

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 Irvin Williams
 Scripture Reading Hank Tincher
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper Message Brandon Slotman
 Table Attendant Doug McArthur
 Table Attendant Ethan Welch
 Closing Prayer Robby Stocksdale

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Rick Martin
 Bible Reading Derrick Smith II
 Selection 18
 Opening Prayer Clint Smith Jr
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Closing Prayer Ryan Irwin

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Joe Sweeney
 Lord's Supper Prayer Grover Blanton
 Offering Prayer Jerry Casey
 Usher Leon Stocksdale
 Count Offering Harold Tincher
 Assist Count Hank Tincher

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning

When God Says "No" to our Prayers - Matthew 7:7-8

Sunday Evening

Make Your Face Shine Upon Us – Psalm 67

Last Sunday

Offering: \$5,878 Attendance: 92

What is Christianity All About?

It is about "bringing" the lost to Jesus.

It is about "clinging" to God's Holy Word.

It is about "flinging" away temptations when they come.

It is about "ringing" out the gospel message.

It is about "singing" praises to a wonderful God.

It is about "springing" forth words and works that encourage others.

It is about "stringing" together actions that please God and are an example to others.

It is about "swinging" into action to help others.

It is about "winging" our way to heaven when Jesus comes back.

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God Knows What is Best

The story is told about a king who had a close friend. This friend had a habit of looking at every situation that ever occurred in his life (positive or negative) by remarking, "This is good, God knows what is best."

One day, the king and his friend were on a hunting expedition. The friend loaded and prepared the guns for the king, but had apparently done something wrong in preparing one of the guns, because after taking the gun from his friend, the king fired it and his thumb was blown off. Examining the situation, the friend remarked as usual, "This is good, God knows what is best." To which the king replied, "No, this is NOT good!" and ordered his soldiers to put his friend into jail.

About a year later, the king was hunting in an area that he should have known to stay clear of. Cannibals captured the king and took him to their village. They tied his hands, stacked some wood, set up a stake and bound him to it. As they came near to set fire to the wood, they noticed that the king was missing a thumb. Being superstitious, they never ate anyone who was less than whole. So after untying the king, they chased him out of the village.

When the king reached his palace, he was reminded of the event that had taken his thumb and felt remorse for his treatment of his friend. He went immediately to the jail to speak with his friend. "You were right" the king said, "it was good that my thumb was blown off." And he proceeded to tell the friend all that had just happened. "I am very sorry for sending you to jail for so long. It was bad for me to do this."

"No," his friend replied, "This is good, God knows what is best."

"What do you mean, 'this is good'! How could it be good that I sent my friend to jail for a year?"

The king's friend replied, "Remember that God Almighty knows best and if I had NOT been in jail, I would have been with you on that hunting trip."

The story isn't true, but the message is. How we need a faith that truly believes that we have a God who is in control. A faith that can say, as Joseph did, "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good." (Genesis 50:20)

A faith that we can say, as Paul did, "We know that all things work together for good to those who love God..." (Romans 8:28)

A faith that we can say, as James did, "Count it all joy when you fall into various trials." (James 1:2).

It is so easy to look back over our lives and see how God has been there every step of the way, how He has taken care of us and provided for us. But how difficult it is to see God at work in the midst of our pain and suffering. God, increase our faith! Help us to see you in all that we experience and to truly believe that "God knows what is best!"

- Alan Smith, minister for the Cruciform church of Christ in Spring Lake, North Carolina, www.cruciformcoc.com/

Hypocrites in the Church

Eric Welch

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. 26 You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean” (Matthew 23:25-26).

You may have heard someone say, “I quit the church because it is full of hypocrites.” Hypocrisy is “a feigning to be what one is not or to believe what one does not; behavior that contradicts what one claims to believe or feel” (Miriam-Webster dictionary).

Hypocrisy is a function of humanity, not the church. We all sin and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Hypocrisy is in the church because there are humans in the church. The church does not make hypocrites. However, not everyone in the church is a hypocrite, just as not everyone is a hypocrite in the PTA, on the basketball team or in your class at school.

Such people misunderstand what the church is. The church is the ER for sinners and Jesus is the ER doctor (Mark 2:17). Like all sinners, hypocrites in worship on Sunday morning are where they need to be. Perhaps the hypocrites will learn something such as how they should not be hypocrites (see verse above).

I like the way Stan Mitchell, FHU instructor and writer for Forthright.net, puts it, “spotting a hypocrite is not as easy as many people think. Really! Can you read other people’s hearts? If not, how do you know whether they meant what they were singing, or that they were responding appropriately to a sermon?” People receive their own medical treatment as needed. The last time I checked, only Jesus can read human heart X-rays and perform heart transplants (John 2:24-25).

A Man After God’s Own Heart?

In 1 Samuel 13:13, 14, the prophet Samuel tells the then-current king of Israel that none of his sons will sit the throne after him; instead, he says, “Jehovah hath sought him a man after his own heart” to be Israel’s second king (14). That man’s name was David.

But the thing is, when we read about David’s life in the Scriptures, without getting into the gory details, what we learn about the “man after [God’s] own heart” is that he was, frankly, a mess. Thus, the question arises: In what way, exactly, was David “a man after [God’s] own heart”? There are two keys to answering this question.

One key is the description found in 1 Sam. 18:14—“And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and Jehovah was with him” (cp. 5, 15, 30). This is encouraging—for even though, as a rule, David “behaved himself wisely,” we also see that, at times, he did not (2 Sam. 11). And so it is with us today. But there’s more.

The other is David’s psalms. It has been said that in 2 Samuel, we see David’s actions; but in the Psalms, we see his heart. That’s not to say that heart actions; for such is positively NOT the case (cf. Matt. 7:21-23). Rather, David’s heart led him to confess and forsake his sin (cf. Psa. 32:3-5).

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Perhaps “mess” is a bit harsh on David; for there is another word that accurately describes his “messiness”: human. The key to what made David “a man after God’s own heart” was his own heart; or, because of his good heart, David always took care of his sin, making it right with God (cf. Psa. 51).

- Seth Myers preaches for the Highway church of Christ in Sullivan, IL. <https://hwycoc.com/>

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday May 7th at 6:30 p.m. The meal theme is Mexican.

Potter Children’s Home and Family Ministries in Bowling Green, KY has provided us with 20 coin canisters for their annual “Silver for Children” campaign. If your family would like to take one home, please see one of the Elders. The campaign return date is Sunday September 2nd.

Please mark your calendar for our upcoming VBS. It is scheduled for July 16th through July 18th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each evening. The theme is “Building Up the Family”.