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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

March 24, 2019

A.M. Services

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

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

March 17, 2019

Budget. \$2,900.00
Contribution. \$2,105.50
Attendance. 51

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...

March 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

Be a Soul Winner for Jesus

Barry Grider

Does the word "soul" mean anything to you? It should because you have one. I am not referring to a genre of music called soul, but to that part of you that lives within you and that will live forever. God gave it to you. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7). "[God] formeth the spirit of man within him" (Zech. 12:1). Because man has a soul, he is made in the image of God (Gen 1:27). This differentiates man from the animal kingdom (Heb. 2:7). Through our submission to the word of God, our souls are saved (James 1:21). Every person whose soul has been saved should be concerned about the souls that are unsaved. What does being a soul winner for Jesus entail? It is probably not as difficult as you think. Let us build an acrostic with the word S-O-U-L.

Every soul winner should Speak. Man communicates through words. Jesus, the apostles, and other first century evangelists, went about preaching and teaching by using words that could be understood. For this reason, "the common people heard him [Jesus] gladly. Paul had a passion for souls and as he wrote to the Corinthians regulating spiritual gifts, he said, "Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue" (1 Cor. 14:19). He continues, "How then shall they call on him whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Rom. 10:14). Brethren, if souls are to be saved, Christians must open their mouths and speak the good news.

Every soul winner must take advantage of Opportunity. Jesus was an opportunity seeker. Sometimes people came seeking Him. People like Nicodemus (John 3:1). Sometimes He went to others, just as He did with the Samaritan woman (John 4:7). Sometimes the seeking Savior would meet the seeking sinner, just as it happened with Jesus and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:3). There are probably more opportunities to evangelize than we realize. Jesus made that clear in His personal ministry. When He saw the multitudes, He saw shepherdless souls. This moved Him to say, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Mat. 9:37,38). People want to know if others are interested. Will you and I take the opportunity to show interest in souls?

Every soul winner must have Understanding. The soul winner must know what he believes and be passionate about what he believes. This requires much personal study of the Bible (2 Tim. 2:15). A soul winner must also understand that every person is different and cannot be approached the same way. With some people one can be painfully honest about their souls. Others you may have to interest in a Bible Correspondence Course perhaps. There are others you will have to first become a friend and work toward a study. Our concern for souls also means we have to sometimes be willing to change our personalities for the better and get outside our comfort zones.

Every soul winner must Live in harmony with the message he teaches. Paul wrote, "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ" (Phil. 1:27). If the gospel has not changed you and me, dear friend, others will not be interested.

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News & Notes

Helping the Grieving

When you love someone so much and you see the pain that they are in, and you are fighting with everything in you to help them preserve their dignity, to help them maintain their strength of mind and character, you hide your own feelings. You submerge yourself totally in the person who is sick, or you deny that you have needs. You deny that you have physical needs, although your body may be screaming for those needs to be taken care of, or you deny that you have emotional needs because all of your emotions are poured out on the person who is ill.

Between the diagnosis of a terminal illness and the actual death, many losses occur which affect both the ill person and family members. They may be physical, psychological, social, spiritual, or a combination of all of these. Reaction to these losses is called ANTICIPATORY GRIEF - a term commonly associated with the slow and expected deaths that have become more typical in our society.

A man dying of cancer, for example, may no longer have the ability to work and may grieve the loss of his identity as a productive person. A woman whose husband suffers from Alzheimer's disease may grieve the loss-in-process of his ability to provide support and companionship. She may also grieve losses yet to come, such as the further deterioration of his health and unfulfilled plans and dreams they have shared.

What can Christians do to help those who are grieving? Let me offer four simple suggestions:

1. LISTEN. You cannot say anything that will help as much as listening. When Job's three friends came to see him in his tragedy, they said nothing for seven days (Job 2:13). They were comforters until they started to talk.

A widow wrote after her husband's death: "Alone in my house, I longed for someone to call...anyone...I just wanted to talk."

2. FEEL WITH THEM. Don't try to push people away from their feelings. Do not tell people they do not need to grieve or cry. They need to cry. Let them express doubt, anger, disappointment, guilt, or whatever they feel. "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits" (Rom. 12:15-16).

3. DON'T FORGET THEIR PHYSICAL NEEDS. They may need food, transportation, someone to help house guests, or even pay bills. If you see a need, do not wait until you have an official request. Take action and do it!

4. LEARN FROM THEM. People who are dealing with death are "coming to grips with their own mortality," And so must we. It is clear that life is brief and that death is an appointment we all must face. "...For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (Jam. 4:14). "...It is appointed unto man once to die..." (Heb. 9:27)

Levi Sides, evangelist
Jasper, AL

OUR SICK

Melbourne Bennett
Joe Neil Brown
Betty Harder
A. J. Henson
Glenda Kirk
Yvonne Meyers
Barbara Nance - St. Francis Hospital
JoeAnn Patterson
Evan Rasberry
Martin Rasberry
Ron Rasberry
Tamara Rochelle
Jessie Sparks
(Quail Ridge Alzheimer Special Care Center,
Rm. 359)
Frances Williams
(Quail Ridge Alzheimer Special Care Center,
Rm. 6)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 24 - Devotional at Hearthside, 1:30 p.m.

Mar. 28 - 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.

Children's Home Food Run

Suggested item for this week:

Tomato Sauce

(Note: If you are interested in bringing clothes, please refer to information on the bulletin board.)

After Calvary, God has the right to be trusted, to be believed that he means what he says; and that His love is dependable.

A. J. Gossip

"In the Secret Place of the Most High", 1947

Nostalgia is like a grammar lesson...you find the present tense and the past perfect.

Reminisce Magazine

The supreme happiness of life is the conviction of being loved for yourself, or, more correctly, being loved in spite of yourself.

Victor Hugo

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL LECTURESHIP

March 31 – April 4, 2019

GENERAL THEME
"Purer in Heart, O God"

Conducted By:
Memphis School of Preaching