

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 Brandon Slotman
 Clint Smith Jr
 Robby Stocksdale
 Joe Sweeney

Pulpit Minister Eric Welch
 Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Missions

Panama Pablo Sanchez
 Panama Denicio & Carmen Miranda
 New Zealand Nick & Marisa Parker

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies and
 Free Bible Correspondence Courses
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Those Privileged to Serve

A.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 Opening Prayer Brandon Slotman
 Scripture Reading Nathaniel Welch
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper Message Clint Smith Jr
 Table Attendant Dillian Goddard
 Table Attendant Art Patrick
 Closing Prayer Joe Sweeney

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Rick Martin
 Bible Reading Fin Burton
 Selection 39
 Opening Prayer Ryan Irwin
 Sermon Mike Glenn
 Closing Prayer John Keaton

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Joe Sweeney
 Lord's Supper Prayer Leon Stocksdale
 Offering Prayer Robby Stocksdale
 Usher Greg Blanton
 Count Offering Harold Tincher
 Assist Count Art Patrick

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning

Keep His Commandments 1 John 2:3-6; 5:1-3

Sunday Evening

Guest Speaker

Last Sunday

Offering: \$2,727 Attendance: 90

Gold Mines

- Children have more need of models than of critics.
- When weighing the faults of others, be careful not to put your thumb on the scale!
- Correcting faults is like tying a tie. It is done more easily on ourselves than on others.
- The Bible will keep you from sin, and sin will keep you from the Bible.
- No life is too broken for God to repair.
- When Christians work together, they divide the effort and multiply the effect.
- Blaming your faults on your nature does not change the nature of your faults!
- Swallowing of pride seldom causes indigestion.
- Bless God for what you have. Trust God for what you need. In all things, pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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Monday Night for the Master

Our Monday Night for the Master program kicks off for the 6th year on Monday September 25th at 6:30 p.m. The primary purpose of this group is to be a Christian influence in our community and ultimately be able to share the Gospel of Christ. The group encourages and edifies family, friends and members of the church by sending cards for events and situations such as celebrations, personal loss/distress and spiritual needs.

In order to accomplish our purpose, the group relies on the church to become a network supplying needed ideas and information. Here are a few outreach suggestions to stimulate your thinking, but feel free to make suggestions not listed here.

Celebrations

Birthdays, engagements, weddings, anniversaries
 Graduations, academic honors, athletic and scholastic achievements
 Promotions, new jobs, retirement

Personal Loss/Distress

House fire, natural disasters, job loss
 Death of a family member or friend
 Sickness, chronic illness, hospitalization, nursing home, injuries

Spiritual Need

Irregular Attendance, weak or unfaithful member
 Neighbor, friend or relative indicating a degree of openness to the Gospel

Sample submissions (please include your name):

My co-worker Jane Smith has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Cards can be sent to 123 Main St. Somewhere, USA 12345. Her email is JSmith@comp.com

I have invited my neighbor Tommy Jones to attend our gospel meeting. Cards can be sent to 456 Oak Lane Mytown USA 78900.

If you would like to be involved in this work, consider the following;

1. Please consult this list every week and submit outreach suggestions and contact information to Harold or Deborah Tincher or Eric Welch.
2. Plan to attend the meetings as often as you can and participate in sending the outreach cards. If you are comfortable doing so, we also make personal visits and phone calls when appropriate.
3. Pray for the workers, for outreach opportunities and for the efforts to fall on fertile ground.
4. If you are unsure whether this is something you could do, you are invited to join us for one meeting and to keep in mind Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Handling Rightly the Word of Truth

Eric Welch

A dear brother recently showed me his Bible, which had notes in the margin and was heavily underlined. You have probably heard the saying “a Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn’t.” I love that saying because it speaks the truth of 2 Tim. 2:15 where Paul tells Timothy, “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”

However, did you know that in some parts of the world to mark in the Bible or to mishandle it is considered highly disrespectful? An FHU instructor once talked about how our brothers and sisters in Christ from eastern countries such as India or Pakistan treat their Bibles with utmost respect. Some elevate it on a high place at home or cover it with a special cloth to honor it and keep it clean. They are shocked when they see their western counterparts let it touch the floor or toss it on the pew.

Religious books in general are highly venerated in these cultures. Many Muslim nations have laws against the defiling of a Koran. Jews do not touch the Torah with their bare hands and use a pointer to read it. You would certainly find no notes in the margins. If you were to befriend a Muslim or a Jew and would want to teach him about Christ, you would show great wisdom in handling your Bible with care. You would probably want to study with a new Bible.

It is tempting to treat the Bible as just another book on the shelf. Yes, the Bible is just ink and paper held together by glue and stitching. But in those materials God has revealed His will. It deserves a place on the shelf all by itself. Perhaps if we physically handle the Bible more carefully, it can reinforce in our hearts how we should treat it spiritually. Handling the Bible in a physically respectful manner is useless if we do not handle rightly its contents. Open it, read it, study it, write notes in it, underline it, memorize it, meditate on it, submit to it and obey it.

The best way to handle the Word of Truth is by letting the Word of Truth handle us.

Watch Your Words

At one time or another, we have all said things we later regretted. No one is immune to the foot-in-mouth disease. James wrote: “For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body” (James 3:2). The tongue is a dangerous thing when unbridled.

Paul warned against the misuse of the tongue when he wrote: “But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another” (Colossians 3:8,9). Christians should not slander others, should not use profanities or vulgarities, and should not lie. In a positive way, what we say should be kind, pure, and true! Every word we speak should be examined to make sure it passes this threefold test. Is it kind? Is it pure? Is it true?

It is not only important that we say the right things but that we say them in the right way. “A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger” (Proverbs 15:1). When someone shouts at us, “I’m not angry!” we can be confident they are. That is why James also wrote: “...let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath” (James 1:19).

--Roger Rush preaches for the Sixth and Washington Street Church of Christ in Marietta, Ohio.

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Hamburg Pike Happenings

Attention girls grades 3 to 12! If you plan to participate in the Lads 2 Leaders activity “Keepers of the Home”, please let Stephanie know by Wednesday, September 20th. This year we’ll learn how to cook, bake, gather recipes, etc.

A Fellowship meal is planned for Sunday September 24th after the morning worship service. The meal theme will be Mexican; a signup sheet will be available.

On Sunday evening we will have a guest speaker: Mike Glenn from Lynchburg, VA. He will speak on the work being done at that Lynchburg congregation.

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet on Monday September 25th at 6:30 pm. Paula Casey will be grilling hamburgers; please let her know what sides you can bring. Please plan to participate in this good work.

The ladies' Bible class will meet on Saturday, September 30th at 10:00 am. All ladies are invited to attend!

Mark your calendar for the annual trip to Cornucopia Farm. It is scheduled for Saturday October 14th. More details will follow as we get closer to the date.

Our annual Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Friday October 27th 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. See Ashley Smith with questions.

Attention all youth Kindergarten through 12th grade. As part of the Lads 2 Leaders & Leaderettes program we are excited to offer the following classes:

JUNIOR LEADER – Kindergarten through 5th grade

GIFTS – Girls 6th through 12th grade

GUARD – Boys 6th through 12th grade

Our first class for these programs will be held on Sunday October 3rd at 4:30 p.m. at the building. Thanks to Hank & Cassie Tincher, Devin Ayala and Greg Blanton for teaching the classes. We encourage all youth to participate. See Ashley Smith with questions.