

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

Leadership

Elders Hayward Blanton
 Jerry Casey
 Clint Smith Sr

Deacons Clint Smith Jr
 Robby Stocksdale
 Joe Sweeney

Pulpit Minister Eric Welch
 Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Missions

Panama Mission Pablo Sanchez

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 Bible Correspondence Courses
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Those Privileged to Serve

A.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 Opening Prayer Joe Sweeney
 Scripture Reading John Keaton
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper Message Rick Martin
 Table Attendant Ethan Welch
 Table Attendant Jeremy Montgomery
 Closing Prayer Eric Welch

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Clint Smith Jr
 Bible Reading Brandon Slotman
 Selection 19
 Opening Prayer Nathaniel Welch
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Closing Prayer Bill Cravens

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Harold Tincher
 Lord's Supper Prayer Greg Blanton
 Offering Prayer Clint Smith Sr
 Usher Jerry Montgomery
 Count Offering Robby Stocksdale
 Assist Count Joe Sweeney

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning Families at Risk Eph. 5:15-21
 Living Stable in an Unstable World
 Sunday Evening Psalm 27:1-3

Last Sunday

Offering: \$8,554 Attendance: 84

Remembering Jesus

As we take the bread and fruit of the vine, we remember Jesus. He died on the cross, not because of His sins, but He died on the cross for our sins. 1 Peter 2:24 says, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." (ESV)

The nails that went through his hands and feet were not for any sins he had done. They were for my sins and for your sins. The crown of thorns was placed on his head so that I might die to sin and live the new life as a disciple of Christ. When you die to something you separate yourself from it.

We separate ourselves from a life dominated by sin to live a life dominated by righteousness. (Romans 6:13).

When we die to sin we do not live in it any longer. (Romans 6:1-2). Jesus died so you and I might have that opportunity to live a Christ-like life. Shouldn't that be our goal? Jesus allowed himself to be sin for us Why? (2 Cor. 5:21) "So that, in him, we might become the righteousness of God"

Let that sink in as we study about the Lord's Supper today and share in this time of remembering Jesus.

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Will You Lead?

Recently, I came across some material I have had for years. In that material, I was reminded of a book written years ago by brother Norman Hogan. The book was entitled Leadership in the Local Church.

Contrary to what you might imagine from the title, this book is not at all merely for elders, deacons, preachers, and others in "leadership positions" in a congregation. The book contains material that, if taken to heart and put into practice, could benefit every member of every congregation of God's people.

The very first sentence in the very first chapter of the book should serve as a "wake up call" for all of us. Please carefully and prayerfully read, reread, and consider the implications of these words: "If the members of a local church refuse to lead for Christ, it is certain that others, whose philosophy of life is alien to that of Christians, will lead people away from Christ."

Did you not see in that statement what I did not see?

I did not see in that sentence any of the following words: elders, deacons, preachers, Bible class teachers. The word I saw was members.

How do you react to brother Hogan's statement? How do you react to the word "members?"

Do you believe that he is accurate in what he wrote? If so, what are you doing about it?

As you (and I) consider that, let me suggest something else I did not see in his statement. I did not read that he was discussing leading people to Christ.

Please do not misunderstand. I am, in no way, meaning to leave the impression that leading people to Christ is not important. It is vitally important. It is eternally important.

However, what is under consideration here is leading for Christ. It seems to me that what is called for here would be individuals who will do more than lament the deterioration and decline of what some have called the "moral fabric" of our society – and other societies in the world.

What brother Hogan thought was desperately needed were people who would take a stand based on firm convictions. They would do more than merely take a stand. They would move forward in the right direction and encourage others to follow.

Leaders lead. They do not merely stand.

Leaders act. They do not merely complain.

Is our society all that you want it to be? What about your community? What about your workplace? What about your school? What about your congregation? What about your family? Are you leading for Christ?

- Jim Faughn, a retired preacher, serves as an elder for the Central Church of Christ in Paducah KY.

No Wasted Words

Eric Welch

Have you ever wondered why we find so much repetition in the Bible? Do the descriptions of the sacrifices in Leviticus, the censuses in Numbers or the genealogies in 1 Chronicles seem pointless and cause you to give up on your yearly Bible reading? Perhaps if we know the reason for the repetition, we can appreciate God's inspired word so much more.

Unlike your research paper in English Comp 101 class or an engaging English novel, repetition in Scripture was a virtue, especially to the original readers—and listeners. Repetition was for the biblical author what ALL CAPS, bold, italics or underlining are for modern English writers.

As you read the Bible, take special note of commands or prophecies that is followed by its verbatim fulfillment. For example, God commanded Israel to attack Jericho this way: "And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him" (Joshua 6:5). Notice the fulfillment of the command: "So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city" (verse 20).

The author is emphasizing through repetition that when you obey exactly what the Lord says, the results will be exactly as the Lord said it would. This kind of repetition has great doctrinal significance; it shows that God keeps His Word!

When God repeats a paragraph, sentence or even a keyword, take special note of it. God wastes no words.

Control Ron Adams

Every time a catastrophic storm hits, once again we are reminded that we have no control over the weather. Experts can forecast, inhabitants can be warned, and people can prepare, but no one can stop or control a storm. Our power to control external forces is practically nonexistent. This includes the actions of others. We have no control over what others think and do. However, we have complete control over how we think, act, and react.

The Apostles, after being beaten for speaking in the name of Jesus, "... went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ." (Acts 5:41-42)

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Paul and Silas were in chains in the inner prison in Philippi with their feet fastened in stocks, "But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God." (Acts 16:25). They were confined, but in heart, mind, and conscience they were free.

Remember, we will be judged, not by what others do to us, but by what we do. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10).

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Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday May 1st at 6:30 p.m. The meal theme is pizza.

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