

## 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 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 3, 2019**

#### A.M. Services

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

**January 20, 2019**

Budget. .... \$2,900.00  
Contribution..... \$3,433.00  
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:**

LMT TV Channel 30 - Sunday 7 a.m.

## The Bulletin...

**February 3, 2019**



*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



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# GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY

## Part Three

### Don't Miss The Christ

Growing old gracefully demands that we remain true to Christian principles. Nothing is so ugly than a life lived for self instead of the Lord. Solomon wrote, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Ecc. 12:1). What is Solomon saying? Don't forget God while you are young. One day you will be old and after sin has taken its toll, you will not like it.

Two marvelous examples for the elderly to follow are found in Luke 2.

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon: and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; that the thoughts of many hearts maybe revealed. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Faunal, of the tribe of Acer: she was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fasts and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem (Luke 2:25-38).

Nothing is more lovely than faithful old people who demonstrate love for and trust in the Savior. Despite the wrinkles and the gray hair, there is an inward beauty that increases through the years. Paul wrote, "...but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day" (2 Cor. 4:16). I once heard the story of a Christian woman who had lived a beautiful and godly life, yet became rather "cranky" in her old age. Someone said, "I suppose if anyone deserves the right to be 'cranky' after all these years, it is this sister." Another wisely stated, "No, she needs to remain just as she was before." Do not have the privilege of growing old and yet reject Christ.

### Keep Hope in Your Heart

How does hope remain in the heart of a Christian? As one ages, he must remember the best days are not behind him, but lie ahead. In the movie, Tuck Everlasting, a family drunk from a spring that was the fountain of youth. As a result, they never grew old. Are we, however, not thankful for the fact that we do not have to stay on earth forever? Something better is coming.

For your light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are not seen are eternal. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens (2 Cor. 4:17-5:1).

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## News & Notes

### OUR SICK

Joe Neil Brown  
Betty Harder  
Ronnie Harder- (King's Daughters & Sons, Rm 125)  
A. J. Henson  
Glenda Kirk  
Yvonne Meyers  
JoeAnn Patterson  
Evan Rasberry  
Ron Rasberry  
Jessie Sparks - (Methodist Hospital, Rm.358)  
Frances Williams  
(Quail Ridge Alzheimer Special Care Center,  
Rm. 6)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun., Feb. 3 - Devotional at Hearthside, 1:30 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 3 - Evening Worship Service, 2:30 p.m.,  
Men's Business Meeting after  
worship service
- Thurs., Feb. 6 - Bible Study at Hearthside, 1:30 p.m.
- Sat., Feb. 16 - Ladies' Appreciation Dinner, 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.

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At the close of the comforting Shepherd's psalm, we read, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever" (Psm. 23:6). In the eternal abode, "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away" (Rev. 22:4). With the thought of obtaining a new immortal body on the resurrection day, Paul concluded by saying, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58). Biblical hope is expectation with anticipation. Such hope increases for the Christian as he gets older and so does his devotion. "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Prov. 4:18)

### Conclusion

While growing old gracefully ought to be the goal of every one of us, it should be remembered that one should not grow old in sin. Sometimes it is expressed that an aged person already has "one foot in the grave." While the young may die, the old do die. Hence, one who is old and outside of Christ needs to remember, "one foot is already in the grave." One who is old and has refused to be baptized needs to remember that "One foot is already in the grave." One who is old and refuses to worship God faithfully needs to remember, "one foot is already in the grave." One who is old and harbors a grudge needs to remember, "One foot is already in the grave." One who is old and remains in an unscriptural marriage needs to remember, "One foot is already in the grave." One who is old and remains in an apostate congregation needs to remember, "One foot is already in the grave." "...Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.." (Heb. 3:15)

-Barry M. Grider