

The Building Committee is asking parents to keep their children indoors before and after services until the construction project is completed. This request is intended to protect our children from injury. If a child manages to get into a construction area (either inside or outside the building), adults are urged to bring him to his parents. And parents are encouraged to take no offense if this happens. None is intended. All the children at Hamburg Pike are a wonderful blessing to the church. And we want them to have a place to run and play. This desire has shaped the entire project. The requested restriction is inconvenient but only temporary. Thank you for your cooperation.



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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

HE WHO DIES WITH THE MOST TOYS WINS...

Several years ago I discovered the above saying. Actually a good friend of mine, Mike Moore, and I used to joke with one another about any new tools, cars, etc. that we would get, that we were one up on each other. I was in a car parts store and saw the poster with the saying on it and bought two, one for Mike and one for myself. Neither one of us took that philosophy of life seriously, but it was a "guy thing" to do.

That has probably been almost 20 years ago, and this week I finally saw a poster with the rest of the saying. It read, "He who dies with the most toys wins.... but he still dies."

Wow! Doesn't that make you stop and think?

Jesus told a story that says it all in Luke 12:16-22. ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" ²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God. ²²And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on."

When you are looking over all you own and thinking about it.... maybe considering that next purchase, that next acquisition. Maybe thinking about how much or how much more you will have at retirement.... just thinking about "my good things." Remember what God said, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"

May you lay up the truly good and lasting thing, because in the end, we all still die.

Russ Lawson, Greenville church of Christ, Greenville, OH

Measure your wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money!

Get rich quick! Count your blessings.

No one is poor who can by prayer open the storehouse of God.

Those Privileged to Serve December 22, 2013

AM Service		PM Service		AM & PM Services	
Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Clint Smith Jr	Announcements	Joe Sweeney
Opening Prayer	John Keaton	Bible Reading	Harold Tincher	Lord's Supper	David Blackwell
Scripture	Hank Tincher	Selection	12	Offering	Grover Blanton
Sermon	David Wright	Prayer	Clint Smith Sr	Usher	Ernie Marshall
Lord's Supper		Sermon	David Wright	Count Offering	Art Patrick
Message	Irvin Williams	Closing Prayer	Greg Blanton	Assist Count	Marc Owens
Attendant	Marc Owens				
Attendant	Brandon Montgomery				
Closing Prayer	Robby Stocksdale				
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Those Privileged to Serve December 29, 2013

AM Service		PM Service		AM & PM Services	
Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Robby Stocksdale	Announcements	Harold Tincher
Opening Prayer	Matt Johnson	Bible Reading	Fin Burton	Lord's Supper	Greg Blanton
Scripture	David Blackwell	Selection	13	Offering	Hayward Blanton
Sermon	Irvin Williams	Prayer	Leon Stocksdale	Usher	Art Patrick
Lord's Supper		Sermon	Singing Emphasis	Count Offering	Hank Tincher
Message	David Wright	Closing Prayer	Grover Blanton	Assist Count	Art Patrick
Attendant	Ron Iverson				
Attendant	Jeremy Montgomery				
Closing Prayer	Clint Smith Jr				
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If unable to serve please call: Art Patrick 502-819-9481 or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511

If He Repents, Forgive Him

David Wright

Joseph's brothers sold him as a slave and led their elderly father to believe that the boy was dead. For at least 39 years, that sin haunted these brothers. Forgiving themselves seemed almost impossible. Forgiveness wasn't easy for Joseph either. For some time he punished his brothers before finding the grace to let go of his bitter feelings. Of course, Joseph's brothers were genuinely penitent.

When an offender is humble and remorseful, forgiveness is easier. But what if the offender is stubborn and unapologetic? What if he defends the wrong or even mocks his victim for expressing hurt? Is forgiveness still required? Technically, forgiveness cannot occur in the absence of repentance. Jesus says, "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him; and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive him" (Luke 17:3-4).

Does the Lord violate his own teaching by offering unconditional forgiveness at Golgotha? "Father," Jesus prays for the mob mocking and reviling him, "forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). As it turns out, this gracious request for forgiveness is conditional. At the Pentecost festival about seven weeks after the cross, Peter accuses his audience of crucifying their Messiah. Deeply convicted, the people cry out, "Brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). Does Peter say, "You don't need to do a thing. Jesus already prayed for you at the cross"? No. Peter says, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins" (v. 38).

Plainly, Jesus' prayer at the cross is an expression of his willingness to forgive rather than an unconditional release of guilt. A genuine willingness to forgive is all that God expects from us when an offender shows no sign of remorse. Being open to forgiveness paves the way for true reconciliation and, just as importantly, protects the injured person from the cancerous ravages of bitterness.

Sermon 12/22/13

Malachi 4:1-6

Gabriel's Good News (a.m.)

The Throne of Grace (p.m.)

Sermon 12/29/13

II Peter 3:3-10

Great Day Coming (a.m.)

Singing Emphasis (p.m.)

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Genesis 50:15-21

Hamburg Pike Happenings

This issue of the bulletin covers Sunday December 22nd and Sunday December 29th. The next issue of the bulletin will be January 5, 2014. Please note that "Those Privileged to Serve" for the next two Sundays are listed in this issue.

Our evening worship on Dec 29th will be a "Singing Emphasis" service. Men and young men who would like to lead a song or read scripture please sign the sheet in the foyer.

The MNM group will not meet on Monday December 23rd or Monday December 30th. Our next MNM meeting is scheduled for Monday January 6th. Hope to see you there. Please sign the sheet if you plan to attend.

A Movie Night is scheduled for Friday Dec 27th, 6:30 – 9:00 pm at the building. This is for toddlers through 4th grade. Feature presentation is "Veggie Tales God Made You Special". Dinner, dessert and drinks will be provided. See Clint Jr for additional details.

The church extends a special thanks to Teresa and David McClintock for the flower arrangements in the auditorium.

Visiting Brethren from David, Panama plan to worship with us on January 5th. The evening lesson will be taught by Denicio Miranda with his grandson Juan Carlos Hugues interpreting. The eight Panamanians to be present are Denicio and Carmen Miranda, their son Walter and Lissa Miranda; Carlos and Mary (Miranda) Hughes, their daughter Sarai (age 16) and their son Juan C. (age 15). Carlos Hugues is the preacher for the Greer church of Christ in Greer, South Carolina. Our mission efforts in Latin America have helped this Christian family to be counted among the faithful. Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16

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