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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 21, 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 14, 2018

Budget. \$2,900.00
Contribution..... \$2,401.25
Attendance..... 60

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:

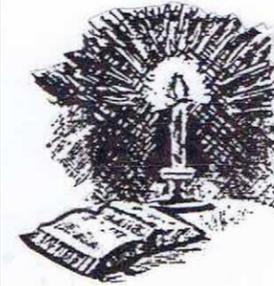
WHBQ AM 560 - Sunday 8 a.m.

In Search of the Lord's Way:

WLMT TV Channel 30 - Sunday 7 a.m.

The Bulletin...

October 21, 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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THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE BIBLE

In I Thessalonians 5:16-18 we have a very concise set of scriptures, but these short verses are succinct in their message to Christians today. In looking at this passage in the Greek language in which they were originally written it is abundantly clear that these verses are all in the present tense and have much to say to us today. "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." What a challenge for all of us today! None of us would have a problem if the verse said, "Rejoice sometimes, pray sometimes. give thanks when you feel like it. Think about this, the real impact of the Gospel is seen when we don't feel like being joyful, prayerful or thankful. It is during these times that we find out about ourselves and with whom we stand. There are some people who fail at these standing orders and throw up their hands in disgust saying, "there is no way that anyone can do these commands on a continual basis, it's impossible!

When Christ truly enters our lives we are transformed from the inside out and it is he who gives us both the power and desire to rejoice, pray and give thanks even at the worst moments of life. The only way for Him to enter is for us to open the door and to submit to His Will by being baptized into Him. Let's look at each of the standing orders of the gospel:

Rejoice Always - The first proof of the gospel's power for most people is what they see in us. For every argument a preacher may make, and for every beautiful song that may lift the spirit, none of it has the impact of a life "full of joy all the time. There is so much difficulty and hurting in the world that the world must see true Christianity in action so that people can be reached and hope can be given to others as they are reached by the gospel and a godly influence. Jesus said in John 15:11 "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." The great thing about this type of joy is that it works from the inside out; joy does not depend on whether or not I have a job or a paycheck or how my friends have treated me. Much less does it depend on my health or the state of my marriage or how my children are doing? Even less does it depend on who is in the White House or how my favorite team is doing or how the stock market is doing. That joy comes from a faithful walk with the Lord and assembling with the saints of God to worship. To see a Christian that is always gloomy could be a sign that the Christian must make some adjustments and turn the difficulties of life over to Him and look up in complete trust and full assurance of faith that He will do what He said He would do. May we always rejoice as we live the Christian life?

Pray without ceasing - Perhaps this order gives a Christian the most difficulty. How is it even possible to carry out this command? There is no way for a person to pray continually. This means praying often and in a deliberate fashion. It also means staying in communion with the Lord so that we don't have to suddenly change in order to begin praying. It means to live our lives faithfully ever striving to grow in our faith and to live our lives that we can pray to God anytime or anywhere we so desire. There is nothing we face, no duty too small that it would not be improved by our prayers. We are to pray . . . Consciously, Deliberately, Repeatedly, and Persistently. Leaving God out of our lives will only lead to frustration, irritation, lack of peace, a short temper, weariness and discouragement. Pray for our nation, for our president and those in power who control our lives and make the laws that govern society. Pray for the families that make up this great nation and for the sinfulness that is on full display in our streets and in our news. Pray that we will be the best that we can be and let our lights shine in a dark lost world. Pray for those who have wronged us and those who are lost. Also pray for those who are weak spiritually and weak physically. Pray for the abused children throughout the world and for our children that they will always grow in their faith toward God. We certainly need to pray for the leaders of all the countries throughout the world that peace may reign. Above all that the Bible will have free reign in the world that lives can be transformed.

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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. 21 - Devotional at Hearthside, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 25 - 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

"Food for the mind should be chosen as
carefully as food for the body."

-Unknown

"Weakness of attitude becomes weakness
of character."

-Albert Einstein

THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE BIBLE

In everything give thanks - In those hard moments we must return to God whose love for us does not change. It's hard to give thanks when things do not turn out as we would like, when our job is not what we had hoped or difficulties in life come. One on occasion as I was flying I was surprised that the decision was made to take off in a horrible lightning storm it was pitch black, rain was pouring down in sheets and the conditions were getting worse by the moment. But we took off as the wheels of the plane left the ground and as we started to climb in the heavens it was not long before we were in the most beautiful surroundings ever. The sun was shining and the clouds were reflecting the glorious glow of the sun. It was peaceful and perfect. That is the way of life. We get stuck in a situation that is not pleasant or that we don't like. We have two choices we can look inwardly and become very distraught with life or we can look up to God and soar above the difficulties in life knowing that He is in control of all things and that there is absolutely nothing that is not in His control. May we always remember Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." This is the verse that should help us all to obey the three standing orders of the Bible.

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FOOD RUN
November 26, 2018

Chili Mixes, Kidney Beans
Large Freezer Bags, Microwave Popcorn
Ranch Style Beans
Spaghetti Noodles