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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

If you were in attendance for Sunday morning Bible class, you may remember that in the auditorium class, we concluded our study of the October issue of the *Spiritual Sword*, "Can You Find Your Church in the Bible?" This issue, paired with the April 2019 issue "How Can We Grow?", work well in our efforts to take the Gospel to the world. If you attend the auditorium class, please be studying the books of 1st and 2nd Timothy. Often times, we think about these books as they relate to preachers, but there is much valuable information for every Christian. There are other books that we sometimes neglect, but do much good in teaching us how to live.

Pending approval by the elders, before we study these books, we will review some Bible study material to help us better understand how to conduct a personal Bible study. The intent of this study will be to show that it really is simple to have a personal Bible study. Many times we try to overcomplicate things, but there is no need for such.

This past Sunday, we were delighted to host the Sweetheart Luncheon honoring our widows and widowers of the congregation. These men and women have contributed much to the congregation and this was just one way of thanking them for their years of labor. Any time that we have the opportunity to fellowship, it is a great occasion. It was also an opportunity to showcase some of our amazing cooks at Getwell. It may be a good thing that we do not have more luncheons, or I may have to invest in a new wardrobe. These ladies (and men too) always do an excellent job of ensuring that there is plenty of good food to go around.

As we continue further into 2020, we should all encourage one another to help Getwell grow. Remember this verse, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58)." Also, keep this verse in mind, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not (Gal. 6:9)." We must continue to press toward the goals that have been set by the Lord to carry out the Great Commission.

Bradley Smith

From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

From time to time, we will receive letters addressed to us thanking us for the Spiritual Sword. Here is one that we just received.

Greetings in the sweet name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are receiving copies of spiritual Sword regularly. Sometimes we cannot receive in time due to there was postal thief of our Box. Now we have kept saved, no one can steal from our Box.

I absolutely appreciate your publication because this is the only periodical we received from our brothers in the states. As it deals about the true New Testament doctrine which we need and stand firmly where there are some liberal doctrines spread which we cannot accept as doctrine of N.T. Christianity. Your paper is the only we depend for our study and guide while being a member of the Lord's church.

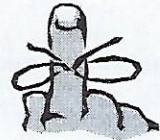
We are defending the truth so we need to study more accurately the word of God and more study materials, please continued to send the Spiritual Sword of every issue, mailing addresses are all the same.

I looked forward every month to your fine publication.

May God continue His blessings on the work you are doing.

Your Brother in Christ
T. Ngulkhopao.

RON'S REMINDERS



Sunday Go- To-Meeting "Christianity"

Many things are actually much simpler than we think. One example of this truth in real life involves applying the principle of Cause and Effect. This law of physics generally holds true in everyday life. Therefore, the reason a model of Sunday-Go- To-Meeting Christianity often finds a significant presence is because we encourage it and nurture its continuing existence. Cause and effect in action.

How do we encourage this, you might likely ask? We encourage this model through our fascination with attendance numbers. We are excited by big Sunday morning numbers! We want to be completely full. We try to beat previous benchmarks. We set numeric goals for special events. We compare congregations by how many they have on a Sunday morning. In short, we give the impression, whether we mean to or not, that people in the pew is how we measure success. Large numbers mean we are doing well!

Adding reinforcement to this mindset, when the question is asked about whether or not a person is faithful, the response is frequently expected to deal with whether or not they regularly sit on a pew.

Actually, discipleship is what ought to get our primary attention. Discipleship is, after all, what Jesus has commanded (Matthew 28:18-20). In this emphasis, He actually had a crowd reduction model we might well call "discipleship" (John 6:15-69). Apparently, Jesus wasn't simply a numbers man.

Consider this, if the tally board says 300, how many of these are faithfully pursuing Christlikeness (the essence of discipleship)? First, subtract children. Next, subtract Sunday-Go-To-Meeting Christians (not meaning those who otherwise cannot attend). Now, subtract those for whom Jesus is not the first priority in their life (i.e. disciples). Ouch!

Do our congregations expect discipleship? Can the way we pursue discipleship reasonably be expected to create a culture of discipleship? If not, what might we otherwise reasonably expect? We should reasonably expect what we commonly get because what we get is in place for a reason; it is the result of what we do.

Jerrie Barber has a question he asks when he works with congregations looking to resolve a problem. He asks, "What is it about your problem that you like?" When the answer is, "We don't like it," He says, "You like it better than what you would need to do to solve it." He is, of course, correct. We do what we want to, even when we don't necessarily like it. The alternatives are things we like even less.

In this, remember that **Jesus calls us to rest**. Discipleship isn't wearisome or laborious as long as we fully embrace it. Our adopting reasonable discipleship / Christlikeness model isn't intended to run people over, it is intended to bring about the rest of true transformation. "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Edwin Jones

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