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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

Gospel Meeting

April 26 - 29, 2020

Ray Peters

Sunday B.S.: Probing Providence

Sunday A.M. Worship: Problem of Suffering
and Pain

Sunday P.M. Worship: Trusting in the Lord

Monday: What a friend we have in Jesus

Tuesday: Perfecting holiness in the fear of the
Lord

Wednesday: Caring for the church.

From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

From time to time, we will receive letters addressed to us thanking us for the Spiritual Sword. Here are some that I would like to share with you.

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I wish to confirm as stated above. I have enjoyed reading the spiritual sword that you have continued sending to me. I have learnt alot. Be assured that the books are being put to good use. I use them to spread the gospel to people in church and in the community. Please continue equipping the people in the work of the Lord. God bless the Elders, deacons, preachers, evangelists, the church at large and everyone involved at overlook church of Christ.

Thank you all.
yours faithfully.
Justin Muyatwa.

11/29/2019 10:16 AM

Dear Bro. Highers

I am a member of the Church of Christ in Morant Bay , Jamaica. My husband Michael Dehaney is the preacher. We have been getting copies of the Spiritual Sword for years now (they come in the name of J.S. Brown) the previous Minister who has since died.

My reason for writing to you is to thank you and your team for the work you do in the Kingdom. You continue to touch lives as you preach and teach the word and particularly through this periodical. The boldness and focused approach of these men of God gives hope to many of us in the Lord's church as we continue to fight for the purity of the gospel.

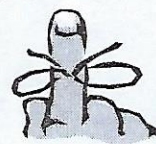
I encourage you all to remain strong, remain firm and preach the gospel in love, you never know whose lives and how many lives are being impacted to the glory of God.

Thank you all for your love of the word of God.

As I always say to people who do the Lord's will, never ever give up. Never stop doing and preaching what is right even when others do not want to hear it, just say it in love.

God bless you and the team
In His name
Leila Dehaney

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 ambitious practice. Could it be that among those of us who claim the name "Restorationists" that we have in many instances fallen short of the challenging bar of 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 short order by those who obey the Gospel, but being a disciple is about the rest of our story, "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 "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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