

Ellendale Church of Christ

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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.....1:00 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICES November 25, 2018

A.M. Services

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

P.M. Services

Sermon

(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 November 18, 2018

Budget. \$2,900.00
Contribution..... \$2,013.00
Attendance..... 50

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

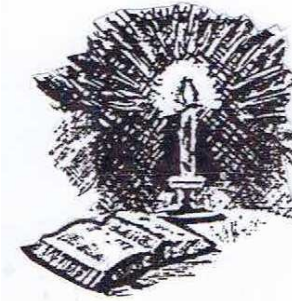
John Shannon - James Road:
YouTube; TV: Channel 17, 20 & 21 - Weds. 6 p.m.;
Channels 14 & 23 - Fri. 6 p.m.; Sat. 12:00 p.m.

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...

November 25, 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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News & Notes

The Dimensions of God's Amazing Love

What does “Here I Raise my Ebenezer” mean in the familiar hymn?

It is very important that we think about what we sing in our worship to God if we want to be pleasing to Him. God commanded singing as worship, and not entertainment. Paul taught, Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord (Colossians 3:16). Since the songs we sing should teach and admonish, we risk vain worship if we sing words that are in conflict with scripture.

The phrase, Here I raise my Ebenezer, is the beginning of the second verse of the familiar hymn, O Thou Fount of Every Blessing. This hymn, written by Robert Robinson in 1758, stresses the joy of Christianity and the Christian's need to rely on the Lord. Robinson chose the phrase, Here I raise my Ebenezer, from 1 Samuel 7:12, because it reminds God's people how He delivered Israel from danger.

Chapters 4 through 7 of 1 Samuel describe a series of battles between the Israelites and the Philistines. In an attempt to defeat the Philistines, the Israelites took the ark of the covenant into battle as a sort of good luck charm. To their anguish, however, the Philistines captured the ark and took it back to their pagan temple. God then sent plagues upon the Philistines and caused the idol of their god Dagon to fall over on its face. Fearing God, the Philistines sent the ark back to the Israelites, but continued to fight. As they fought more battles, the prophet Samuel led the Israelites as their last judge. As prophet and judge, Samuel offered sacrifices to God, so that when the Philistines approached, God thundered with a great thunder (1 Samuel 7:10). In the confusion that followed, the Israelites soundly defeated the Philistines.

As a reminder of the great victory God gave to Israel, Samuel took a great stone and raised it as a memorial between Mizpeh and Shen. As he raised it he called the name of it Ebenezer [or stone of help], saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us (1 Samuel 7:12). Whenever the Israelites looked at the stone, they would remember how God had helped them. Unfortunately, the exact site of the stone is unknown today.

When we sing, Here I raise my Ebenezer, we are poetically quoting Samuel, who raised the Ebenezer stone to remind the Israelites of God's help for them in their time of trouble. The words fit well with the sentiment expressed in the hymn: O Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me ever to adore Thee, May I still Thy goodness prove, While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love. Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come; And I hope by Thy good pleasure Safely to arrive at home. The words of the hymn remind us that God is truly the fount of every blessing, Who deserves our worship and our praise. Although the words, Here I raise my Ebenezer sound obscure to us, they do express the sincere attitude of gratitude we should have to God Who is our help in time of trouble.

– Bob Prichard

OUR SICK

Joe Neil Brown
Betty Harder
Ronnie Harder
A. J. Henson
Glenda Kirk
Yvonne Meyers
JoeAnn Patterson
Evan Rasberry
Ron Rasberry
Frances Williams
(Quail Ridge Alzheimer Special Care Center')

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun., Nov. 25 - Bro. John Evans will be our speaker.
Sun., Nov. 25 - Devotional at Hearthside, 1:30 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 25 - Birthday/Anniversary Celebration after p.m. service
Mon, Nov. 26 - Children's Home Food Run in the morning. It's not too late to fill those carts!!
Sat, Dec. 8 - Pot Luck Dinner, 6 p.m. Entertainment will be provided

WE REJOICE!

Last Wednesday night **Houston** and **Isha Lomax** expressed their wishes to be baptized into the body of Christ and to work with the congregation at Ellendale. They come with their children, **Laysha** and **Iston**.

Their directory information is:

5805 Robin Hop Ave.
Bartlett, TN 38134
Houston's cp (901) 481-9727
Isha's cp (901) 585-5055

Anniversary
3/13

Birthdays
Houston 4/1
Isha 5/2
Laysha 6/7
Iston 3/26

Paul spoke of the width, length, depth, and height of God's love (Ephesians 3:18).

Jesus spoke of the same dimensions, in the same order, in the most famous verse of the Bible: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

For God so loved the world
—Width of God's Love.

That He gave His only begotten Son
— Length of God's Love.

Whoever believes in Him should not perish
—Depth of God's Love.

But have everlasting life
—Height of God's Love.

God's love is comprehensive and overwhelming!

—Mark Posey, Decatur, Alabama



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.

*Children's Home Food Truck will be here mid-morning tomorrow... so you still have time to help fill the carts
(They are also accepting clothing... see notice on the bulletin board.)*