

**Leadership**  
**Elders** Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey  
**Deacons** Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney  
**Pulpit Minister** David Wright  
**Associate Minister** Irvin F. Williams

**Panama Missions**  
 Evans Campbell Pablo Sanchez

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies and Bible Correspondence Courses - Phone (812) 284-3125

Visit Our Website: [www.hamburgpikecofc.org](http://www.hamburgpikecofc.org) Email: [church@hamburgpikecofc.org](mailto:church@hamburgpikecofc.org)

**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



3108 Hamburg Pike, Jeffersonville, IN 47130 Ph. (812) 284-3125  
 Volume 1 Issue 14 [www.hamburgpikecofc.org](http://www.hamburgpikecofc.org) December 02, 2012

**Facing Monumental Decisions**

His master, Abraham, had given him total authority in the finding of a bride for Isaac. He swore to the patriarch that he would not seek a wife from among the Canaanites, but would find one among Abraham's relatives in Mesopotamia. He promised that under no condition would he take Isaac back to Chaldea, for Isaac was to inherit the land God had promised to Abraham and his descendants. It likely took several days, even weeks, before the unnamed servant reached his destination.

One can only imagine what thoughts he had as he traveled. But when he arrived in Mesopotamia, he prayed fervently that God would give him success and thereby show kindness to Abraham. God answered his prayer in a most remarkable way. Even before he had finished praying, the future bride was standing beside him.

As it became apparent that God had heard him and he learned that indeed Rebekah was from Abraham's family, "the man bowed down his head and worshipped the Lord" (Genesis 24:26). He was so thankful that God's mercy had been shown to him. There is more to the story (read Genesis 24), but think of the following lessons we can learn:

1. Prayer should be a vital part of the selection of the person anyone is dating or contemplating marrying.
2. Prayer should precede every major decision we make. When faced with crisis, pray!
3. Prayer is heard in heaven and God answers.
4. Prayer that is answered should be followed by a prayer of thanksgiving that God has heard us.
5. Prayer should not be hidden. Don't be afraid to pray publicly because of what others might think.
6. Prayer shaped the destiny of Abraham's family, and it affects the destiny of yours.

- Dan Jenkins Jacksonville church of Christ 7/9/2009

**Those Privileged to Serve**

<b>AM Service</b>		<b>PM Service</b>		<b>AM &amp; PM Services</b>	
Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Robby Stocksdale	Announcements	Harold Tincher
First Prayer	Joe Sweeney	Bible Reading	Greg Blanton	Lord's Supper	Hank Tincher
Second Prayer	Irvin Williams	Selection	22	Offering	Grover Blanton
Scripture	David Blackwell	Prayer	Jerry Casey	Usher	Art Patrick
Sermon	David Wright	Sermon	David Wright	Count Offering	Joe Sweeney
Lord's Supper	John 18:1-40	Closing Prayer	Clint Smith Jr	Assist Count	Robby Stocksdale
Message	Leon Stocksdale	<i>If unable to serve please call:</i>			
Attendant	Brandon Montgomery	<i>Art Patrick 502-819-9481</i>			
Attendant	Haydn Blanton	<i>Harold Tincher 812-288-5956</i>			
Closing Prayer	Jerry Montgomery				

Hamburg Pike Church of Christ  
 3108 Hamburg Pike  
 Jeffersonville, IN 47130

## Better Left Undone

David Wright

Naaman, commander of the Syrian army, was a leper. After hearing from a Hebrew captive in his household that a prophet in Samaria could cure leprosy, Naaman traveled to Israel and arrived at Elisha's door. The man of God instructed the decorated general to "go and wash in the Jordan seven times" (2 Kings 5:10). Initially, Naaman took offense and drove away in a rage. But when he humbled himself and obeyed, "his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child" (v. 14).

Naaman was so thankful for the cleansing that he returned to Elisha's house and urged him to receive the rich gifts sent from the Syrian king, but the prophet refused to take credit for what God had done. Gehazi, Elisha's servant, was less scrupulous. He told himself, "My master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not accepting from his hand what he brought. As the Lord lives, I will run after him, and get something from him" (2 Kings 5:20). When Gehazi overtook Naaman, he told the commander that Elisha had changed his mind. Two guests, both sons of the prophets, had just arrived unexpectedly. Could Naaman give gifts to these visitors? Gehazi did indeed "get something" from Naaman. He got two changes of fine clothing, two talents of silver—and Naaman's leprosy as a punishment for being dishonest and greedy.

Gehazi seems to have rationalized his sin this way: "Naaman planned to pay an enormous sum for a cure. Would it be so wrong if I took just a small percentage of that money? He's rich. He'll never miss it."

Do we ever rationalize our own sins? When I do right, my conscience is quiet and clear. But if I have to argue with myself, convince myself, the thing I am planning to do may be better left undone.

### Sermons

1 Timothy 3:8-13

The Servant Office (a.m.)

Peter the Leader (p.m.)

<sup>25</sup> He went in and stood before his master, and Elisha said to him, "Where have you been, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant went nowhere." <sup>26</sup> But he said to him, "Did not my heart go when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants and female servants? <sup>27</sup> Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever." So he went out from his presence a leper, like snow. 2 Kings 5:25-27

**Prayer List:** Chandra Akers (Marla), Tina & Randy Balentine (Jean), LIZ BLANTON, RUBY BLESSITT, MARTIN BONNEY, Ruth Bumpus (Polly), MARAH CASEY, JAYNE CRAVENS, Dennis Davis (Debbie), JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, ALMA FAYE DORMAN, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), Gwen Hardy (Deb ), FRANK & MARY HARRIS, DOUG & JUDY HAWKINS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, Elise Jackson (Christine), Alice Jenkins (Ann), Charles & Marlyn Jenkins (Ann), James Jones Ministry, Arletha Kenty (Nathan), Josephine King (Polly), MERLE & JOYCE KNUCKLES, FRANCES LAWTON, SUE LINNE & Rhea, Estin Martin (Jean), POLLY MCCLINTOCK, JERRY & SONJA MONTGOMERY, Carol Mousty (Ann), Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), FERN TINCHER, Fulton Wilson (Ann)

**Serving in the Armed Forces:** Joey Blanton, Stephen Blanton and Scott Viers

### Hamburg Pike Happenings

After the Sunday evening service on December 9, Debbie and Clint Smith will be hosting a youth fellowship, in the multi-purpose room, for our teens, young adults, and young families. Young ladies, please speak with Debbie about what to bring.

The "Monday Night for the Master" will meet 12/03 at 6 pm. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend so we will know how much pizza to order.

The winter quarter of bible classes begins Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **A Church is almost certain to grow...**

- When each member has a deep concern for the lost.
- When each member enters into worship with enthusiasm.
- When each member is interested in bible school.
- When each teacher is interested in improving his/her teaching ability.
- When each elder and deacon is dedicated to the work.
- When the preacher preaches the word with love.
- When each member is personally involved in his/her work of soul saving.
- When each member lets brotherly love express itself to every other member.

So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to this good work. Nehemiah 2:18b (NKJV)

Findlay church of Christ Sparta, TN

[Hamburg Pike church of Christ Home Page](#)

[The Worker, The Hamburg Pike church of Christ Bulletin Published Weekly](#)