

# Good News

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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

What a joy it is to be a child of God! We were all truly blessed to be able to assemble together once again this past Sunday. While our numbers were smaller than normal, all who were present were greatly edified, and those who were absent were greatly missed. It was great to be able to see our brothers and sisters again, to lift one another up in prayer (Acts 2:42), sing praises to God together (Col. 3:16), study God's Word with each other (Acts 20:7), remember Christ's sacrifice in the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:23-28), and give of our means to benefit the work here at Getwell (1 Cor. 16:1-2).

As we move toward the month of June, please keep in mind our upcoming Gospel meeting with Ray Peters. This event is scheduled for June 7-10<sup>th</sup>. Please invite members of other area congregations, but especially invite those who are not members of the Lord's church. This is a crucial aspect of a Gospel meeting. In years gone by, Gospel meetings were seen as community outreach opportunities, but recently that has fallen by the wayside. Let's get back to reaching the lost.

Please be sure to see the back of the bulletin for those that we need to remember in prayer, a verse to memorize, and our needed pantry items. Even though we are no longer in a designated "Pack Our Pantry Month" we cannot neglect our pantry, as we have several who need assistance with the items that we keep in stock.

This past Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, marked one year since I was officially named the preacher of the Getwell congregation. I would like to thank everyone that has helped me along the way. Thank you all for putting up with me for a year, and I hope that we can continue to accomplish much for the Lord together. I hope to help all of you as well as you have helped me. I also want to thank several who receive our bulletin who are not members of Getwell who have encouraged me. Without naming them (they know who they are), thank you very much for your encouragement. It means so much as I begin my work as a preacher. Sincerely, thank each of you.

Bradley Smith

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# From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

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## How Satan Fools Us (Pt. 2)

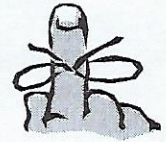
Last week, we began a study of "How Satan Fools Us" using the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. Nothing has changed. Ever since the first temptation, the same three tools have always been used. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life have been employed to tempt every person who has reached the point of accountability. Why have these worked for so long? Why have men and women fallen victim to the lies which are told by the father of lies (John 8:44)?

The root of the problem lies with a carnal mindset. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life each appeal to "the here and now". So many are only concerned with, "What benefits me now?" rather than, "What benefits me eternally?" Rather than seeking spiritual things, far too many are concerned with the physical. Satan uses the lust of the flesh to say, "Look, all of these people seem to be enjoying themselves. After all, a glass of red wine does improve your heart health (a statement that has been proven false many times)." Satan uses the lust of the eyes to say, "All of your friends are engaging in this and having a good time. Won't you be like your friends?" Satan uses the pride of life to say, "You're young! Live life to the fullest. You can worry about your soul later down the line when you're older (something we are not promised)."

Christians are commanded to have our minds set on things above, not of earthly things (Mat. 6:33, Col. 3:1-7, etc.). We cannot be fooled by the lies of Satan. We must always keep in mind that the one who is truly blessed is the one who is living and walking in the light (Psa. 1, 1 John 1:7) and that true joy comes from doing God's will (Psa. 112:1, Phi. 4:1-8). What can we do about it? How can we overcome these three avenues of Satan?

In order to combat the three forms of temptation, we must remember the key, which is found in 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:17, "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." Nothing that Satan offers me is eternal. What God offers, though, is the only true eternal thing. As is found in 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:17, the one who continually does the will of God abides forever. This world is temporary, let us strive to overcome temptation and live as God would have us to live. We hope that this study has been beneficial for all as we strive to serve God all the days of our lives.

# RON'S REMINDERS



2020 KINGDOM VISION:

## Be it Done According to Your Faith!

"As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, 'Have mercy on us, Son of David! When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, 'Do you believe that I am able to do this?' They said to Him, 'Yes, Lord.' Then He touched their eyes, saying, 'It shall be done to you according to your faith. 'And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them: 'See that no one knows about this!' But they went out and spread the news about Him throughout all the land" (Matthew 9:27-31, NASB).

Today is the 49th day of the new decade! Where has the time gone? I've clung tenaciously to my New Life's Resolutions to pray great "Kingdom Prayers" and serve every day to exceed my Heavenly Father's expectations for me! Yes, these are bold, daring goals but didn't the apostle Paul blaze a spiritual trail for this very mind-set/aspiration in Ephesians 3:21, "Now unto Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us?" But upon further examination, we have indicted ourselves for failing to access God's storehouse of blessings because His power is **not working within us!** How can we get plugged back into God and make sure that we are reaching maximum potential in the Kingdom of God? I'm so glad you asked!

The powerful truths revealed in Matthew 9:27-31 provides the framework for us to have **2020 vision and dynamic spiritual success-according to our faith!** Let's flesh out some of the truths in the text:

\*Two **blind men** followed Jesus. I cannot imagine how challenging it was but they did it-sight notwithstanding.

\*They recognized Jesus as Messiah, **Son of David.** Their physical blindness did not stop them from seeing a deeper, profound spiritual truth!

\*They asked for what they needed most-mercy.

\*They said "**Yes**" to the Son of God. They believed He could heal them!

I get chills when I think about the manifestation of their faith and how far they were willing to go in order to connect with Jesus.

\*They had the faith to **follow Jesus**; this meant forsaking other paths, other voices, other directions and deciding to follow Him.

\*They had the faith to **cry out**, willing to put words to their desire.

\*They had the faith to **make some noise**, and to be unafraid of embarrassment.

\*They demonstrated that **some things must be believed-in order to be seen!**

As we continue to make our way through 2020, let's make every effort to demonstrate our faithfulness to God, regardless of the trials, challenges, losses, successes, uncertainties, disappointments, and seemingly insurmountable encounters. We must always remember:

\***Faith**, not emotions, overcomes the world

\***Faith**, not rational thinking, defines who we are

\***Faith**, not rational thinking, **is the filter through which we see everything!**

Thank God for the sacred privilege to walk by **faith**, not by sight!

Bon appetite!

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