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SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY ACTIVITY

SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
 Worship.....10:20 a.m.
 Worship.....5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

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ON THE HOME FRONT

Sunday was a great day at Getwell. Carl Allen was appointed deacon here at Getwell. He met the qualifications set forth in the scriptures. Personally I know Carl to be a zealous worker in the kingdom who loves our Lord. He has a lovely wife, Christine who is equally fervent in her service to the Lord. And I don't want to forget their son, Chase who is a firecracker.

I truly appreciated two statements made at Getwell Sunday. One was from Calvin Johnson, voicing his concern that we should not wait until the end of the present study "How Can We Grow" and to follow up on absentees. Brother Johnson's comments were made during Bible study. Dewey Murray, one of our elders, then mounted the pulpit and made a statement addressing naysayers here at Getwell and the necessity for growth for the survival of Getwell. Both statements were thought provoking and should be taken to heart and initiate action.

Concerning the physical plant of our building, we have just installed a restroom for the disabled or handicapped. Ransom Reaves, Wayne Reaves, and Shannon Williams were responsible for the construction of this special facility. The restroom is located in the educational wing in the nursery area.

Apart from this restroom addition, there have been several improvements made to our building this year. We have installed better lighting throughout the building. This new lighting has more attractive features, more energy efficient bulbs, and brighter lighting. We also installed a new a. c. unit that is more energy efficient. A new fire detection system was put in for our safety and new exit signs with emergency lights was put in for our safety and protection also. It's been busy around Getwell.

Ron Wallace

Does God Care About the Details?

Bradley Smith

For quite some time, there has been a movement that essentially says, "God does not care about how you live or worship, as long as you are doing it for Him." Those who would advocate this position would say that the details do not matter to God. While this is certainly popular and is appealing to many, is it Biblically accurate? In this article, we seek to answer that very question.

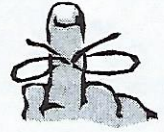
God Cared About the Details of the Passover

God cared what month (Exo. 12:2), what day of the month (Exo. 12:3), what was to be offered (Exo. 12:3), how many lambs were to be offered per family (Exo. 12:3), the quality of the lamb (Exo. 12:5), the age of the lamb (Exo. 12:5), how long the lamb was to be kept (Exo. 12:6), at what time of day the lamb was to be killed (Exo. 12:6), what was to be done with the blood (Exo. 12:7), and how the lamb was to be cooked (Exo. 12:8), just to name a few of the requirements. Imagine that an Israelite had said, "Surely God does not care if I have a two-year-old lamb instead of a one-year-old lamb. I am doing this for Him so He will accept whatever I do." The Israelites knew that God would not accept anything other than what He had commanded. That is perfectly illustrated in the death of the firstborn; all of the houses which did not have blood on the doorposts were afflicted (Exo. 12:29).

God Cares About the Details Today

Though we only used one example from the Old Testament, surely we can see that God does, in fact, care about the details. When God says that our worship in song is to be accomplished by singing (Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16), He will accept no more or no less. When God says that our offering is to be done on the first day of the week as each man purposes in his heart (1 Cor. 16:1-2, 2 Cor. 9:7), He will accept no more or no less. When God says that we are to partake of the Lord's Supper every first day of the week (Acts 20:6-7), He will accept no more or no less. Such is the case with our worship, but it applies to our daily lives as well. When God says that the only cause for divorce and remarriage is fornication (Mat. 19:9), He means what He says and He does care about the details. When God says that homosexuality is a sin (1 Cor. 6:9-10), He means what He says and He does care about the details. These have just been a few examples but we have been able to learn that God does care about the details.

RON'S REMINDERS



The Despair of Atheism

Part 5

LIFE HAS NO MEANING, BUT JUST ACT LIKE IT DOES?

Many unbelievers recognize that we cannot create meaning just by saying we have. They see the failure of attempts to infuse meaning where there is, or can be, none. Their approach is simple: Admit that life is meaningless in every sense, but live like there is a meaning. Dr. Loyal Rue is a strong proponent of what he calls a noble lie. Based on a naturalistic framework, he writes, "The universe is blind and aimless.... The universe is dead and void of meaning.... The universe just is."¹⁸ He admits that, from a naturalistic standpoint, meaninglessness "is not something that one can argue away by showing that it results from fallacious thinking.... It is logically and empirically secure."¹⁹ How does Dr. Rue suggest that humans approach meaninglessness? He concedes that we cannot live fulfilled lives with the truth before us. He proposes that we adopt a lie, a noble lie, that the Universe has real meaning, even though (according to atheism) it does not. His stated thesis is "to oppose a monstrous truth [meaninglessness—KB] with a noble lie."²⁰ Why does Dr. Rue insist we adopt this lie? Because, he says, "without such lies, we cannot live."²¹ [One wonders why, in the face of life's meaninglessness, Rue suggests a noble lie? If there is no objective meaning, purpose, or morality, would it not be just as acceptable to adopt an ignoble lie? According to Rue's view, what would be wrong with telling yourself that the more people you kill, the more meaning your life has, or the more money you steal, the more meaningful you are? After all, if we simply make up lies to make ourselves feel better, a lie is a lie—and **any** lie will do.]

Thomas Nagel touched on this avoidance approach when he wrote:

Even if life as a whole is meaningless, perhaps that's nothing to worry about. Perhaps we can recognize it and just go on as before. The trick is to keep your eyes on what's in front of you.... Some people find this attitude perfectly satisfying. Others find it depressing, though unavoidable. Part of the problem is that some of us have an incurable tendency to take ourselves seriously. We want to matter to ourselves "from the outside." If our lives as a whole seem pointless, then a part of us is dissatisfied.... Life may be not only meaningless but absurd.²²

Notice that Nagel realizes that if you take your life "seriously" then it just won't do to think about the meaninglessness of it all. What does he suggest? "The trick is to keep your eyes on what's in front of you." In other words, do not think about it. Act like it is not there. Ignore the lack of purpose and meaning. Atheism prides itself on rationality, enlightenment, and intellectual honesty. And yet denial, avoidance, and deceit must lie at the heart of unbelief in order for humans to be truly satisfied and live productive lives.