

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

Missions

Panama Pablo & Myra 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	Clint Smith Sr
Scripture Reading	Grover Blanton
Sermon	Eric Welch
Lord's Supper Message	Clint Smith Jr Matt 27:57-28:10
Table Attendant	Clint Smith III
Table Attendant	Rudy Ayala
Closing Prayer	Eric Welch

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader	Robby Stocksdale
Bible Reading	Hank Tincher
Selection	11
Opening Prayer	Derrick Smith II
Sermon	Eric Welch
Closing Prayer	Rick Martin

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements	Harold Tincher
Lord's Supper Prayer	Brandon Slotman
Offering Prayer	Ethan Welch
Usher	Leon Stocksdale
Count Offering	Art Patrick
Assist Count	Joe Sweeney

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning

Sunday Evening

The Righteous and the Wicked – Psalm 1

Last Sunday

Offering: \$3,118

Attendance: 106

THE BIBLE

“The Bible is the most remarkable piece of literature this world has ever seen. It has outsold every other publication, it has been translated into more languages than any other, and has become part of the fabric of society in the English-speaking world...”

“Humanly speaking, it took more than 1500 years to compile the Bible. About forty authors contributed, and they wrote primarily in Greek and Hebrew, with occasional Aramaic...”

“Some people were so committed to the belief that this is God's book that they were even willing to die for that proposition. And strangely, others have been willing to put them to death. The bitterness and resentment against this book is difficult to explain.... Even in the twentieth century in some countries men and women have been imprisoned and tortured for reading this forbidden book.”

--Ken Connolly, The Indestructible Book: The Bible, Its Translators and Their Sacrifices, p. 7

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Baptism and the Grace of God

It's amazing the lengths some will go to deny that baptism is part of the Lord's gospel plan of salvation. If a person teaches that the Scriptures say that baptism, which is immersion into Christ's body, was taught by Christ and His Apostles, then one will immediately be accused of denying that we are saved by the grace of God, when nothing could be further from the truth. I recently encountered such individuals myself who were adamant in denying the truth that one is baptized to obtain the remission of sins, as Jesus said in Mark 16:16, and Peter wrote in 1 Peter 3:21. Look at the word of God for yourselves: "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieves shall be condemned" (Mark 16:16). "...the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water: which also after a true likeness does now save you, even baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the interrogation of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ..." (1 Peter 3:20-21).

Baptism is not a work of the person being baptized, nor is it a work of the one performing the baptizing. What it is best expressed by the Apostle Paul in Romans 6:3-4: "Or are you ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him through baptism unto death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life." It's our expression of obedient faith, the expression selected by Christ for His followers that has our old, sinful nature dying in the watery grave of baptism. We rise up from that grave, then, born again (John 3:5) as a child of God, and a fellow heir with Christ (Ephesians 3:6), just as Christ was literally raised through the power of God to triumph over physical death. We know that if we die with Him, we also will be raised and live with Him (Romans 6:9).

When we are baptized we are expressing our belief that we have faith in the promise given by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that He will faithfully remove our sins and recall them no more. He is our sin-offering, our propitiation: "Wherefore it behooved Him in all things to be made like unto His brethren, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people" (Hebrews 2:17).

Jesus Christ is our atoning sacrifice. We believe He died for our sins, but that He did not remain dead, but arose the third day and sits now at the right hand of God (Romans 8:34). We believe we are saved by the grace of God, it is a free gift (Ephesians 2:5; Romans 6:23), and that when we submit to baptism we re-enact the death, the burial, and the resurrection of our Lord.

May the Lord bless you!

- David R. Ferguson preaches for the Lakeland Church of Christ in Mattoon, IL.

Built Together

Cusco, Peru is a place of rich history and great beauty. One of the city's attractions showcases the area's Inca history: Hatunrumiyoc. Here tourists marvel at the precision of carefully cut stones built into a wall. Perhaps most famous is a twelve-sided, twelve-angle stone. The irregularly shaped stones making up this wall are so perfectly fitted together that "it is not possible to push a pin or a piece of paper between the stones" (theonlyperuguide.com).

When you consider the ancient craftsmanship it took to build such an amazing wall, you will be reminded of the even more amazing skill in which God, over the intervening centuries, places the living stones into Christ's church (1 Corinthians 12:18). In Paul's letter to the Ephesians you can see this great spiritual wall from this perspective (Ephesians 2:19-22). Peter also appreciated Jesus as a "chief cornerstone" and individual believers "as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house" (1 Peter 2:5, 6). Here we join countless others from a wide array of backgrounds, races, nationalities, and socioeconomic levels. Despite all these differences, we are "built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit" (Eph. 2:22).

- David Bragg Northwest Church of Christ in Greensboro, www.nwchurchofchrist.com

Hamburg Pike Happenings

- A Youth Devo for ages 12 and younger is scheduled for Thursday March 15th 6:30 p.m. at the building. See Robby Stocksdale for further details.
- Attention all Lads to Leaders participants. We will be meeting at the building at 5:00 p.m. on the following Sunday: March 18th. Anyone who would like to lead their songs, work on their artwork or say their "Know the Books", please come to as many of the meetings as needed. If you have any questions please see Ashley Smith.
- The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday March 19th at 6:30 p.m. The meal theme is soup and sandwiches.
- The ladies' Bible class will meet Saturday, March 24, at 10:00 at the church building. The lesson will be 'What About Submission' Eph. 5:22-33. All ladies are invited and encouraged to come and study God's Word together.