

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

Schedule of Services
Sunday
 Bible Class 10:00 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Panama Missions
 Evans Campbell Pablo Sanchez

Wednesday
 Bible Class 7:00 PM

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AM Service		Those Privileged to Serve		AM & PM Services	
		PM Service			
Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Robby Stocksdale	Announcements	Joe Sweeney
First Prayer	Joe Sweeney	Bible Reading	David Blackwell	Lord's Supper	Ron Iverson
Second Prayer	Hayward Blanton	Selection	36	Offering	Leon Stocksdale
Scripture	Clint Smith Jr	Prayer	John Keaton	Usher	Ernie Marshall
Sermon	David Wright	Sermon	David Wright	Count Offering	Robby Stocksdale
Lord's Supper		Closing Prayer	Daniel Tincher	Assist Count	Art Patrick
Message	Irvin Williams	<i>If unable to serve please call:</i>		<i>Do not be slothful in zeal,</i>	
Attendant	Brandon Montgomery	<i>Art Patrick 502-819-9481</i>		<i>be fervent in spirit,</i>	
Attendant	Jeremy Montgomery	<i>Harold Tincher 812-288-5956</i>		<i>serve the Lord. Rom 12:11</i>	
Closing Prayer	Jerry Casey				

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Impatience

How many times have you been in a hurry only to be slowed by someone or something?

How many times have you prayed for an answer from God only to be met with impatiently waiting until you gave up and made a decision for yourself?

The great New England preacher Phillips Brooks was known for his calm demeanor, but even he could have his patience tried at times. One day a friend observed him pacing the floor like a caged lion. "What's the trouble, Dr. Brooks?" Asked the friend. "The trouble is that I am in a hurry," he replied, "but God isn't."

Isn't that true of most of us at times in our life? We become impatient with the deliberate manner in which God operates. We want results now! We want that sapling to grow into that huge tree soon, we want to see that church grow to maturity, and we want to see that teenager who has been going astray turn their life around overnight.

I'm sure the foolish builder of Matthew 7:24-27, could have pointed out the length of time it took the other guy to cut a foundation out of bed rock, and to make his deliberate, painstaking preparations. But you know what happened when the wind and the rains came; the guy who was in a hurry was homeless!

It took Jesus three years to develop His apostles. It took eighty years to prepare Moses for leadership. It took thousands of years for the right time for God to send His son (Galatians 4:4).

And we want results yesterday. At the soonest. Are you kidding me? I wonder if the Lord operates on Greenwich Mean Time or Eastern Standard Time. I wonder who sets God's deadlines. I wonder if it wouldn't be better if we began to fit into His schedule rather than trying to crush Him into ours. "The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear" (Mark 4:28, ESV).

God has an eternity in which to do His work. Then again, we're eternal beings, too. Maybe we should work on His schedule and "wait on the Lord" (Psalm 27:4).

- Jeff Arnette preaches for the Central Haywood church of Christ, Clyde, NC.

What Is Grace?

David Wright

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul tells his readers that they have been saved “by grace” (2:8). But what is grace? On the one hand, many church-goers see grace as a license to sin. This understanding explains why so many ministers preach the unfaithful or godless deceased right into heaven. This viewpoint dominates in progressive congregations of our brotherhood—the churches ready to abandon a cappella singing, male leadership in mixed-gender assemblies, and observance of communion on the first day of the week.

On the other hand, many church-goers see grace as something earned. This sort of thinking is dominant in legalistic denominations (e.g., Jehovah’s Witnesses, the Latter Day Saints, the Seventh-day Adventists). Ultra-conservative congregations among the churches of Christ operate under this same definition of grace. If a man obeys the Gospel, attends church regularly, abstains from obviously immoral behavior, and worships according to the NT pattern, he will probably go to heaven. The more extreme the legalism becomes, the bigger the question mark after “probably.” This thinking pattern leads to arrogance and self-righteousness.

Biblical grace is neither a license nor a reward. Grace is a glorious gift received in humble, obedient faith. Paul was staggered by it. Nothing he could do would blot out the sins he had committed against the Lord and his church. How could he possibly be forgiven? The answer was God’s tender love in the person of Christ. Grace. And Paul never saw that gift as a pass to live as he pleased. A man or woman truly overwhelmed by grace can never do enough to show his gratitude to God. “By the grace of God I am what I am,” Paul told the Corinthians, “and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me” (1 Cor. 15:10).

Sermon

2 Chron. 13:4-12

Passing the Adult Test (a.m.)

Saved by Grace (p.m.)

12 I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, 13 though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 1 Tim. 1:12-16

Prayer List: Chandra Akers (Marla), Tina & Randy Balentine (Jean), LIZ BLANTON, RUBY BLESSITT, MARTIN BONNEY, Dallas Bratcher (Debbie T.), Ruth Bumpus (Polly), JAYNE CRAVENS, JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, ALMA FAYE DORMAN, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), FRANK & MARY HARRIS, DOUG & JUDY HAWKINS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, RON IVERSON, 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, Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Sam Sellers, Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), FERN TINCHER, ERNESTINE TURNER, NORMA WILLIAMS, Fulton Wilson (Ann)

Military Service: Matt Bartram, Joey Blanton, Stephen Blanton and Scott Viers

Hamburg Pike Happenings

13 year old Dallas Allen was baptized Saturday March 2nd. The congregation rejoices with this young man’s decision to follow Christ. He is a wonderful example for our youth. Please encourage and pray for Dallas as he begins his new life.

Robby and Kirsten’s Fellowship group will meet Sunday March 10th after the a.m. service.

The next “Monday Night for the Master” meeting is March 11th at 6 pm. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

Saturday March 16th we will have a Youth Group outing at Puzzle’s Fun Dome in Louisville. We encourage all kids to enjoy the fun, please see Clint Jr. for details.

Kid’s Day is Sunday, March 17, the morning message is entitled ““Why Does God Let Bad Things Happen?” A pizza lunch and games will follow the a.m. service. Caleb Hambelton, our prospective summer youth minister, will teach a class for grades 5-12 that morning.

Clint and Ashley’s Fellowship group will meet Sunday March 17th after the a.m. service. Their group will make cookies and help with Kid’s Day.

Clint and Debbie’s Fellowship group will meet Sunday March 24th after the a.m. service.

This is a reminder that we will go on Daylight Saving time at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10th, turn your clocks FORWARD one hour.

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