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 Brandon Slotman Robby Stocksdale Joe Sweeney

Pulpit Minister Eric Welch Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

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A.M. Worship Service Song Leader Michael Hawkins Opening Prayer Hayward Blanton Scripture Reading Leon Stocksdale Eric Welch Sermon Lord's Supper Message Jerry Casev Jerry Montgomery Table Attendant Table Attendant Jeremy Montgomery Closing Prayer Eric Welch P.M. Worship Service Song Leader Robby Stocksdale Bible Reading Bill Cravens Selection 32 Opening Prayer Doug McArthur Sermon Eric Welch Closing Prayer Ethan Welch A.M. & P.M. Services Announcements Clint Smith Sr Lord's Supper Prayer Ryan Irwin Offering Prayer Harold Tincher Usher Greg Blanton Count Offering Hank Tincher Assist Count Harold Tincher Sermon Titles Sunday Morning If Only You Were Here - John 11:25 Sunday Evening Do Not Judge - Matthew 7:1-5

Those Privileged to Serve

Last Sunday Offering: \$6,042 Attendance: 94

SALVATION

God's Grace - Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 3:24. Salvation is God's gift to all humanity, but each individual must accept this gift, which comes through...

- Hearing the Word- Romans 10:14-17.
- Believing in Jesus as God's Son John 8: 24; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 11:6.
- Repenting of Past Sins Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30.
- Confessing Faith in Christ Matthew 10:32,-33; Romans 10:9-10; cf. John 12:42.
- Being Baptized Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-6; Galatians 3:27; 1 Peter 3:21.
- Living Faithfully Colossians 1:23; Revelation 2:10; cf. Galatians 5:4; 2 Peter 2:20-22.





The Church That Jesus Saw

One of the most familiar passages to many Christians is Matt. 16:18. There Jesus states, "...Upon this rock I will build my church"...; but what was the church that Jesus saw when He spoke those words? He no doubt knew about what the Old Testament writers said regarding the church.

Jesus knew about the prophecy of Daniel pertaining to the kingdom. When the church came, the kingdom came. Daniel prophesied that God would set up a kingdom that would never be destroyed. (Dan. 2:44) Later Jesus told Peter He would give to him the keys to the kingdom of heaven. (Matt. 16:19) The establishment of the church was in the eternal purpose of God. (Eph. 3:11) Since Jesus was with the Father in the beginning and involved in Creation, He no doubt knew all about the establishment of the church in New Testament times. (John 1:1, 2)

Jesus read and knew about the prophecy of Isaiah pertaining to the Lord's house being established in the top of the mountains, and all nations flowing into it. (Isa. 2:2-3) Later the apostle Paul described the church as the "house of God". (1 Tim. 3:15)

Jesus knew that the name of God's people in the church would change. Being familiar with the writings of Isaiah, He read Isaiah 62:2 where Isaiah stated that the Lord would give His people a new name which the mouth of the Lord would utter. He also knew that God's servants would be called by another name. (Isa. 65:15) That name was first used in Acts 11:26 when the disciples were first called Christians.

Jesus knew about the day that the church would be established. Peter stated that "all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as man as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days." (Acts 3:24) Jesus being familiar with Old Testament writings, no doubt knew what those days were. He also knew what Joel wrote in Joel 2:28-32. This is what Peter quoted on the day of Pentecost. He prefaced Joel's words by stating, "this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel." (Acts 2:14)

Jesus no doubt knew about the establishment of the church was in God's plan before He even came to earth. Paul writes to the church at Ephesus and told them that the church was in the eternal purpose of God. (Eph. 3:11) Jesus was there in the beginning. (John 1:1-2) Today we have at our disposal a lot of information about the church. We have His words. We have the words of the apostles. Yet with all the information available to us many still are confused regarding the church. Jesus read about the church; we can too. Will I believe what is written, accept it, and obey it? Jesus would want me to since the church belongs to Him. (Matt.16:18; Acts 20:28) We can read the same verses that Jesus read. With all this information there should not be any problem with understanding about the church. Perhaps we need to look again at the church that Jesus saw.

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The Christian's Body Eric Welch

One of the great blessings of being part of the Hamburg Pike family are the monthly pitch-ins. We are blessed with great cooks, and we enjoy our "food with glad and generous hearts" (Acts 2:46). Blessings from God have often included the provision of food as the trees in the Garden of Eden and the manna for the freed Israelites.

However, humans tend to twist God's blessings for evil. Adam and Eve just had to have a taste from the forbidden tree; Israel just had to complain about the manna. The same is true regarding the body God has given us. The discussion about the proper care of the body usually turns to alcohol or smoking, which for most of us are not a problem. We can survive without them. Our problem is often food. What we eat can be just as harmful. What should we Christians do?

In 1 Corinthians, Paul says that the body is not meant for sexual immorality. He says you cannot separate the body from the spiritual (v. 13). The treatment of our bodies can affect our spiritual health. Paul gives several reasons to support that principle.

First, our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit (v. 19). In the Old Testament, the temple was the place God put his name among His people. In the New, God lives in His people, the church; they are His temple, made by the divine hands of Jesus (Matthew 16:18; Acts 17:25; 1Peter 2:5). With our bodies, we worship and serve God.

Second, since God made us His temple, our bodies are God's property (v. 19), which he entrusts to us as managers. What we do to it, we are doing to the Lord. Let's not use it as a tool for sin. We belong to God.

Third, our bodies are God's treasure "bought with a price" (v. 20). The currency was no less than the blood of Jesus (Acts 20:28; Ephesians 1:7). Therefore, we must seek to glorify God with our bodies. We should avoid worshiping it by subjecting to the pleasures that become addictions such as drugs, sex, gambling and over-eating/excising. Let us glorify God, the Creator, not the creature (Romans 1:25).

God Is Love 1 John 4:7-12

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The ladies' Bible class will meet Saturday, August 19th at 10 a.m. All ladies are invited to come and study the Bible together!

Things You Will Never Be Sorry For

For telling the truth; For living a pure life; For your faith in Christ; For acknowledging your sins; For doing your best; For thinking before acting; For hearing before judging; For forgiving your enemies; For helping a fallen brother; For being loyal to the church; For standing by your principles; For being courteous and kind; For money given to the Lord's cause; For being honest in business.

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