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**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



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**From Heaven with Love**

Jesus came from heaven. About that there can be no doubt. Time and again the New Testament reminds us of the eternal history of Christ in affiliation with God the Father.

At this time of the year much of the world, even those who do not believe, will give nodding recognition to this fact as they celebrate Christmas. They will recognize His birth but will they stop to consider why He came?

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

Jesus’ birth was an open expression of God’s love for the human race. His life illustrated that love in an even more dramatic way. The cross indelibly stamped that remarkable love on the pages of history. And after that, Jesus returned to heaven.

The goal of God is not found in the Christmas season, transient holiday cheer or an annual acknowledgement of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is found in your readiness for heaven.

For this reason, by His own words, Jesus died.

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14:1-3).

David Bragg

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**Those Privileged to Serve**

**AM Service**

Song Leader Michael Hawkins  
 First Prayer David Wright  
 Second Prayer Ron Iverson  
 Scripture Grover Blanton  
 Sermon David Wright  
 Lord’s Supper John 20:1-31  
 Message Joe Sweeney  
 Attendant Art Patrick  
 Attendant Harold Tincher  
 Closing Prayer Hayward Blanton

**PM Service**

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale  
 Bible Reading Michael Hawkins  
 Selection 24  
 Prayer John Keaton  
 Sermon David Wright  
 Closing Prayer Greg Blanton

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 Art Patrick 502-819-9481  
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**AM & PM Services**

Announcements Leon Stocksdale  
 Lord’s Supper Clint Smith Jr  
 Offering Hank Tincher  
 Usher Jerry Montgomery  
 Count Offering Robby Stocksdale  
 Assist Count Art Patrick

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## What Do You Think?

David Wright

Jesus asked the Pharisees what they thought of the Christ (Matt. 22:42). In its context, the question pressed for an acknowledgment of Jesus' true nature as God's Son. However, like many other questions asked by biblical characters, this query has assumed a life of its own. That is, it is worthy of consideration even when isolated from its immediate context. What do you think of the Christ?

Many people seem to think of Jesus as a Christmas doll. Consider, for instance, the behavior of a typical country singer. In November he is singing rowdy songs about bars, booze, and adultery. But in December this very same person is performing the lilting melody "Away in a Manger."

When people honor Jesus only at Christmastime, they seem to prefer a Christ who can be controlled. They feel quite comfortable with "the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay." Isn't he adorable? But this is a self-deception. The child born in Bethlehem was born King (Luke 1:31-33). A king rules his subjects.

Others seem to think of Jesus as a Sunday hat. On the first day of the week, they remove him from the shelf in the back of the closet and put him on. As soon as worship ends, the Lord is returned to his obscure place and forgotten for another week.

This, too, is a self-deception. Jesus will accept nothing less than our all: "If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26).

What do **you** think of the Christ?

### Sermon

Luke 19:12-23

Parable of the Talents (a.m.)

Peter the Superman (p.m.)

<sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, <sup>42</sup> saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." <sup>43</sup> He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

<sup>44</sup> "The Lord said to my Lord,  
"Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

<sup>45</sup> If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" <sup>46</sup> And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Matthew 22:41-46

**Prayer List:** Chandra Akers (Marla), Tina & Randy Balentine (Jean), LIZ BLANTON, RUBY BLESSITT, MARTIN BONNEY, Ruth Bumpus (Polly), 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

Thanks to Debbie and Clint Smith for hosting the youth fellowship and to Michael Hawkins for leading songs and Hank Tinchler for conducting the devotional.

The "Monday Night for the Master" will meet 12/17 at 6 pm. We will have Pizza, please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the final clean-out of the Meigs Avenue property and to all those who cleaned up prior to Saturday. A special thanks to Joe Sweeney for organizing and leading that effort.

Thanks to Teresa McClintock for the new flower arrangements in the auditorium.

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