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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

February 19, 2012

Announcements. Billy Sharp
Lead Singing. Mike O'Guinn
Opening Prayer.. Ham Kirk

Lord's Table:

Jowe Albrecht Ham Kirk
Martin Rasberry Ron Rasberry

Sermon. Mike Mays
Closing Prayer. Kim Nance

P.M. Services

Opening Prayer.. Jerry King
Closing Prayer. Steve Elrod

(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

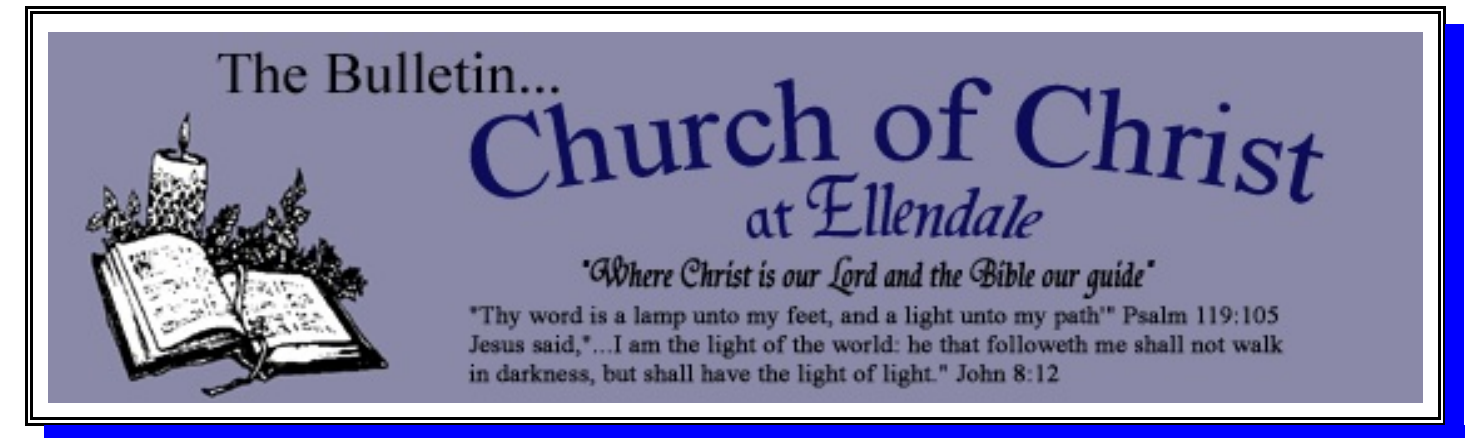
Mission Work

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

February 12, 2012

Budget. \$2,900.00
Contribution. \$2,862.00
Attendance. 70



February 19, 2012

“I Appreciate You”

Few things are more helpful or encouraging than being appreciated. (It's always easier to march to music). Words and deeds of appreciation lift the weight of drudgery from our shoulders and put wings on our feet.

There's a beautiful story of the grace of appreciation recorded for us in Mark 14. It happened during a difficult time in the life of Jesus. It was just two days before Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and scribes were scheming to arrest Jesus and kill him.

Without warning, while Jesus is eating at the house of Simon, Mary came with some very costly perfume and poured it over Jesus' head. Jesus' reaction? He thought it was "a beautiful thing." He was loved and appreciated. His body had been anointed beforehand for burying.

Not all in the crowd were pleased. Some were indignant! They saw this valuable gift as something precious being "wasted."

What is the difference between Mary and those that chided her? The answer is found in the way they looked at Jesus. Mary saw Him as someone WORTHY of the most costly gift she could give. The others didn't think of Jesus as being that worthy. Mary's action was waste pure and simple (It could have been sold and given to the poor).

All of which leads me to evaluate how worthy I consider Jesus to be. When I have crossed the bridge, maybe then I can figure out how best to show my appreciation.

JOHN GIPSON

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

Virtually every congregation of the church has a disparity between the Sunday morning worship attendance and Bible class attendance. If you are not attending our Bible classes on Sunday morning and Wednesday night, you owe it to yourself to do so. Every Christian should want to learn more about God and His will.

Bringing Good Out of Bad

The promise of God recorded by the apostle Paul in Romans 8:28 reads: "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

That means that God can take the bad experiences of life and work providentially to bring good out of the bad. The Lord is a specialist in turning trials into triumphs, victims into victors.

Bill McDonough, who works with the Partners in Progress program, has been instrumental in making converts and establishing churches throughout the world. Benevolent work, medical missions, and construction projects have served to open doors for evangelism. In an article titled "The Upside of the Tsunami," he shows how God used bad things to bring good outcomes.

"In Indonesia, the tsunami of 2004 and the earthquake that followed left death and destruction, but you were there with Partners in Progress giving relief by building schools and sowing the seed of the kingdom. We are back on the Indonesian Island of Nias where we spent \$200,000 assisting and the end result is unbelievable. Today there are 75 congregations of the Lord's church where before the tsunami there were fewer than 30.

"Today there is an orphanage that is caring for 46 orphans from the tsunami. Today there are four dormitories housing 100 students who are attending high schools, a teacher's college, tailoring and beauty colleges which they could not have afforded without the church providing these places to live. The church furnishes the rooms, and the students cook and provide their own food and go to school. In the evenings they attend devotionals and Bible classes, so in one to four years they will go home stronger Christians with a marketable skill to support their families. The family can now survive, the church contribution grows and the Lord is pleased. Land has been purchased next to the university with plans to build a student center to evangelize at the university.

"No local preachers are supported, no church buildings are built for them, all but three of the 75 congregations have built places to worship.

"And the story goes on and on. Missionary Dennis Cady has taken a disaster and turned it into an unbelievable success story in just seven years."

What the Lord accomplished through His servants as a result of the tsunami, He can do in each of our lives. If we love God and are seeking to fulfill His purpose for life, He will cause all things to work together for good. Our responsibility is to believe Him.

News & Notes

OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND

Edd Marie Agnew, Jim & Birdie Arnold, Virginia Bennett (Ave Maria Home, 2805 Charles Bryan Rd., Memphis, TN 38134), Winnie Crews (having tests), Martha Harris, Larry Mays (Galloway Nursing Home. Please send any cards to Mike's address), Barbara & Kim Nance, Charles & Lucille Neal, Evan Rasberry, Maggie Schlafer, Lorene Watson, Carolyn White

(Please pick up a copy of the Friends & Family sick list in the foyer.)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb. 19 - Kim Nance's C.A.R.E. Team #3 after p.m. service.

Apr. 2 - **Children's Home Truck** - Never too early to start gathering items for the Food Run pickup. Suggested items: Dishwasher detergent, paper towels, picante sauce/salsa, aluminum foil, spaghetti sauce, plastic wrap. Clothing and household items in good condition are always welcome.

I Can Make A Difference

When I think of all the problems in the world...starvation, war, injustice, abuse, I feel helpless to make any difference. Yet, the ocean was filled one drop at a time. And huge epidemics have been eradicated by one great medical breakthrough.

I remember a quote I learned in high school. "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And the something I can do, I ought to do. And by the grace of God, I will do."

I can't solve world hunger, but I can feed one hungry child. I can't do away with injustice, but I can be fair to those with whom I do business. I can't stop the bloodshed of war, but I can give one person who needs it.

I can't bring about world peace, but I can, to the best of my ability, live at peace with my neighbor. And I can help create an atmosphere of peace and security in my own home.

Yes, one person can make a difference!

Author Unknown

Sermon Outline

Declaring Spiritual Bankruptcy
Matthew 5:1-3

1. In order to experience _____, we must _____ and _____ something; what we _____ determines _____.
John 15:11
2. Jesus always begins with the _____
Matt. 5:3-6; 15:18-19
3. The Lord is telling us what our _____ toward _____ should be.
Rom. 12:9; 2 Cor. 7:10
3. The beatitudes describe _____ and _____ that must take place if we are to be _____ of God's _____, and be in His _____.
5:3, 10; Rom. 3:23-24
4. The "poor in spirit" are _____ and recognize they are _____.
5:3; Rom. 3:9-10; James 4:6

The poor in spirit:

1. Recognize they _____ and would receive it if it were not for God's _____.
Rom. 6:23; Eph. 1:7
2. Spend _____ in _____.
1 Thess. 5:17
3. Have _____ that live _____.
1 Cor. 15:10; 2 Cor. 5:14-15