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Schedule of Services

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

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 Bible Class 7:00 PM



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First Pray!

The urgency of the work might seem to demand that each worker run into the field and begin the harvest. However, we are impressed by the fact that Jesus said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest." This verse hits the cruciality of prayer. Prayer is not a substitute for reaping, but a companion activity. The workers are urged to pray and then go to work. In our day let us pray earnestly that there may be more workers to help harvest billions of souls who need to know Christ. The task can be accomplished only if every Christian takes seriously his daily duty, personal responsibility to teach, to preach concerning the kingdom, and help all manner of people in need.

All of us want to be as much like our Lord as possible. We want to think like He thought, speak like He spoke, and to live like he lived. If we will work as He worked, we can make great strides toward becoming like Him. Let each of us prepare himself to teach, privately or publicly or both. Let each of us prepare himself to speak in some appropriate way concerning the kingdom and salvation.

First Pray! "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest. Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." (John 4:35-36)

Paul wrote, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." (Rom.1:14-16).

Someone wrote, "Thanks for prayers that thou hast answered. Thanks for what thou doest deny. Thanks for storms that I have weathered, Thanks for all Thou doest supply, Thanks for pain and thanks for pleasure, Thanks for comfort in despair. Thanks for grace that none can measure, Thanks for love beyond compare."

Today most of us pray for more things than we are willing to work for. YET, PEOPLE MUST NOT PRAY FOR GOD TO DO WHAT THEY WILL NOT DO.

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Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service		PM Service		AM & PM Services	
Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Clint Smith Jr	Announcements	Harold Tincher
First Prayer	Hayward Blanton	Bible Reading	Daniel Tincher	Lord's Supper	Hank Tincher
Second Prayer	Jerry Montgomery	Selection	39	Offering	Grover Blanton
Scripture	Robby Stocksdale	Prayer	Clint Smith Sr	Usher	Marc Owens
Sermon	David Wright	Sermon	Singing Emphasis	Count Offering	Art Patrick
Lord's Supper	Matt 27:11-50	Closing Prayer	Jerry Casey	Assist Count	Marc Owens
Message	David Blackwell	<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	Leon Stocksdale	<i>Harold Tincher 812-288-5956</i>		<i>serve the Lord. Rom 12:11</i>	
Closing Prayer	Greg Blanton				

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The Innocent Little Idol

David Wright

Presently, I am reading *Moby-Dick*, the 1851 classic adventure novel written by Herman Melville. The story is told from the first-person perspective of Ishmael, a sailor. At one point in the book, Ishmael is invited to worship a small idol honored by Queequeg, a pagan friend. The following paragraph records Ishmael's acceptance of the invitation:

I was a good Christian; born and bred in the bosom of the infallible Presbyterian Church. How then could I unite with this wild idolator in worshipping his piece of wood? But what is worship? thought I. Do you suppose now, Ishmael, that the magnanimous God of heaven and earth—pagans and all included—can possibly be jealous of an insignificant bit of black wood? Impossible! [...] So I kindled the shavings; helped prop up the innocent little idol; offered him burnt biscuit with Queequeg; salamed before him twice or thrice; kissed his nose; and that done, we undressed and went to bed, at peace with our own consciences and all the world.

An idolater may be “at peace” with his conscience and “all the world,” but his worship is an act of hostility toward the God of heaven and earth. At Sinai the Lord commanded: “You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God” (Exod. 20:4-5). But why is God Almighty jealous of what Melville's Ishmael called “an insignificant bit of black wood”?

Paul answers this question in his correspondence with the church in Corinth. “What do I imply then?” he asks. “That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God” (1 Cor. 10:19-20). An idol is nothing. However, behind its fixed expression is the leer of Satan and all his demonic cohorts. Nothing that usurps God's rightful place in the human heart (whether it be wooden idol, paper money, or rubber ball) is truly innocent.

Sermon

1 Cor. 15:1-4

Raised with Him (a.m.)

Singing Emphasis (p.m.)

19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

1 John 5:19-21

Prayer List: Chandra Akers (Marla), Tina & Randy Balentine (Jean), LIZ BLANTON, MARTIN BONNEY, Sally Bower, (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), 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

Our Sunday evening service will be a Singing Emphasis. Men and young men who would like to lead a song please sign the sheet.

Clint and Ashley's fellowship group will meet Sunday March 31st after the morning worship. See Clint or Ashley for details.

The next “Monday Night for the Master” meeting is April 1st at 6 pm. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. Joe Brothers will be presenting the fourth lesson in his series "Taking the Gospel to the World on Our Street." His topic Monday evening is "Filling Your Shepherd's Bag." On March 18 Joe asked everyone to choose "five stones from the brook" (i.e., five evangelism ideas for the church). He wants to share our thoughts in a PowerPoint presentation on Monday. So that his request can be honored, please email your ideas to David Wright or Harold Tincher no later than Sunday. If you do not have Internet access, you may list your ideas on the paper Joe provided.

The Building Committee will meet Thursday March 28th at 6:30 pm.

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