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As Jesus taught in the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, we must ALSO be willing to forgive the debts of OTHERS (Matt 18:21-35; see also Matt 6:14-15).

When we accept God's forgiveness on His terms, we are able to sing "a new song":

"He paid a debt he did not owe

I owed a debt I could not pay

I needed someone, to wash my sins away

And NOW I sing a brand new song, "Amazing Grace."

Christ Jesus paid the debt that I could never pay."

Won't YOU allow the blood of Christ to cover the debt of YOUR sin by submitting YOUR life to Him in trusting obedience?

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7*



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## A Bill Too High

By David A. Sargent

Do you own a cell phone? Do you think your monthly bill is high?

The amount you pay is surely far less than the bill received by Bob and Mary St. Germain...

This couple received a bill of nearly \$18,000 from Verizon Wireless back in 2006, and it was not a mistake! The St. Germain's son believed he had free data downloads and used at least 816,000 kilobytes which led to the enormous bill.

Although an \$18,000 cell phone bill is hard to imagine, it is insignificant when compared to the debt of sin that EACH of us has incurred.

You and I are represented by the servant who owed 10,000 talents (an astronomical amount of money in that time) and was called before the king to settle the account in Jesus' "Parable of the Unforgiving Servant." (Please read the parable in Matthew 18:23-35.) Unable to pay the tremendous debt, the servant pled for mercy. "The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go" (Matthew 18:27).

Due to our sin, each of us owes an enormous debt to God -- Who created us and has provided everything for us. We do not have enough resources to "pay" the debt for even one of our sins. We are completely dependent upon the mercy of God.

But God loves us so much that He gave His only begotten Son (John 3:16) to pay the debt for our sins. He paid the price for our redemption by dying on the cross for our sins. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7).

The blood of Jesus removes the debt of those who will: place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (2 Corinthians 7:9-10), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). The blood of Jesus continues to keep one's record clean as he continues to live for the One who made His redemption possible (1 John 1:7).

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### 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

### Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

### Panama Missions

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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	Clint Smith Jr
First Prayer	Jerry Casey	Bible Reading	John Keaton	Lord's Supper	Joe Sweeney
Second Prayer	Matt Johnson	Selection	61	Offering	Greg Blanton
Scripture	David Blackwell	Prayer	Jerry Montgomery	Usher	Harold Tincher
Sermon	David Wright	Sermon	David Wright	Count Offering	Harold Tincher
Lord's Supper	Luke 22:14-23, 39-70	Closing Prayer	Leon Stocksdale	Assist Count	Joe Sweeney
Message	Ron Iverson	<i>If unable to serve please call:</i>		<i>Do not be slothful in zeal,</i>	
Attendant	Marc Owens	<i>Art Patrick 502-819-9481 or</i>		<i>be fervent in spirit, serve</i>	
Attendant	Grover Blanton	<i>Harold Tincher 502-409-3511</i>		<i>the Lord. Rom 12:11</i>	
Closing Prayer	Hank Tincher				

## Rejoice in The Lord

David Wright

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul urges his readers to “rejoice in the Lord always” (4:4). Is he talking about happiness? Certainly, most people want to be happy. Happiness is the good feeling we have when everything goes our way. Happy is how we feel when our favorite football team wins a big game, when we hit the road for a camping trip on Labor Day weekend, when several inches of slow rain soak the ground after a dry summer, or when we dip up a big bowl of homemade ice cream. Happiness largely depends on happenings, on present circumstances.

Godless people do almost anything to grasp after the elusive feelings of happiness. They drink to excess, abuse drugs, overspend, engage in destructive sexual behavior, or work endless hours to acquire more stuff. “Rejoice in the Lord always,” though, does not mean “be happy.” Happiness and unhappiness cannot exist together, but joy and sorrow can and do.

Consider the Lord’s own experience as an example. Predicting the suffering of Jesus, Isaiah says that “he was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief” (53:3). This “man of sorrows” anticipated the cross with a heavy heart. In Gethsemane he prayed “in an agony,” and his perspiration “became like great drops of blood falling down upon the ground” (Luke 22:44). And yet, the Bible speaks of the “joy that was set before him” as he “endured the cross” (Heb. 12:2). Was Jesus happy in his sadness? No. He rejoiced in his sorrow.

Happiness is a feeling, but joy is an attitude. “Rejoice in the Lord always” is a commandment because rejoicing is something that we can decide to do. No one can choose to feel happy when he is feverish and nauseated. But a sick person can choose to rejoice in the Lord—to thank God for his blessings, to trust in his care, to anticipate the great day when “he will wipe away every tear” (Rev. 21:4).

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Phil. 4:4-8

### Sermon

Mark 8:27-38

In Exchange for His Soul (a.m.)

As Servants of Christ (p.m.)

**Prayer List:** Chandra Akers (Marla), MARTIN BONNEY, JAYNE CRAVENS, Jerry Crick (Ann), Todd Cunningham (Hank), Esther Davis (Marian), JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Elma Fielder (Marian), Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), FRANK & MARY HARRIS, DOUG & JUDY HAWKINS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, RON IVERSON, Bernie Jackson (Harold), Elise Jackson (Christine), Alice Jenkins (Ann), Charles & Marlyn Jenkins (Ann), Arletha Kenty (Nathan), Josephine King (Polly), MERLE & JOYCE KNUCKLES, FRANCES LAWTON, SUE LINNE & Rhea, Shelly Marshall, POLLY MCCLINTOCK, JERRY & SONJA MONTGOMERY, CAROL MOUSTY, Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), Lynn Sullivan (Ann), THERESA TEMPLE, FERN TINCHER, Fulton Wilson (Ann)

**Military Service:** Matt Bartram, Stephen Blanton, Scott Viers, Zach West, Jeremy Whitlow

### Hamburg Pike Happenings

**Special Classes:** On Wednesday evenings during the fall quarter, Hamburg Pike will enjoy two special classes. The men (including boy’s grades 5 and up) will meet in the auditorium together for a leadership training class. The ladies (including girl’s grades 5 and up) will meet for class together in the multi-purpose room.

The fall quarter of bible classes begins September 1<sup>st</sup>. Grades 1 thru 7 will move up at this time.

The required plans for our building project have been approved by the City. The excavation of the construction site will begin very soon.

We welcome Dodie Miller who expressed to the Elders her desire to place membership at Hamburg Pike.

September 2 marks the first anniversary of the Hamburg Pike merger. This congregation has certainly been blessed over the past year; please pray for God’s continued blessing as we work together in His service.