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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

April 7, 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 31, 2019

Budget. \$2,900.00
Contribution. \$2,662.50
Attendance. 57

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:

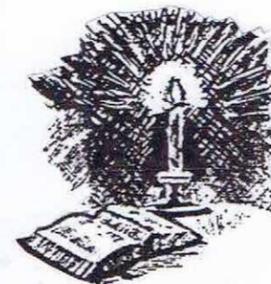
WHBQ AM 560 - Sunday 8 a.m.

In Search of the Lord's Way:

WLMT TV Channel 30 - Sunday 7 a.m.

The Bulletin...

April 7, 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

THE GOLDEN RULE

Barry M. Grider

Gold is considered the most precious material substance on earth. So much of the ancient temple, God's house, was overlaid with gold. The word golden is often applied to those things that are uniquely special. Sometimes we speak of a golden anniversary, a golden moment, or a golden opportunity. In Matthew 7:12, Jesus laid down the greatest principle regarding human relationships. He stated, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." Christians have commonly called this precept the Golden Rule. If our Lord's words were followed it would produce happiness and harmony among all men.

If we properly understand the meaning of our Lord's teaching, He desires we treat others as He has treated us (John 13:34, 35). We must fully acquaint ourselves with the plight of another and get that person's perspective. Do you appreciate when others treat you unfairly or unjustly? Of course not! Therefore refuse to do to them what they are doing to you. The apostle Paul admonishes, "Recompense to no man evil for evil (Rom. 12:17).

Those who deny Jesus' divinity sometimes will say His statement is not different from that of other noted religious leaders. However, there is a distinctive difference because Jesus' words are active and positive, unlike the following statement: "Do not do to others what you would not want them to do to you." Remember God took the initiative to save us, even though we were His enemies (Rom. 5:8).

This earth will never be like heaven. However, as Christians, we have the responsibility to bring as much of the atmosphere of heaven to this earth as possible. When you smile, even though no one else is smiling, you bring heaven to those around you. When you are kind, even though no one else may be kind, you bring Jesus to those you meet. When you take an interest in someone in whom no one else is interested, you change a life forever.

We treat our fellow man as we desire God to treat us. The principle of the Golden Rule causes us to extend mercy instead of judgment. Following this maxim will not allow us to be envious of others nor will it allow us to engage in gossip about another. If you hear something bad about somebody else, do you quickly believe what you have heard? Not if you follow the Golden Rule.

Living by the Golden Rule produces a beautiful life. It promotes peace and harmony. Furthermore, it provides a golden legacy for an individual when he departs this earth.

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MY RULES FOR LIFE

George W. Dehoff

1. I try never to say anything behind a man's back that would give me the least embarrassment to say to his face.
2. I try never to speak back to personal critics—friends do not need to hear the defense and enemies would not believe it.
3. Every day I greet every person I see with a smile and make a special effort to do so if the person is poor or in unfortunate circumstances.
4. The first thing when I awake in the morning, I plan what my duty for the day is and try to go beyond it.
5. Every day I read from the Bible and some other good book—feeding the mind and soul is more important than feeding the body.
6. I try to pay every debt I owe on time and always save something from every paycheck, however small.
7. I like people and never harbor any malice or hatred toward any person in the world; I like places and have yet to be anywhere that I do not like—I go there with the intention of liking the place.
8. I am a confirmed optimist believing that even in this life evil men will be punished by their own unhappiness and good men will be rewarded. "It's better further on."
9. I try to close each day as if it were the last day I'd be on earth, closing the books on all regrets, worries and annoyances.
10. The last thing I do at night is to count one by one the blessings of the day. This makes me so thankful and happy that I soon drift into pleasant sleep, in this spirit I hope to close life's journey and drift into eternity.

EXPRESSIONS LEAVE IMPRESSIONS

While there is a sense in which Christians are not to be people pleasers (Gal. 1:10), there is no doubt that God's people should consider the impact of their actions on others. After all, Jesus did say people would "*see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven*" (Mat. 5:16). Our expressions of worship and service as Christians do leave impressions. How do your expressions impress? How are our guests affected when they worship with us? Consider the following:

1. Do we try to pay attention while the preacher preaches, maybe even by taking notes on the sermon, or do our actions reveal that our attention is far removed from the study of God's Word? (Mark 4:24; Luke 8:18; Heb. 5:11-14)
2. Do we sing praise with enthusiasm and thoughtfulness, or do we sit silently without any real reason for our non-participation as hymns are being sung to God?
3. Do we reflect a sense of preparation and zeal in our worship, or do we give the sense of being unprepared and lethargic? (Rom. 12:11-12; Eph. 5:16)
4. Do we try to sit near the front, so as to provide an atmosphere of closeness, warmth, and fellowship or does a "great chasm" exist between the pulpit area and where the people are sitting in the pews? Brethren might assemble together in the same building without really being "together." (Heb. 10:25) Evidently some brethren hold to a form of the "gap" theory when it comes to being near one another in public worship. *Yes, even where we sit in congregational worship leaves an impression on others.*
5. Do we exude a spirit of love, friendliness and concern, or do others feel a spirit of aloofness and coldness on the part of members? (Pro. 17:167; Pro. 18:24; Phi. 2:19-23)
6. Do we actually appear to enjoy being together to worship God, or do the concerns of the world reign supreme, causing us to feel disinterested and rushed? (Mat. 13:21-22; 1 John 2:15-17)
7. Do the sounds of Bible pages turned, as people look up references serve as the backdrop for the sermon while it is being delivered, or are the scriptures seldom opened (Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 3:15-17)
8. Does one hear the sounds of young moms and dads training their small children how to behave in the assembly, thus reflecting life and vigor in the congregation, or is it as silent as the tomb? (Pro. 22:6; Eph. 6:1-4; Deu. 6:4-9) Reverence is a must in worship, but there is nothing scriptural or desirable about lifelessness.

How do our expressions impress others? Even more importantly, how do they impress the Lord? After all, He is a faithful guest to every assembly of the saints.

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News & Notes

OUR SICK

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7 - Devotional at Hearthside, 1:30 p.m.
April 7 - Men's Business Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
April 9 - A new Ladies/Men's Bible class will begin in the Ellendale Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. Barry Grider will be our teacher.
April 11 - Ladies' Night, 6 p.m. Hostesses: Linda Knipple and Johnnie Sparks



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 Paste

LADIES/MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Tuesday, April 9, 10 A.M.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Teacher - Barry Grider

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

KEYS TO A BETTER CLASS

1. ATTEND PROMPTLY AND REGULARLY
Missing shows a weak faith, and it discourages others.
2. BRING YOUR BIBLE
It shows readiness to study.
3. PARTICIPATE IN CLASS!
We learn by sharing our understanding of God's Word.
4. SAY "AMEN!"
Don't be bashful. If you believe something is well said, let the class know it.
5. TAKE NOTES!
You will encourage the teacher, set a good example, and have a record for later study.
6. STUDY AT HOME!
You will learn more and be able to contribute more to the class.
7. SHOW THE TEACHER APPRECIATION
A good word or perhaps a note will encourage him and inspire him to do even better.
8. DISAGREE SWEETLY!
Others will at least know you are listening, and your attitude will make it easier for them to see your point of view and profit from it.
9. TALK THE CLASS UP!
Show excitement and tell someone else what you have gained. They, too, will become excited.
10. CHANGE!
This is the most difficult part, but a class is of little value if principles are not applied to life.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15)