

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

Missions

Panama Pablo & Myra Sanchez
 Panama Denicio & Carmen Miranda

Those Privileged to Serve

A.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 Opening Prayer Irvin Williams
 Scripture Reading Dillian Goddard
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper Message Robby Stocksdale
 Table Attendant Brandon Montgomery
 Table Attendant Chris Smith
 Closing Prayer Joe Sweeney

P.M. Worship Service

Song Leader Ryan Irwin
 Bible Reading Clint Smith Jr
 Selection 64
 Opening Prayer Ethan Welch
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Closing Prayer Leon Stocksdale

A.M. & P.M. Services

Announcements Jerry Casey
 Lord's Supper Prayer Hayward Blanton
 Offering Prayer Rick Martin
 Usher Art Patrick
 Count Offering Harold Tincher
 Assist Count Joe Sweeney

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning

An Elder's Job - 1 Peter 5:1-4

Sunday Evening

The Final Judgment - Revelation 20:1-15

Last Sunday

Offering: \$3,560 Attendance: 81

We Offer Free Personal Bible Studies and
 Free Bible Correspondence Courses

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Thankful for Good Friends

By Rob Albright

Facebook says I have 715 "friends." Some are casual friends and others are good friends. A good friend is one you can share your life with -your feelings, thoughts and frustrations. A good friend is one you can work with, share time with, and is patient with you. I cannot imagine living without good friends.

Everyone needs good friends. We need the positive influence they provide and the help and support in our troubling times. Proverbs 17:17a says, "A friend loves at all times" and will make sacrifices for you. Jesus is the perfect example of that (John 15:13).

Yes, we have to be careful about the influences around us (1 Corinthians 15:33). We want good influences from a good friend. A good friend will be honest with you and not tell you what you want to hear, but what you need to hear (Proverbs 27:6,9). Here again, Jesus does that for us.

As the song says, "What a friend we have in Jesus."

- Rob Albright serves as one of the ministers at the Northwest Church of Christ in Greensboro, NC.

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Suffering ... Silently ... Secretly

By Jim Faughn

- She may have just received some very bad news from the doctor.
- He may have just lost his job.
- They may have just lost a child (maybe even in the womb).
- Hopes and dreams may have vanished into thin air.
- A seemingly permanent separation has occurred between or among family members or friends.
- The loss of a spouse, though not recent, still hurts, and the one who remains is still lonely.
- The aging process is not going well at all.
- Repeatedly, prayers are sent heavenward, but a spouse, a sibling, a child, or a grandchild remains unsaved or unfaithful.
- He or she struggles with sin. Surrender has never been seen as an option, but Satan seems to win more than his share of battles.
- Hopelessness has not been experienced, but there are times when a feeling of helplessness creeps in.
- The loss of a parent still has left a void, even years after the loss has occurred.
- An insensitive remark or a thoughtless act has cut to the very core.
- Accusations have been made that, though far from true, are believed by some.

What do all of these people have in common?

We see one or more of them every day. We work with them; we go to school with them; we run into them in restaurants, malls, gas stations, banks, and other places of business; and we worship with them every Sunday.

Their hurts, fears, insecurities, etc. may be displayed to us in all sorts of different ways. They may come across as surly. They may appear to be withdrawn. They may put their "smiley face mask" on and hide behind it. They may try all sorts of things, but they cannot hide from themselves the fact that they hurt.

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Why Do We Teach Baptism?

Eric Welch

Have you wondered why I end every sermon with an invitation for someone to be baptized (immersed)? Why do we as the church of the Lord teach it? Simple. Jesus commanded it.

Jesus said God had given Him all authority. He instructed His apostles, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:18-20). Teaching and baptizing are how followers are made.

Jesus connected baptism to salvation: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” (Mark 16:16). And if I am not baptized? Jesus addressed that too. “Whoever does not believe will be condemned.” Faith in Jesus is necessary before baptism; I cannot please God without it (Hebrews 11:6). Refusing baptism shows a lack of faith in Jesus, and you cannot be saved without faith.

Jesus said in Luke 24:47 that “repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.” Repentance, or a turning from sin to God, is also required to be saved. Repentance and forgiveness are linked through baptism in Acts 2:38. If Jesus said that faith, repentance and baptism are how disciples are made, how God saves us or forgives our sins, then we must do it.

Jesus Himself was baptized, not to be saved from sin (Matthew 3:13-17; 1 Peter 2:22), but to “fulfill all righteousness.” Obeying the Father is always the right thing to do. Jesus came to please His Father by obeying Him (John 6:38; 8:29). When He emerged from the water, His Father said, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”

Do you want God to be pleased with you too? Then be like Jesus.

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While they will probably never ask, the fact is that they need a friend, a kind word, some companionship, and somebody to try to understand and help, if at all possible. They may be doing a good job of keeping it a secret and they may be silent about it, but they are suffering.

Since they do such a good job of keeping their hurts to themselves, how will I identify the ones who need a kind word, a pat on the back, a listening ear, or some of my time and effort? I’m not sure I have the answer to that, but I think I have a plan that might help.

How about being kind, compassionate, considerate, and helpful to everybody? It surely can’t hurt, and it just might help more than we can ever imagine.

Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ (Gal. 6:2 ESV)

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

Hamburg Pike Happenings

A pitch-in dinner is scheduled for Sunday March 24th after the morning worship service. The theme will be crockpot favorites. A sign-up sheet is on the table.

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday March 25th at 6:30 p.m. the meal theme is pizza.

The Men’s Digging Deep Bible study is Thursday March 28th 7:00 p.m. at the building.

A note from the Elders: Sunday March 31st will be the first 5th Sunday contribution. This 5th Sunday contribution will go into the New Building Fund Account for 2019. We expect the New Building Project to start construction this spring. Please pray for the Building Committee. Please consider giving to fund the Lord’s church expansion at Hamburg Pike.

The Puppet Team will be performing for the Junior Leader group on Sunday April 7th and 14th at 4:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Pre-K youth are welcome to attend as well. See Ashley or Cassie if you have any questions.

The Elders encourage men and young men of the congregation to lead a Wednesday evening devotional during the Spring Quarter. A sign-up sheet is on the board.

The Hamburg Pike contact list is being updated. The elders ask member families to please carefully review and update your family’s contact information.

Choose Whom You Will Serve Joshua 24:14-15

¹⁴“Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”