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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 28, 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 21, 2019

Budget. \$3,500.00
Contribution..... \$2,715.00
Attendance..... 64

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:

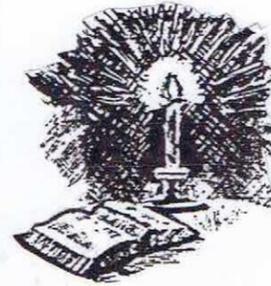
WHBQ AM 560 - Sunday 8 a.m.

In Search of the Lord's Way:

WLMT TV Channel 30 - Sunday 7 a.m.

The Bulletin...

April 28, 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

Is Marriage Obsolete?

Barry Grider

The same God who created man in His image, likewise, created and designed the marriage relationship. God made us to be social beings and to desire interaction with others. The highest of all human relationships is the relationship between husband and wife. That relationship is the foundation upon which a society is built. But is marriage becoming obsolete? According to Pew Research 44% of those between the ages of 18-29 think so. Even 32% of those 65 and older agree that marriage has run its course and is no longer a necessary institution. Dr. Andrew Cherlin, professor of sociology and public policy at Johns Hopkins University says, "Marriage is still very important in this country, but it does not dominate family life like it used to." Of course, the definition for family today has become very broad. However, God's word is clear that a family begins when a man legally marries a woman. "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife and they shall be one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). Is God's plan for the home obsolete? Remember that marriage has not failed people, but rather, people have failed marriage. God's plan still works best, not only for individuals, but for society, as well.

Marriage is the Foundation of Society. Down through the ages the God ordained concept of marriage has been the foundation upon which society was built. Remember in the beginning, according to Genesis 2, God created with the heart of man a desire for the woman. Man was incomplete without a comparison. God knew exactly what man needed. He needed someone similar to himself yet different in just the right way. So God formed the woman from the side of man and man was pleased when he saw the woman. "And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man" (Gen. 2:23). This relationship was to last a lifetime. Jesus stated, "Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Mat. 19:6). Furthermore, in God's divine wisdom He made us different that He might make us one. These differences should always be respected because they provide a completeness to the home and society. Physically and emotionally the man and woman are different, yet perfectly suited for the other. When society no longer respects these differences chaos and confusion reign.

Marriage is for the Stabilization of Society. During six thousand years of biblical history this relationship between husband and wife has worked well. Anytime the legitimacy of marriage is downplayed society loses. Something rather strange occurs in Genesis 4:19. A descendant of Cain named Lamech decided he was not satisfied with one wife but desired two wives. It is interesting that by the time the Bible student arrives at Genesis six, he reads the following, "And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose" (Gen. 6:1,2). By the time of the flood the home had completely disintegrated and men chose a multiplicity of wives and the only criteria was based upon what satisfied fleshly desires.

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Likewise, whenever promiscuity reigns supreme, violence will be found, also (Gen.6:11). God's judgment came upon that generation.

How does marriage stabilize society? Marriage is about commitment. The man is to "cleave" unto his wife (Gen.2:24). Marriage is about consecration. The union should bring out the very best in us. Marriage helps us to appreciate the value of living a selfless life. Even physical intimacy in marriage should be the giving of ourselves to each other. In fact, physical intimacy is just the by product of something the couple shares more deeply. Marriage is about children. It is in this union children are to be born. God said "be fruitful and multiply" (Gen. 1:28) "and Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain..." (Gen. 4:1). Marriage is for procreation and in addition to guide and direct those children to adulthood. Children need both a mother and a father or these children will be hurt.

Marriage is for the Protection of Society. In God blessed America we are perverting what God calls holy. We are not only legitimizing deviant behavior but glorifying it. When one is in a God ordained marriage it provides protection from without and satisfaction within. God said the two shall be one flesh. One flesh physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

No, marriage is not obsolete. It will still fulfill God's purpose and will until the end of time. Let us respect the will of the Creator and Designer of marriage and God will bless us with happy, healthy, and harmonious homes that will benefit society, as well.

"A Soul for Sale"

Dan Winkler

He was buried in a seated position, a crown on his brow, a sword by his side, the royal mantle about his shoulders...And a Bible in his lap. When Charlemagne's tomb was opened almost 200 years later, the skeletal remains of his fingers pointed to a

verse of scripture: What shall a man give in exchange for his soul" The answer: For some it is:

1. "Perception" - the wisdom of this world. But listen to Solomon. *"I applied my heart to know wisdom and...I perceived that this also was striving after the wind"* (Ecc. 1:17).
2. "Pleasure" - the wanton desires of this world. But, listen to Solomon: *"I said in my heart, Come now...enjoy pleasures; behold, all was vanity."* (Ecc. 2:1).
3. "Productivity" - the opportunities for work in this world. But, again, listen to Solomon: *"I looked at all the works that my hand had wrought, and on the labor that I had labored to do; and behold, all was vanity"* (ECC. 2:11).
4. "Prosperity" - the wealth of this world. But what did Solomon, one of the world's wealthiest men say? *"He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied: this also is vanity"* (Ecc. 5:10).

Then why are we here? Where can we find true joy and the very purpose for our existence? Well, "this is the end of the matter...fear God and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man" (ECC. 12:13).

Whoever you Are...

....There is some younger person who thinks you are perfect.

....There is some work that won't get done unless you do it.

....There is someone who would miss you if you were gone.

....There is a reason for becoming better than you are.

....There is a place to be filled that you alone can fill.

News & Notes

TODAY

Barry Grider

OUR SICK

Joe Neil Brown
Winnie Crews
Betty Harder
A. J. Henson
Glenda Kirk
Yvonne Meyers
JoeAnn Patterson
Evan Raspberry
Ron Raspberry
Dick Romine
Frances Williams - (Quail Ridge Alzheimer Special Care Center, Rm. 6)

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 28 - Devotional at Hearthside, 1:30 p.m.
April 28 - Birthday/Anniversary Celebration after p.m. service
April 30 - Ladies/Men's Bible Class, 10 a.m.
May 2 - Bible Study at Hearthside, 1:30 p.m.
May 5 - Men's Business Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
May 5 - Honor our graduate after p.m. service. Refreshments will be served.

 Just a friendly reminder...

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.

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:

Saltine Crackers

Many of our days are filled with stress and unhappiness because we are constantly thinking about how we can obtain that which we don't have. It could be an education, job promotion, new home or auto, a vacation, or getting a mate. We want to hurry life along that we might get these things that in our estimation would completely satisfy. While all of these things are fine to attain, let us not hurry life along, because it is going by quickly enough (James 4:13). More importantly, in our quest for things let us not miss life itself. Furthermore, let us remember the most lofty, noble opportunities are available every day. How is this true?

You can obey the gospel today. "Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Heb. 4:7). Today is the day of salvation. When one hears the gospel and believes it, repents of past sins, and confesses the sweet name of Jesus, and is immersed in water for the remission of sins he has obeyed the gospel and is added to the church. This can be done today.

You can study your Bible today. The Bible is God's inspired word (2 Tim. 3:16, 17). We are commanded to study it (1 Tim. 2:15).

You can pray today. Before you get busy with anything else remember to take time to pray. (1 Thess. 5:17). It will relieve you of burdens and provide peace of mind.

You can do good today. Jesus spent His time on earth doing good (Acts 10:38). We can do this also. As we have opportunity (Gal. 6:10) let us do good. Someone said, "I cannot do all the good there is to do, but I must do all the good I can do."

You can start life over again today. God is the God of new beginnings and He allows u-turns (Lam. 3:23). Jesus said to the adulterous woman, "go, and sin no more" (John 8:11). Perhaps there have been many sad chapters in your life but it does not have to be the last chapter in your life.