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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 7, 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

September 30, 2018

Budget. \$2,900.00
Contribution. \$2,626.00
Attendance. 52

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 7, 2018



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"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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HOW TO BE BLESSED BY GOD

The question was asked of a group of Christians, “What is it that everyone wants out of life? The answer: Happiness! Lest we think that the answer is flippant, here is the second question and answer: Where is happiness to be found? Answer: In God only! Here is a basic conundrum of life. We all by nature seek happiness. Some people think they find it in the things of this world. It should be noted, and it is true you will never find peace, you will never find joy, and you will never happiness apart from Jesus Christ. People seek for happiness all the time in the material things of this world but, they will never find it. So many times throughout my ministry there have been people who were struggling in their relationship with God, but they could never seem to figure out why. Usually a relationship with God is ruined gradually. Little by little people move away from God and it is usually done in slow, yet deliberate way. I would ask those struggling, “How often do you pray to God?” and then ask, “How often do you read your bible?” And finally, “How often do you worship with the saints of God? The answers were always the same: Seldom or never! No wonder they are struggling!

We flatly declare that there is no ultimate peace or joy or fulfillment in sex or money or power or fame or degrees or buildings or gold medals or big estates or anything else that money can buy. Wealth can do many things, but it cannot buy peace of mind. Fame can do many things, but it cannot give us lasting joy. Power can do many things, but it cannot free us from guilt. So why is it that so many look for happiness in these avenues? Because they believe that these are the things that will make them happy. If we look for happiness by looking back we will lose our way, if we look for it turning side to side we will be distracted and if we look down we will stumble. True happiness comes when we look up to God in prayer and steadfastness. Here’s how to be blessed by God:

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God: To seek first means that nothing else gets in the way of making sure that that God is in first place. We seek first the kingdom when we support the worship of the church. When Christians assemble to sing, pray, commune, give, preach and teach we are placing the emphasis in the right place and giving God the best that we can give Him of our heart, mind and soul.

And His righteousness: That holiness of heart and purity of life which God requires of those who profess to be Christians. In Matthew 5:20 “For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.” The Pharisees were great at the externals they looked the part and they dressed the part but their heart was not right with God. They went through the motions but their heart was not in their worship.

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News & Notes

OUR SICK

Joe Neil Brown
Betty Harder
Ronnie Harder
Glenda Kirk
Sam McJunkin
Yvonne Meyers
JoeAnn Patterson
Evan Raspberry
Ron Raspberry
Frances Williams
(Quail Ridge Alzheimer Special Care Center)
Elizabeth Yow

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 7 - Devotional at Hearthside, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 11 - Bible Study at Hearthside, 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 11 - Ladies’ Night - Brickhouse Buffet, 6 p.m.



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

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

~ Henry Ford

“Excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude”

. ~ Ralph Marston

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To Be Blessed By God: Look at the rest of this verse, “All these things shall be added unto you.” The story is told of a king who said to his particular friend, 'Ask what thou wilt and I will give it unto thee.' He thought within himself, 'If I ask to be made a general I shall readily obtain it. I will ask something to which all these things shall be added:' he therefore said, 'Give me thy daughter to wife.' This he did knowing that all the dignities of the kingdom should be added unto this gift." To this verse, probably, belong the following words, quoted often by Clement, Origen, and Eusebius, as the words *αιτειτε τα μεγαλα ρ και τα μικρα υμιν προστεψησεται και αιτειτε τα επουρανια ρ και τα επι γεια προστεψησεται υμιν.* "Ask great things, and little things shall be added unto you; ask heavenly things, and earthly things shall be added unto you." The all things are the things that are needed to sustain life, God provides so bountifully for all of our needs.

The Ultimate Blessing of God: “And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.” The Christian life is a blessing from God this side of eternity as it allows the Christian to use the talents that they have been given to make a difference in the lives of others and to use those same talents to build the church. The ultimate blessing is to hear the words “Well Done” knowing that we will be ushered into eternity to live forever in the presence of God.