

## 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 30, 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 23, 2018**

Budget. .... \$2,900.00  
Contribution..... \$2,158.00  
Attendance..... 65

### 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:**

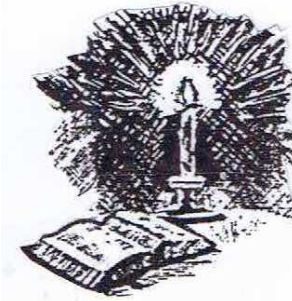
WHBQ AM 560 - Sunday 8 a.m.

#### **In Search of the Lord's Way:**

WLMT TV Channel 30 - Sunday 7 a.m.

## The Bulletin...

**December 30, 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

*Happy New Year*

*The Lord bless you and keep you;*

*The Lord make His face shine upon  
you, And be gracious to you;*

*The Lord lift up His countenance  
upon you, And give you peace.*

*Numbers 6: 24-26*

**POSTMASTER:**  
Send address changes to:  
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## News & Notes

### LONG ENOUGH ARMS

A group of students from Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tennessee, traveled to the Dominican Republic for a Spring Break mission trip. The group conducted a Vacation Bible School program at a children's home in Bobita.

After their final day of work at the children's home, team members went to see the ocean. Tragedy struck. Shane Ruiz, 19, and two other students were walking along the beach in knee-deep water when they were hit by a large wave. Shane was swept out into the ocean by a strong undertow. Team members and Dominicans on the beach spent the next three hours attempting to rescue Shane, but were unable to reach him.

A Bible professor from FHU relayed these events to the chapel assembly at the Faulkner University Lectureship in Montgomery, Alabama. With great emotion, he said that many desperately sought to save Shane, but "their arms were just too short to save him." They could not reach him.

He then quoted Isaiah 59:1-2: "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."

The reality is that because of our sins, we are separated from God and lost. The undertow of sin is too strong for us to save ourselves. Even our friends and loved ones can't save us. Thus we are doomed.

But the arm of the Lord is not too short to save! God loves us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to save us from our sins (John 3:16). In order to save us, Jesus gave His life for us. He died on the cross to rescue us from sin (Ephesians 1:7). He was the only one who could save us, for He was and is the sinless Son of God.

God will save those who will place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4).

That's why Shane and his Christian coworkers were in the Dominican Republic during their Spring Break—to tell those who were lost in sin that God's arm is not too short to save!

That's the good news (the gospel) for us, too! No matter how deeply we have sunk into sin, God's arm is not too short to save us. We must simply reach out to His extended hand through our trusting obedience. Won't you?

—David A. Sargent, Minister, Mobile, Alabama

### 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. 30 - Bro. Barry Grider will be our speaker today.
- Sun., Dec. 30 - Devotional at Hearthside, 1:30 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 30 - Brief worship service at Ellendale, 2:30 p.m., followed by Birthday & Anniversary celebration.
- Thurs., Jan. 3 - 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.

## That's Why I Never Eat

Everybody has an excuse for not attending worship services. If we take those excuses and apply them to something else we do or don't do, they I don't eat anymore because . . .

I was forced to eat as a child.  
People who eat all the time are hypocrites; they aren't really hungry.  
There are so many different kinds of food, I can't decide what to eat.  
I used to eat, but I got bored.  
None of my friends will eat with me.  
I only eat on special occasions, like Christmas and Easter.  
I'll start eating when I get older.  
I'm too busy working.  
I don't really have the time.  
I don't believe that eating does any good.  
It's just a crutch.  
Restaurants and grocery stores are only after your money.

Laughable, isn't it? Regular attendance for worship to God is vital for a healthy soul (Hebrews 10:25). Our relationship with God is far more important than regular, balanced meals. Without spiritual food, we will die (1 Peter 2:2).

You are invited to come and worship with us at the church of Christ. In fact, we'll save you a seat!

—Unknown

### *Thoughts to Ponder*

Learn to speak kind words -- nobody resents them.

Problems are simply an opportunity to do your best.