

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 Hearthsides.....1:30 p.m.
Worship.....5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Ladies/Men's Bible Class.....10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

ORDER OF SERVICES

April 14, 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

April 7, 2019

Budget. \$3,500.00
Contribution..... \$3,677.50
Attendance..... 55

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:

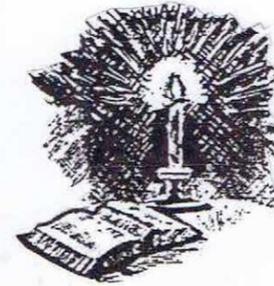
WHBQ AM 560 - Sunday 8 a.m.

In Search of the Lord's Way:

WLMT TV Channel 30 - Sunday 7 a.m.

The Bulletin...

April 14, 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

WAS THE LAW PERFECT OR NOT?

(Heb. 8:6-8; Psa. 19:7)

Barry M. Grider

The law of God is perfect in the sense that it fulfills God's intended purpose. God gave the Law of Moses and, therefore, it was holy, good, and yes, perfect (Psa. 19:7; cf. Rom. 7:12). The word perfect, however, should be considered only in this limited sense. What then did the writer of Hebrews have in mind when he wrote the following:

But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah (Heb. 8:6-8).

The context of the above passage has to do with promises (v. 6) made by God, which could not be accomplished by the Law of Moses. No promise made by God was of more benefit to man than the promise of sins forgiven. Such was under consideration in the passage quoted from Jeremiah 31:31-34. As later stated in Hebrews, the Law of Moses had no provision for sins.

But in those *sacrifices* there is a remembrance again *made* of sins every year. For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins (Heb. 10:3-4).

Those sins were remembered every year. However, Christ's sacrifice once for all (Heb. 10:12) satisfied the justice of God and man could enjoy the benefits of God's promise "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18).

The book of Galatians, like Hebrews, contrasts the legal system of the Law of Moses with the liberty under the law of Christ. Paul expected questions to arise about the purpose of the law when he both asks and answers the following question., "Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator" (Gal. 3:19). Yes, the law was perfect in fulfilling its purpose to make sin "exceedingly sinful" (Rom. 12:13). However, it was not "faultless" because sin could only be forgiven under Christ.

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TODAY WILL BE YESTERDAY TOMORROW

Time is so fleeting that today will be yesterday tomorrow, and this process of change does not take very long. Life is so short.

I recently noticed a large sign in front of a church building, which read, "Today Will Be Yesterday Tomorrow." This truth should make each of us determine to live well today. However, some people ruin the present because of worry over what may happen tomorrow.

During World War II an acquaintance of mine told me that his wife was about to drive him to distraction. The draft was rapidly calling men into the armed forces, and his wife thought he would receive his call any day. Every morning when he left for work she would cry and say, "I won't get to tell you goodbye many more mornings because you will be gone to the Army." The next morning another day would begin in the same way. When this man had about decided to volunteer for the Army because of this condition at home, the wife realized how miserable she was making his life. Then she said, "You may be called any day, but until that time comes, I am going to live well each day so we may enjoy our associations." It so happened that this particular man was never drafted.

Jesus taught His disciples the value of living well one day at a time when He said, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (Mat.6:34). Paul continued this theme when he taught, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplications with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God" (Phil.4:6).

Life comes to each individual one day at a time. A. M. Burton, past president of the Life and Casualty Insurance Company of Nashville, described this plan of God in his book, **The Sunday Visitor**. Burton wrote: "life does not come to us in lifetimes; it only comes a day at a time. Even tomorrow is never ours until it becomes today. Do today's duty, fight today's temptation; do not weaken or distract yourself by looking forward to things you cannot see."

John Ruskin wrote of filling each day to its brim when he penned, "Let every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life and each setting sun be to you as its close."

Since today will be yesterday tomorrow, each of us needs to take a daily look at self. I once noticed a printed poem hanging on the wall of a home. This poem vividly teaches the need of daily inspection.

I don't want to stand with the setting Sun
And hate myself for the things I have done.
I can never hide myself from me;
I see what others may never see;
I know what others may never know;
I can't hide myself;
And so whatever happens,
I want to be self-respecting and conscience free.

The will of God should be the standard by which we measure ourselves. Christ gave the pattern to His disciples when He said of God's will "And he that sent me is with me; the father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him (John 8:29)

—Willard Collins (deceased)

"GOOD NEWS" WE CAN UNDERSTAND

"...by revelation was made known unto me the mystery, as I wrote before in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye can perceive my understanding to the mystery of Christ...that the Gentiles are...fellow-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (Eph. 3:3-6).

Paul's word *mystery* referred to a secret that had been revealed. God told Paul a wonderful secret and, then, guided him in writing it down.

The secret? God offers salvation to Jew and Gentile alike. But look. When we read what Paul wrote, we can understand what this secret is all about. Isn't that wonderful? Such is true because of the gospel's:

"Source."

It comes from a merciful (Luke 6:36), just (1 John 4:7), and loving (1 John 4:7) God. It smacks at God's goodness to think that he would give us a message to live by (cf. John 12:48) only to make that message too hard to understand.

"Structure"

It is a message of "good news" (1 Pet. 1:25) designed to be an instruction manual for life (2 Tim. 3:16-17) and a sword for fighting the devil (Eph., 6:17) If it cannot be understood, it is a guide that cannot be followed and a weapon that cannot be unsheathed. Is that "good news?"

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News & Notes

OUR SICK

Joe Neil Brown
Pat Buchanan
Betty Harder
A. J. Henson
Glenda Kirk
Yvonne Meyers
Barbara Nance
JoeAnn Patterson
Evan Raspberry
Ron Raspberry
Dick Romine - Encompass Health Rehab
Jessie Sparks - Rm. 5711, Reynolds Hospice House,
1520 W. Poplar Ave, Collierville
Frances Williams -(Quail Ridge Alzheimer Special
Care Center, Rm. 6)

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 14 - Devotional at Hearthside, 1:30 p.m.
April 16 - Ladies/Men's Bible Class, 10 a.m.
April 18 - Bible Study at Hearthside, 1:30 p.m.

WE REJOICE!

Sunday, March 31, **Isha Lomax** was baptized into Christ. Sunday, April 7, **Dan and Pat Moore** expressed their desire to place membership with our congregation. We rejoice with them!

DIRECTORY INFORMATION:

(Isha's is already in the directory)

Dan & Pat's is as follows:

8028 Carat Circle

Bartlett, TN 38133

Phone #: Dan - 485-4308; Pat 486-5317

Home 386-7347

A-11/29; B- Dan 7/22; Pat 9/25



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.

"GOOD NEWS" WE CAN UNDERSTAND

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"Suitability" to man

Man's heart consists of intelligence (Prov. 4:23) emotion (Mat. 22:37), and a will (Rom. 6:17). The gospel consists of facts to be believed with the heart's intelligence (Heb. 11:1,6), promises to be enjoyed with the heart's ability to feel (2 Pet. 1:4), and commands to be obeyed with the heart's will (1 John 5:2-3). The gospel and the heart of man are made for each other, a thought that implicitly underscores its understandable nature.

The secret to understanding the gospel is as simple as the gospel itself. READ it. Spend time with it. Think about it. Do what it says...and be blessed (cf. Rev.1:3).

—Dan Winkler

LADIES/MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Tuesday, 10 A.M.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Teacher - Barry Grider

Please invite friends and neighbors to come with you. We are studying the theme "Blessed Assurance."

Children's Home Food Run

Suggested item for this week:

Cereal

If you want to bring clothing items, please refer to the list on the bulletin board.

Thank You
For Visiting
With Us