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SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY ACTIVITY

SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Worship service at Hearthside.....1:30 p.m.
Worship.....5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study and Devotional...7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Bible Study at Hearthside.....1:30 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICES

February 24, 2019

A.M. Services

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

P.M. Services

Sermon - Barry Grider

(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

Feb. 17, 2019

Budget	\$2,900.00
Contribution.....	\$3,453.00
Attendance.....	54

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...

February 24, 2019



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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

Still the Books of Books

The Place of Safety

Barry Grider

The psalmist wrote, “I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makes me dwell in safety” (Psa. 4:8). In the midst of a world smitten with sin man needs a place of safety, security, and refuge. Such can only be found in the Lord. God has always provided such a place for those who love Him.

No one could have enjoyed peace and safety any more than Adam and Eve while living in the Garden of Eden. Not only was the garden a paradise on earth, it was also a place where the first couple had constant communion with God (Gen. 3:8). Wherever God dwells, those who live with Him are safe. After man sinned, he lost the peace and security that he once had with God. Yet down through the centuries a loving and gracious God would provide a safe haven for those who desired a relationship with Him.

According to the book of Genesis, because of man’s wickedness, God determined to destroy man from the face of the earth. “But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord” (Gen. 6:8). Hence, God would save Noah from the devastation of the deluge. An ark was prepared according to God’s specifications. This ark provided a place of safety for Noah and his family when the floodwaters raged. As a child, I was blessed to have a mother who read to me from the Bible. Whenever she read the account of Noah and the ark, she would conclude by reminding me that God has an ark of safety today. This ark of safety is the church of Christ.

Those who identify themselves as Christians acknowledge Jesus Christ as the Savior. However, most fail to realize what it means to be in Christ and in His church. Hence, such individuals remain in their sins. It is amazing how many scriptures speak of the necessity of being in Christ. Paul wrote, “Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new” (2 Cor. 5:17). The apostle would continue, “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Gal. 3:27). So the place of safety for all today is in Christ. “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 6:23). To be in Christ is to be free from the condemnation of sin (Rom. 8:1). Many religious people speak of their eternal security. However, only the New Testament Christian, can really be secure. In Jesus, nothing can separate us from the love of God (Rom. 8:39).

But what does being in Christ have to do with being in the church of Christ? The church is comprised of those who are saved (Acts 2:47). Likewise, God’s marvelous wisdom for saving man includes Christ and the church that He purchased with His blood (Eph. 3:10-11; Acts 20:28). Those who are saved are found in the body of Christ, which is His church. Paul exhorted, “Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it” (Eph. 5:25). How does one get into the church, God’s ark of safety? He does so the same way he gets into Christ. “For by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body” (1 Cor. 12:13).

The church is a refuge from the world. It provides security from the devil and sin. Isaiah, using highly symbolic and figurative language, spoke of the peaceful nature of the kingdom of Christ, which is the church (Isa. 11:6-9; cf. Mat. 16:18,19). “Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and fear (Heb. 12:28). Since the kingdom/church is eternal in nature (2 Pet. 1:11), and only citizens of the kingdom or members of the church will be saved (1 Cor. 15:24; Eph. 5:23), let us implore all accountable individuals to enter quickly into the fold of safety.

OUR SICK

Joe Neil Brown
Betty Harder
Ronnie Harder
(King’s Daughters & Sons, Rm 252)
A. J. Henson
Glenda Kirk
Yvonne Meyers
JoeAnn Patterson
Evan Rasberry
Ron Rasberry
Jessie Sparks
(Quail Ridge Alzheimer Special Care Center,
Rm. 358)
Frances Williams
(Quail Ridge Alzheimer Special Care Center,
Rm. 6)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 24 - Devotional at Hearthside, 1:30 p.m.
- Feb. 24 - Birthday/Anniversary Celebration after p.m. worship.
- Feb. 25 - Children’s Home Food Run truck will be here in the morning. There’s still time to fill those boxes!!
- Feb. 28 - Bible Study at Hearthside, 1:30 p.m.
- Mar. 3 - Men/s Business Meeting, 2:30 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.

It is estimated that there have been more than 5 billion copies of this book printed.

Twenty million copies of this book are sold in the United States each year (almost 55,000 copies a day).

That is double the number sold in 1950. I mention this because some think there is less interest in this book now than in years past.

In 1995, one version of this book sold 18 million copies.

This book is and has remained a best seller for decades.

More than 168,000 copies of this book are sold or given to others in the United States each day.

A single international group distributes almost 60 million copies of this book each year. That’s more than a 100 copies per minute.

This book is sought all over the world. As an example, today sixty percent of its readers live in the developing world. In 1900, eighty percent lived in Europe and the United States.

Yes, we are talking about the Bible.

Have you read the greatest book ever written?

—Dick Brant

“Incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding.” Proverbs 2:2

