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SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY ACTIVITY

SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Worship.....5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies' Bible Class.....10:00 a.m.
Bible Study and Devotional...7:00 p.m.

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

January 29, 2012

Announcements. Billy Sharp
Lead Singing. Mike O'Guinn
Opening Prayer. Ed Williams

Lord's Table:
Steve Elrod Martin Rasberry
David Schlafer Chris Watson

Sermon. Mike Mays
Closing Prayer. Bill Yow

P.M. Services

Opening Prayer. Jowe Albrecht
Closing Prayer. Aaron Anderson

(Please meet in the library as soon as possible after Bible Study.)

Our Elders

David Dement
Billy Sharp

Our Deacons

Steve Elrod
Jerry King
Mike O'Guinn

Our Ministers

Mike Mays

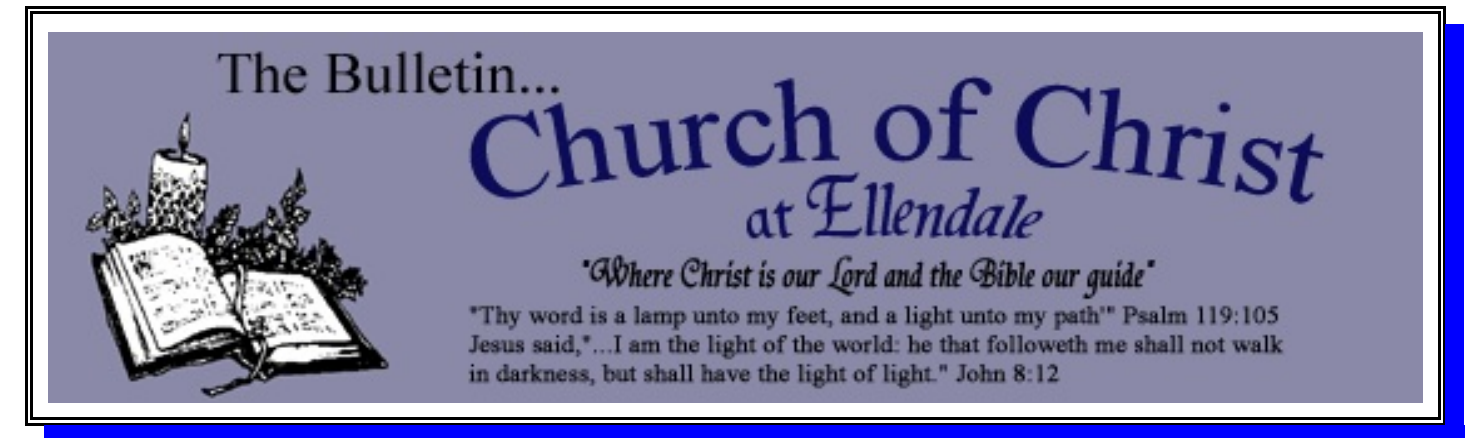
Mission Work

Eastern European Mission
Galloway church of Christ
Haiti
Hungary
India
Milledgeville church of Christ
David Nance (India work)
Paragould Children's Home
Prison Ministry

FOR THE LORD'S SERVICE

January 22, 2012

Budget. \$2,900.00
Contribution. \$3,212.00
Attendance. 68



January 29, 2012

Living What You Practice

Are you living your Christianity each day of the week, the same as you practice Sunday?

I was visiting with a manager of a restaurant not long ago and he was commenting on things he had seen over the years from regular customers whom he knew to be Christians.

He told me about a customer who weekly came to his restaurant after attending Sunday morning church. On her last visit, a mistake was made on her order. The manager realized that his people were at fault and tried to make things right with the customer. Nothing would placate her. She angrily stormed away. Having watched this display of inappropriateness, the manager called as she left, speaking only one sentence, "Your Christianity is sure doing you a lot of good!" I'm not sure if we will ever be able to get the manager to visit our worship services. Unfortunately, most people judge the church by its members. That makes me wonder how much good my Christianity is doing.

What portrait of Christianity do I paint in the work place, in places that I do business? In places where I go for recreation? Am I spreading the fragrance of Christ everywhere I go or does my brand of Christianity turn people off? Yes, it's important that we live what we practice.

The late G. C. Brewer once commented on where he attended services, "I would not have anyone teach a class who doesn't attend all the services of the church. What is a teacher to teach? If he or she is not going to teach respect for, and fidelity to the Lord's blood-brought institution, why should he or she teach anything? If a teacher is not going to teach students to become Christians and to live faithfully in their lives why should he or she teach? Don't teach if you're not going to live it!"

"Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" (Titus 2:12).

Let's be very careful to always set the right example with our families, fellow Christians, and especially those in the world that we are trying to influence. People we are around need to see us living what we practice!

John Denney

Welcome!

Welcome to everyone. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Please fill out an attendance card located on the back of the pew in front of you and drop it in the contribution plate as it is passed.

Mike's Message

A number of our members are facing serious health issues. I would encourage you to remember them in your prayers, and let them know you are thinking about them.

Osteen Outed

Joel Osteen has made a name for himself as a positive, uplifting preacher known for focusing on the pleasant aspects of life. That has made him very popular.

One of the reasons he is rightly criticized is his failure to deal with sin in his sermons. If you look at the preaching of the Old Testament prophets and the New Testament apostles and prophets, they fail the test of popularity. They did not preach "I'm okay, your okay," "Smile, God loves you," or "Something good is going to happen to you today." Until our greatest problem is addressed, our sin problem, we will never know the peace and joy that comes with redemption.

Truth will often make us feel bad before we feel better. Accepting the truth about ourselves, that we are sinful people desperately in need of God's grace and mercy, is the starting point for recovery. When we are convicted about the fact that we

are great sinners, the appropriate response is godly sorrow, which is sorrow that we have not only broken God's law, but also His heart (2 Cor. 7:10-11).

During an interview with Oprah Winfrey, she asked Joel, "Will a gay person be accepted into heaven?" His response was, "I believe they will. Sometimes we look at gay being a bigger sin than being proud or not telling the truth. I don't think God categorizes sins." When pressed further about whether being gay is a sin, he granted that based on Scripture, homosexuality is a sin. He went on to say, "Oprah, it's a hard thing in a sense, because I'm for everybody. I'm not against anybody. I don't think anybody's second class." His main point was that while homosexuality is a sin, it is not worse than other sins.

In an interview with Piers Morgan back in October, he stated that he would, out of respect, attend a gay wedding in support of a friend or family member. Attending any gay wedding is a way of giving our approval to this perverse practice by our very presence.

Scripture makes it very clear that homosexuality is sinful and unnatural, and that practicing homosexuals will not be in heaven (Rom. 1:24-32; 1 Cor. 6:9-10). God will forgive any sin if we will repent.

"Feel good" religion is popular today, but it is not New Testament Christianity. If we do God's will, the good feelings will follow.

News & Notes

OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND

Edd Marie Agnew
Jim & Birdie Arnold
Virginia Bennett - Meth. Germantown, Rm. 314 So.
Judy Espy
Martha Harris
Ham Kirk
Barbara Nance
Kim Nance
Charles Neal
Lucille Neal - St. Frances, Park, Rehab Rm. 415
Carolyn Quick
Evan Rasberry
Ron Rasberry
Maggie Schlafer
Lorene Watson
Carolyn White

(Please pick up a copy of the Friends & Family sick list and remember them with your prayers and cards, calls or visits. Also, please let the office know of any additions, corrections or deletions that need to be made.)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan. 29 - Congregational Dinner/1 p.m. Service
Jan. 29 - Men's meeting after p.m. service to discuss plans for Ladies' Appreciation Dinner
Feb. 5 - Elders/Deacons' Mtg., 2 p.m.
Feb. 5 - Worship in Song, p.m. service
Feb. 5 - Elders/Ladies Mtg. after evening service
Feb. 5 - Ed Williams' C.A.R.E. Team #1 after evening service
Feb. 11 - Ladies' Appreciation Dinner, 6 p.m.

Within the covers of one single book, the Bible, are all the answer to all the problems that face us today – if only we would read and believe.

President Ronald W. Reagan

Sermon Outline

The Saving Attitudes

1 John 1:5-2:3

1. The difference between _____ and _____ is their _____.
1 John 1:5-2:3

The saving attitudes that distinguish the saved from the lost include the attitude of:

1. A _____ of _____.
1 John 1:5-6; 2:1; 2 Cor. 7:9-10
2. _____ to _____.
1 John 1:7; 2:3-5
3. _____.
1 John 1:8-10
4. _____ about their _____.
1 John 2:1-2; 5:14
 - a. We _____ we are _____, not because we believe we are _____, but because of the _____ and _____ of _____.
1 John 1:7, 9; Titus 3:3-5
 - b. Living for the Lord is the result of our _____ and _____ for His mercy, our way of saying "thank you" for the _____ of _____.
1 John 4:19; 5:3; 2 Cor. 5:14-15