#### Let's Attack

During World War II, in preparation for the Battle of the Bulge, the Allied Forces called every available man to readiness. One unit, consisting of office workers, was hastily converted to infantry and assigned to a section of road that was expected to be under fire within hours. The first order was for the men to dig foxholes. One man, who had spent years at a typewriter, had little success in the stone-hard ground. Finally, he approached his commanding officer and said, "Sir wouldn't it be easier if we just attacked and made them dig the foxholes?"

While it is true that we must hold our ground (Ephesians 6:10-17), I think that we sometimes are too content to merely hold the ground that we have.

We need to be on the move for the Master. Like Caleb, we need to be conquering mountains and overcoming giants (Joshua 14:12). Like Peter, we need to leave the shore and launch out into the deep.

4 And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." Luke 5:4

### Sermons

Sunday am – "What's Your Angle?" 1 John 4:7-12 Sunday pm – *To Be Announced* 

	Leadership	Schedule of Services		
Elders	Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey	Sunday		
Deacons	Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr,	Bible Class	10:00 AM	
	Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney	Morning Worship	11:00 AM	
Pulpit Minister	Eric Welch	Evening Worship	6:00 PM	
<b>Associate Minister</b>	Irvin F. Williams			
		Wednesday		
Panama Missions		Bible Class	7:00 PM	
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Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Robby Stocksdale	Announcements	Leon Stocksdale			
Opening Prayer	Jerry Casey	Bible Reading	Hank Tincher	Lord's Supper	Matt Johnson			
Scripture	Greg Blanton	Selection	38	Offering	David Blackwell			
Sermon	Eric Welch	Prayer	John Keaton	Usher	Ernie Marshall			
Lord's Supper		Sermon	Irvin Williams	Count Offering	Art Patrick			
Message	Harold Tincher	Closing Prayer	Rick Martin	Assist Count	Marc Owens			
Attendant	<b>Brandon Montgomery</b>	If you are unable to serve,		Last Sunday				
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# Ready or Not

In a cemetery in Hanover, Germany, is a grave covered with huge slabs of granite and marble, fastened with heavy steel clasps.

It belongs to a woman who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. Yet she directed in her will that her grave be made so secure that if there were a resurrection, it could not reach her.

In time, however, a seed began to grow and push its way out from beneath the slabs. As the trunk enlarged, the stones were gradually shifted and the steel clasps were wrenched from their sockets.

The dynamic life force contained in that little seed is only a faint reflection of the tremendous power of God's creative word that someday will call to life the bodies of all who are in their graves. Willing or not, all will be resurrected (John 5:28-29).

A messenger from God revealed this truth to Daniel. As this angelic messenger opened the door to the hallway of time, he revealed to the prophet many things: the rise and fall of various kingdoms, the invasion of the army from the North, and, ultimately, the resurrection of the dead. For those who are prepared-whose names are written in the Book of Life—it is a resurrection to everlasting life. For those unprepared, it is a resurrection to everlasting damnation.

This Old Testament message is also echoed throughout the New Testament. The apostle Paul declared that "the dead in Christ will rise first" (1 Thessalonians 4:16), while the apostle John saw the dead, who were "judged every man according to their works" (Revelation 20:13).

There is no way you can avoid the resurrection, but you can be ready for it. Make sure that your name is written in the Book of Life. Only a fool fails to prepare for what he knows is coming. Have you believed in Christ (John 3:16), repented of your sins (Luke 13:3), confessed the name of Christ (Romans 10:9-10), and been baptized for the remission of sins? (Acts 2:38). If not, prepare for your grave to be opened one day!

Tom Moore http://www.vscoc.org/Bulletinfdr/ready or not.htm

John 5:28-29 "28 Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice 29 and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment."

Revelation 20:13 "13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done."

## Does the Sun Revolve around the Earth?

By Eric Welch

According to the National Public Radio (NPR), the National Science Foundation surveyed 2,200 Americans in 2012 and asked whether the earth revolves around the sun or the sun revolves around the earth. The result was that one in four Americans believes that the sun revolves around the earth.

Other questions included whether the origin of the universe began with the Big Bang (just 39%) and whether humans evolved from lower species (just 48%). The NPR article, whether intentional or not, seems to suggest that these questions are related. If you don't believe that the universe began with an explosion and that human life evolved, you are as stupid as those who believe that the sun revolves around the earth. The earth's revolution around the earth is a proven scientific fact. Neither the big bang theory nor the human evolution theory has ever been proven.

'The sun may not revolve around the earth, but many Americans believe that the earth revolves around them. What do you expect when you are taught from kindergarten that you are nothing more than a glob of atoms with no purpose in the universe? After all, the world revolving around you is the ultimate idea of "survival of this fittest," isn't it? Why care about anything else but yourself? The atheist has to fill their emptiness with something Why not let it be themselves?

When we believe that earth human inhabitants were created by God and are the center of His mind and the object of His love and redemption (Psalm 8:1-8), we will come to respect not only all God's creation, especially those made in His image, but we will respect ourselves (Matthew 22:39).

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Lord,
  - how majestic is your name in all the earth!
  - You have set your glory above the heavens.
- Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.
- When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?
- Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.
- You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,
- <sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,
  - and also the beasts of the field.
- the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Psalm 8:1-8

# **Hamburg Pike Happenings**

Our Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The lessons will be about the life of Moses. Classes are planned for all ages including adults. More details to follow. Please keep this work in your prayers.

#### Remember This...

THE TEST of character is not whether you conform to moral standards when they are the community norm, but whether you continue to adhere to them when the community strays elsewhere.

"Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future." - Oscar Wilde

"Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing." – Abraham Lincoln

How can those who hate what God loves and love what God hates dare to call themselves "Christian" and presume to speak for God in and to the world?

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