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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

June 7 - 10, 2020

7:00 PM Nightly

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

Christians or Just "Church Folks"?

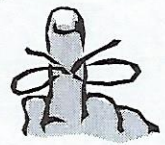
The main criteria by which most people judge faithfulness is their attendance at worship services of the church. No doubt, this is a very important aspect of Christianity and without which one cannot go to Heaven. However, many people have become disillusioned and have the mindset of, "As long as I'm here, it is okay." This could not be further from the truth. Someone who has never obeyed the Gospel can fill a seat. As was stated previously, worshipping God is necessary, but there is so much more to Christianity than attendance at service times.

See, it is possible to be present at every service and still be incorrect. Take a look at Corinth. They had division (1 Cor. 1), they were "preacher followers" (1 Cor. 3), they judged one another (1 Cor. 4), they were accepting of adultery (1 Cor. 5), they were carnal-minded (1 Cor. 6), they had misconceptions about marriage (1 Cor. 7), they had issues with idolatry (1 Cor. 8), they were selfish (1 Cor. 10), they abused the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11), they misused spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12-14), and some believed the teaching of Sadducees (1 Cor. 15). Certainly, these were "church folks," not Christians. Sure, they attended services, but their lives did not reflect who they were, children of God.

Also, examine the scribes and Pharisees that were often condemned by Jesus. They thought of themselves as superior to all others, yet overlooked the major flaws in their own lives, something that is condemned (Mat. 7:1ff). They gave to the needy, but they gave for their own glory (Mat. 6:1-2). They prayed, but they prayed so that people could glorify them (Mat. 6:5). They fasted, but they only fasted so people could see how "good" they were (Mat. 6:16). They taught, but they wanted religious titles for themselves (Mat. 23:2-10). Though they were not yet in the Christian dispensation, they were not sincere, but simply "church folks."

What is truly important in this life? The answer is "doing the will of God" (Mat. 7:21-23). Yes, it is God's will that we attend worship services. It is also God's will that we feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, care for those who cannot care for themselves, giving clothes to those who cannot provide adequate clothing, caring for the sick, caring for those in prison, among other things (Mat. 25:31-46). It is God's will that we live with Christian attitudes, helping one another get to Heaven (Eph. 4:31-32). If Matthew 25 teaches us anything, it teaches that we must be Christians to go to Heaven, not just "church folks."

RON'S REMINDERS



Teamwork

Last summer, I coached our boys' baseball team. We had a very young team. A few had never played before and a few others had only played one or two years. We knew that going into the year that it would be tough.

I did not sign up to be a coach. The original was a no-show from day one. At the first practice, the team needed a coach so a couple of us stepped up.

We had a young team as I said before. As a team, we were unskilled and did not know the basic fundamentals. A couple of the kids knew how to play and that helped a lot. But, we were still one of the worst teams at the beginning.

We had a goal. The goal was to have fun and if we won, we would celebrate and if we lost, we would still be excited to play the game. My goal as a coach was to teach them to play as a team. Have fun and be a team. If we learned to play as a team, we would have a successful year.

The season went on. We started winning some games. As a team. We won and won again and made the tournament. During the tournament, these boys really stepped it up. We were the lowest-seeded team and we lost by only a couple runs in the championship game. All because the boys learned to play as a team.

In our walk with Christ, imagine how strong we would be if we learned to play as a team. If we took it as seriously as we do sports. We attend worship as a church

family but we don't practice how to spread to God's Word as a team. We leave worship and that's it. Not many folks meet and actually discuss how to win souls. There are no game plans. Everyone seems to be on their own. Ecclesiastes 4:9 gives us direction in teamwork. Two are better than one. This goes for marriage, parenting, and especially spreading God's Word.

Unfortunately, the devil has a team and they are dominating more than God's team.

We need to be a team. The brothers and sisters that are in Christ need to unite and work as a team to build a stronger team and win souls. I Corinthians 1:10 states that there should be no divisions and that we need to be united in the same mind and the same judgement. How can we be a team and win souls for Christ if we are divided? Even with Jesus's walk on earth, He developed a team. He didn't try to teach the world alone and deny anyone the ability to help Him. He found faithful believers and followers that He knew would create a solid, sound team to spread God's plan.

So, what are we waiting for? Are you on a solid Scriptural team? Life doesn't last forever and it's not a game we want to lose.

Brandon Brooks
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