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SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY ACTIVITY

SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Worship service at Culpepper.....1:30 p.m.
Worship.....5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study and Devotional...7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Bible Study at Culpepper.....1:30 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICES

October 14, 2018

A.M. Services

Announcements
Lead Singing - Mike O'Guinn
Opening Prayer
Communion
Sermon - David Looney
Closing Prayer

P.M. Services

Sermon - David Looney

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

Mission Work

Eastern European Mission
Haiti
India (Jerry Bates)
India (Purpose and Vision)
In Search of the Lord's Way
Paragould Children's Home

FOR THE LORD'S SERVICE

October 7, 2018

Budget. \$2,900.00
Contribution..... \$3,272.25
Attendance..... 55

OPPORTUNITIES WHEN HOMEBOUND

John DeBerry - Coleman Ave.:

WTWV TV 23 Sun. 4 p.m., Tues. 6:30 p.m.,
Weds. 6:00 p.m., Sat. 6:30 p.m. Channel 14
Comcast/Direct TV

John Shannon - James Road:

YouTube; TV: Channel 17, 20 & 21 - Weds. 6
p.m.; Channels 14 & 23 - Fri. 6 p.m.; Sat. 12:00
p.m.

GBN - The Truth in Love:

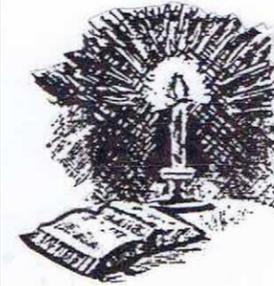
WHBQ AM 560 - Sunday 8 a.m.

In Search of the Lord's Way:

WLMT TV Channel 30 - Sunday 7 a.m.

The Bulletin...

October 14, 2018



Ellendale Church of Christ

"Where Christ is our Lord and the Bible our guide"

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105
Jesus said, "...I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in
darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12



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FEARLESS LIVING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

The story is told of a grandfather clock whose chimes rang every hour, once for one o'clock, twice for two o'clock, and so on. One night the clock malfunctioned, causing the chimes to ring thirteen times. A little boy heard it and raced through the house yelling "Get up, everyone get up! It's later than it's ever been." How true that is. It's later than it's ever been, and we're closer to the Second Coming than ever before. Everything that we do is governed by time, but with God a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years is like a day. So time is no factor with God but it certainly is with each one of us. In I Peter 4:7 – 11 we are given four principles needed for fearless living in uncertain times.

Keep Your Emotions Under Control So You Can Pray – "But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer" (I Peter 4:7). This means to have emotional control so that when you are under pressure you can stay focused and balanced. As we discussed this past Sunday, Satan is seeking to keep us out of balance and wants to knock us off of our spiritual feet. He wants Christians to become overcome with emotion and lose control and wants us in the abyss of life. He wants us to worry, doubt, fear and hyper-ventilate because those are the things that will occupy our time, affect the way that we think, act and function. These are the emotions that will lead us to the doctor and headed for trouble. In the political climate of today we are seeing those liberals on the left who justify in their minds that their anger is real and warranted and are ready to destroy those who dare think differently than they. The national blood pressure is at an all-time high self-assurance has given way to critical impatience and this has caused much of the poor behaviors being seen on a daily basis. When you are always uptight, always running from one thing to another, stressed to the max, it's easy to become distracted, bothered, and controlled by your circumstances. What happens? You can't pray. Your mind won't stop whizzing and worrying. When we are wound up like a top, we can't slow down or focus long enough to pray.

Be Quick To Forgive, We Have All Done Foolish Things – "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins" (I Peter 4:8). To think about what the first part of this verse is saying think about a baseball player lying out from a full run to catch a baseball as he is falling to the ground for the last out of an inning. Or think about a photo finish to a race as both contestants are stretching out to break the tape at the end of a race. That's what it means to be fervent! But it says that we are to be fervent in love. I have known of people in the church who do not love to the best of their ability and because of this sin their thinking is flawed their worship is hindered and their influence hurts others who witness those behaviors. Nothing is worse than for a Christian who once loved not to resemble the former Christian stature that once graced their lives. The outward appearance conveys one thing but the heart reveals the true character. Every time someone wrongs me I have two choices. I can deal with it, forgive it, and move on, or I can drag that person through the mud and stir up all kinds of dissension. Love has a short memory and sealed lips. People need to see Christ; they do not need to see a fiery temper, short fuse or ill-will. No church can survive very long unless the members decide that love will cover a multitude of sins. The same is true where you work. No one can stay at any job for any length of time unless love covers a multitude of sins. This applies to every part of life.

Stop Complaining And Start Sharing – "Keep open house for all with a glad heart;" This verse in I Peter 4:9 is from the Bible in Basic English and the way that it is worded is outstanding. It is saying that keep your house in such a way that when someone comes by to see you unexpected or not that you are always ready to receive the one who stops by and not turning them away. The stipulation is this, [Be] hospitable to one another without grumbling (NKJV). This means to mumble under your breath. Our homes today have become very private havens that we do not go to unless invited. The first Christians saw their home as an extension of their ministry and always open to those passing through. Your home is your single best tool for evangelism and Christian ministry. Hospitality is one way to show fervent love for other believers. If you don't know where to start, invite someone to eat lunch with you today.

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News & Notes

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OUR SICK

Joe Neil Brown - King's Daughters and Sons
Betty Harder
Ronnie Harder
Glenda Kirk
Yvonne Meyers
JoeAnn Patterson
Evan Rasberry
Ron Rasberry
Frances Williams
(Quail Ridge Alzheimer Special Care Center')
Elizabeth Yow

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 14 - Devotional at Hearthside, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 18 - Bible Study at Hearthside, 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 27 - BBQ at Cabin on the Hill - noon till...
BBQ furnished, rest pot-luck. Come enjoy
the delicious food and wonderful company.



Pick up a visitation card in the library after evening services.

A card, call and/or a visit means a lot to those who are unable to attend.

Thoughts to Ponder

"Each day put your best foot forward without stepping on anybody's toes."

"Every good thought you're thinking is contributing to the rest of your life."

FEARLESS LIVING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

Use Your Gifts To Bless Others – "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (I Peter 4:10). Every member has differing gifts that is not only good but encouraged. When we all place those gifts in the hand of God, He can do so much with our gifts when they are placed under His control. In World War II, a French village had a statue of Jesus in their town square. When the bombing came, the statue was damaged, and pieces were broken off. They stored the pieces, and after the war they began to rebuild the statue. It had cracks now, but they appreciated it even more. To their dismay, the only pieces they couldn't find were the hands of Jesus. That troubled them because the hands had the nail prints and that was significant to them. They thought they would have to take the statue down, until one person placed a gold plaque at the bottom of the statue that read, "He has no hands but ours." He has no hands but ours. He has no eyes but ours. He has no lips but ours. He has no feet but ours. There is an old fable about a time when Satan was training three apprentice devils. He asked the first one how he proposed to deceive people. "I will tell them there is no God." "That will never work," Satan replied, "since everyone knows there is a God." The second one volunteered that he would tell people there is no hell. "That won't work either. Everyone knows there must be a hell." Then the third apprentice devil spoke up. "I will tell them there is no hurry." Satan smiled and said, "You will deceive millions."

Life is uncertain and always has been. If we will live by, apply and teach others the truth of I Peter 4:7-11 what a wonderful world this would be and how our lives would be a blessing to others. Life is uncertain but Christianity must remain unblemished

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