

## 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.....1:30 p.m.

### ORDER OF SERVICES December 23, 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 December 16, 2018

Budget. .... \$2,900.00  
Contribution..... \$5,906.00  
Attendance..... 76

### 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

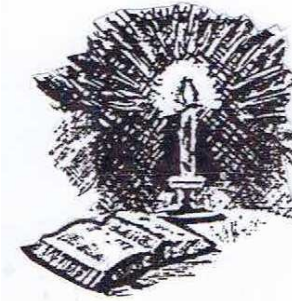
**John Shannon - James Road:**  
YouTube; TV: Channel 17, 20 & 21 - Weds. 6 p.m.;  
Channels 14 & 23 - Fri. 6 p.m.; Sat. 12:00 p.m.

**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...

December 23, 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

**Merry  
Christmas**

**POSTMASTER:**  
Send address changes to:  
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## Is Worshiping God a “Little” Different Ok?

“Just being a little different,” shows an attitude that leads to that difference. This attitude is important to consider.

In 1 Samuel 15:1–3, King Saul was told to destroy all the Amalekites and their animals because of their opposition to God and His people. But he didn’t. He spared King Agag, and he brought back the best animals “for sacrifice unto the Lord.”

Samuel spoke for God when he said, “Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry” (1 Samuel 15:22–23).

For us today the Bible says, “For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation?” (Hebrews 2:2–3). All through the Bible, God has always demanded obedience.

Cain brought a sacrifice to God, but it wasn’t accepted (Genesis 4).

Nadab and Abihu offered “strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not” (Leviticus 10:1), and God destroyed them.

God said that no one was to touch the ark of the covenant. When it was about to fall, Uzzah reached forth his hand and prevented it from falling (2 Samuel 6:6–7). When he did, “God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.”

Our purpose is to “fear God, and keep his commandments” (Ecclesiastes 12:13). Jesus still asked, “Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46). Christ is “the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him” (Hebrews 5:9).

Let us all have the conviction to accept what God has said and the determination to live by it. We shall be judged only by Him and His word: “The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day” (John 12:48).

—Ferman Carpenter, Austin, Texas

## News & Notes

### OUR SICK

Joe Neil Brown  
Betty Harder  
Ronnie Harder (Health South)  
A. J. Henson  
Glenda Kirk  
Yvonne Meyers  
JoeAnn Patterson  
Evan Rasberry  
Ron Rasberry  
Jessie Sparks  
(Quail Ridge Alzheimer Special Care Center,  
Rm. 39)  
Frances Williams  
(Quail Ridge Alzheimer Special Care Center,  
Rm. 6)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun., Dec. 23 - Bro. Roy Sharp will be our speaker today.

Sun., Dec. 23 - Devotional at Hearthside, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 27 - Bible Study at Hearthside, 1:30 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.

## I Met the Strangest Man

He said he believes in the Bible as the Word of God—but he never reads it.

He said the church would be more effective in its ministries if more of its members were really dedicated—but he never becomes involved in any ministry.

He said he feels the church assemblies are times for edification and praise to God—but he seldom attends. He said he believes the younger generation needs stronger spiritual values—but doesn’t exemplify strong spirituality in his life before his children.

He said the church is not doing the work the Lord intends it to do—but he is not working. He said he believes that God hears and answers prayers—but he seldom prays.

He said he knows the Lord is coming again—but lives as though the Lord will never come.

Great changes come to the world through small decisions by ordinary people. Be the change God wants to see in our world!

“Making a difference”  
JUDE 1:22

### *Thoughts to Ponder*

“The worst thing that happens to you may be the best thing for you if you don’t let it get the best of you.”

— Will Rogers

“Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.”

— George Bernard Shaw