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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

We are nearing the end of February, which means that we are nearing the end of our food pantry drive. There have been great results from this food pantry drive with several baskets being filled with the items mentioned on the list. This pantry goes a long way in assisting those in the community who are in need. In case you have misplaced the list, here are the items that we are asking for to fill our pantry:

*Canned Fruits

*Peanut Butter

*Jelly

*Soup

*Canned Meat (Potted Meat, Vienna Sausages, etc.)

*Ready to Eat Pudding

*Macaroni & Cheese

I would like to mention the several area events which are advertised on the hallway bulletin board. Many of these are great, encouraging, and uplifting events. One in particular that stands out is the Eternal Truth Lectures hosted by the Coleman Avenue congregation. I have been to a few of these lectures and they are outstanding. It is my intention to attend on February 20th as Eric Owens and Greg Dismuke speak.

Continuing in our theme of verses to memorize, this week, let us highlight 1st Corinthians 6:11 which states, "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." This verse teaches us that no matter our past, if we repent of our sins and obey His will, we can live acceptably in God's sight.

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 another one that I would like to share with you.

THE EDITOR
SPIRITUAL SWORD MAGAZINE

Dear Editor,

Hearty Greetings from Nigeria to you and your writers. Happy New Year 2020 to you all.

My name is BENSON A.ONWUCHU RUBA. (Evangelist) By His Grace for over 40yrs. I'm in Work of an Evangelist.

I write this letter to you for the 1st time since I receive the magazine "Spiritual Sword" years ago. I keep thanking God for the great work of faith & salvation with the magazine.

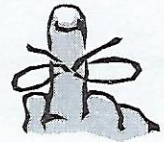
This my opportunity to thank you and the Team renound Writers on various Scriptural issues. You are success & successful in Edifying Educating the Brotherhood in Christ and others outside Christ with the magazine on all the Scriptural issues discussed in magazine. Merciful & Almighty God who leads you and your Team of Writers keep blessing you with sound health and mind of divine wisdom to continue the good work of faith you do with the Religious Magazine.

May your good work Faith continue till the day of our LORD in CHRIST Amen.
(Phil.1:6)

Yours Serving
CHRIST.

B. A. Onwuchuruba.

RON'S REMINDERS



OUR DISCIPLESHIP COMMISSION

MATTHEW 28:18-20

Much has been said in recent years about the percentages of our young people who leave the church when they leave home. No matter which report I have read, the bottom line is troubling. The overall focus of this issue, *How to Stop Them from Leaving the Church*, will look at a variety of contributing causes and suggest ways to more successfully influence the continuing faithfulness of our children. For my part, I'm convinced that at the heart of this troubling problem is a failure to robustly develop a discipleship culture in the church.

Consider a very popular formula seen in social media memes. A stairway with five steps, "Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess, Be Baptized." Sometimes there is a sixth step, but other times just a mention at the top of the stairs, "Be Faithful Until Death."

Contrast this to the words of Jesus in the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20, "All authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

The command of the original language is "make disciples." There are three participles addressing the way to implement this command, "as you are going," "baptizing," "teaching." As the Apostles were going, and today as Christians are going, the preaching of the Gospel is, of course, implied (Mark 16:15-16). Those who choose to respond to the Gospel are, through baptism, introduced into a relationship with the fullness of the Godhead. Those in this new relationship begin their walk as disciples and consequently are instructed in all the ways of Jesus.

There is absolutely no room here for a Sunday-Go-To-Meeting Christianity. Neither is there a place for anything less than a strong discipling emphasis. To take up the ways of the Christ in self-denial and daily cross bearing is the nature of Jesus' call to everyone who chooses to follow after Him (Luke 9:23). Engagement in all areas of life and in all places where we find ourselves is the nature of true Christianity.

Think of the profound differences created by this model from any we would see in a less you; and 10, I am with you always, even to the ambitious practice. Could it be that among those of us who claim the name "Restorationists" that we have many instances fallen short of the challenging bar discipleship? Practically speaking, can it be that the "sixth step", the very emphasis of the Great Commission recorded in Matthew, is the most neglected step of all?

The commonly encountered five steps are often engaged in short order by those who obey the Gospel, but being a disciple is about the rest of our story, the "faithful until death" part of the equation. It is about "everything pertaining to life and godliness: and being "partakers of the divine nature" as we are transformed" into the "image" of Jesus (2 Peter 1:2-4; Romans 8:29).

I am convinced that if discipleship, the command of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20, the command of the One who has all Authority "in heaven and on earth." Would be given its divine due, the percentages of our young men and women who leave the church would dramatically drop. Engaged, transformed disciples would find it much more difficult to leave than those whose investment was more that of an affiliation than a way of life.

Edwin Jones

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