

## 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

**March 3, 2019**

#### A.M. Services

Announcements  
Lead Singing - Mike O'Guinn  
Opening Prayer  
Communion  
Sermon - John Evans

#### P.M. Services

Sermon - John Evans

(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. 24, 2019**

Budget	\$2,900.00
Contribution.....	\$2,270.00
Attendance.....	52

### 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 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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## News & Notes

### What the Church is Not

Barry Grider

Christians are to love what Jesus loves and Jesus loves the church. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Eph. 5:25). Today an all out assault is being waged against the New Testament church. Sadly we often find the doctrines of men take precedence over the doctrine of Christ (1 Tim. 4:2). Jesus came to establish His church (Mat. 16:18) and such became a reality on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:47). Before we consider what the Bible says about the church, let us consider what the church is not.

First, the church is not a building. Though we say we are going down to the church, the church may or may not be there. Before the great evangelist Stephen was martyred for the cause of Christ, he preached, "Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands" (Acts 7:48). The apostle Paul reaffirmed that same message in his preaching (Acts 17:24). Though we appreciate the luxury of having accommodating buildings, our auditoriums are not sanctuaries. All of the instructions given to the church could be carried out even if there was no single edifice on the face of the earth. Reference is made to "great fear coming upon all the church" (Acts 5:4) and to the "ears of the church" (Acts 11:22). Obviously no material building can express human emotions nor does such have any physical features.

Second, the church is not the old Jewish Tabernacle, though it does typify the church. Under the Law of Moses, God was dealing a particular fleshly nation namely Israel. One was born into God's family by physical birth with no choice in the matter. However, not so with the church that belongs to Christ. Though entrance does require a birth, that birth is spiritual in nature and one has a choice in being born into God's family (John 3:3). God has now reconciled both Jew and Gentile in one body (Eph. 2:16).

Third, the church is not a social organization. While we are social beings who enjoy fellowship one with another, members of the church are not just good people who have come together for a good time. Our purpose is much higher and nobler than this.

Fourth, the church is not a political organization. Congregations of the church of Christ do not select delegates to attend a convention whereby church policy can be set forth. Every congregation of the church of Christ is autonomous or self governing. The organization of the Lord's church is quite simple. "Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons" (Phil. 1:1).

Fifth, the church is not a denomination. Denominationalism by its very nature is divisive. The seed of the kingdom is the word of God (Luke 8:11). That seed can only produce Christians who are like minded in faith and practice (1 Pet. 4:11). Can the church speak with one voice? Not only can the church do so, it must. In His beautiful prayer for unity, the Lord prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth... That they all may be one; as thou Father art in me, and I in thee, that they all may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 17:17,21). So the concept of denominationalism is totally foreign to the New Testament. The Bible is clear there is one body (Eph.4:4) and that one body is the church (Col. 1:18).

Next week, we will consider "What Is the Church?".

### How to Prepare for the End of the World

A well-known speaker started off a seminar by holding up currency. In the room of 200, he asked, who would like this a twenty dollar bill? Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this."

He crumpled it. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" The same hands were up.

"Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" He dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" he asked. Still the hands stayed up.

"My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth twenty dollars.

"Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by bad decisions and unfortunate circumstances that come our way. We feel like we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value: dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who love you.

"The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by who we are. You are special—don't ever forget it!"

"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

-Genesis 1:27

### OUR SICK

Joe Neil Brown  
Betty Harder  
A. J. Henson  
Glenda Kirk  
Yvonne Meyers  
JoeAnn Patterson  
Evan Rasberry  
Martin 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

Mar. 3 - Devotional at Hearthside, 1:30 p.m.  
Mar. 3 - Men/s Business Meeting, 2:30 p.m.  
Mar. 6 - Bible Study at Hearthside, 1:30 p.m.

### SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Betty Harder** on the loss of her husband, **Ronnie Harder**, February 22. Ronnie fought a long battle of health issues. His services were held yesterday.



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.