more tragic! There is another death, not of thousands, but of hundreds of thousands each day. It is from spiritual starvation! There is no country exempt from this starvation. It is not just in the poverty-stricken, third world countries, but in the most affluent nations on this earth. Europe is filled with houses of worship that are empty! God has been abandoned there in almost every form, and the same thing is happening in our own land. We are starving to death and don't realize it.

The spiritual food is all around us. The New Testament has been translated into over 1,100 languages and less than 3% of the world's population does not have access to the New Testament. Americans purchase 40,000 Bibles each day. The spiritual food is all around us.

Yet, we are starving to death! Whereas just decades ago most Americans had a working knowledge of the Bible, the average attendee at churches today leaves worship "feeling better" without having been fed the food God provided.

Those of you who are reading these words, take time to evaluate just how much you are being fed. The parable of the sower describes how the word entered the hearts of some, but then they "...are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity" (Luke 8:14). Are you one who attends worship and Bible class regularly only to get your life so busy that the word is pushed out from your heart? The word can be removed by things not inherently evil!

The difference in the two kinds of death by starvation is so obvious. We are moved by the one and ignore or deny the other. There is a famine in America and we are starving to death. Is there anything more tragic than this?

<http://www.pblcoc.org/2008-Bulletin-Articles/is-there-anything-more-tragic-than-this> October 26, 2008

Why Do We Teach Baptism? Part III

Eric Welch

The emphasis on baptism today in the Lord's church is often because of false teaching on this important command. Why do we teach it? Because Jesus commanded it and the apostles taught what Jesus commanded. Look at Paul.

Paul explains in Romans 6:3-4 that baptism is a burial that illustrates the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." In baptism, we identify with Jesus's sacrifice. Jesus died for sin; I must die to sin. Jesus was buried; I must be buried with Him. Jesus was raised to new life; I am raised to new life in Him.

Paul says that baptism is a burial. This inspired definition contradicts the non-inspired modern dictionary definition, which includes sprinkling or pouring water on one's head. When you bury someone you don't sprinkle dirt on their head. Baptism is a burial in water for the forgiveness of their sins.

Then in Galatians 3:27, Paul used another picture of baptism—a garment. God has placed salvation in Christ. We must be "in Christ" to be saved (Ephesians 1:7). How do we get "into Christ?" "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Paul says that baptism is the moment at which a believing, repentant gets into Christ by putting Him as a garment." The only thing which will matter on the Day of Judgement is whether or not you are "in" Christ.

Have you been buried with Christ? Have you put on Christ in baptism?

The Seven Ones

Ron Boatwright

In Ephesians 4:4-6 we read of seven ones. "There is one body, and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all, and in you all." Notice there is only one of each.

There is only one body. Ephesians 1:21-22 says that Christ is the "head over all things to the church, which is His body." So the one body is the one blood bought church of Christ (Acts 20:28, Romans 16:16). This is the only church that Christ is going to save (Ephesians 5:23).

There is only one Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was given to the apostles and other inspired writers of the New Testament to guide them into all truth (John 16:13). Since the New Testament has been once and for all delivered to us (Jude 3), we no longer need further revelations as some falsely claim.

The one hope of our calling is for the salvation in Heaven (1 Peter 1:3-4) and Jesus is the author of salvation unto all that obey Him (Hebrews 5:9). This one hope is not to live here on a renewed earth for eternity as some falsely teach. This earth is going to be burned up (2 Peter 3:10).

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The Seven Ones

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There is only one Lord Jesus Christ, not Mohammed or anyone else. In John 14:6 Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Jesus asks, "why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord', and not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46).

There is only one faith, not the hundreds of different faiths that have been established by men today. This one faith has once and for all been delivered to us in the New Testament (Jude 3). All of the other faiths by men are vain.

There is only one baptism which is a burial in water (Romans 6:4) of those who are capable of believing and repenting. It is for the forgiveness of sins so we can be saved (Acts 2:38, Mark 16:16). All other baptisms that man has come up with are vain.

And there is only one God. There are many other false gods and millions of Hindu gods, but there is only one true God. All these other gods that man has made are false.

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday April 8th at 6:30 p.m. the meal theme is pizza.

The Puppet Team will be performing for the Junior Leader group on Sunday April 7th and 14th at 4:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Pre-K youth are welcome to attend as well. See Ashley or Cassie if you have any questions.