

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.

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Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

As we grow closer to the month of October, we are getting closer to the 45th Annual Spiritual Sword Lectureship. I hope that you are as excited as I am for this great event. As we reflect on 45 years of the Spiritual Sword Lectureship, we may think about the many great Gospel preachers who have stood in our pulpit and preached hundreds of outstanding sermons. If my calculations are correct, 1,511 lectures have been presented throughout the years of the Spiritual Sword Lectureship. What a tremendous amount of good has been done for the kingdom by this work! I do not want to give anything away, but we already have our themes for 2021 and 2022 picked out.

We hate to hear that so many lectureships across the brotherhood have been cancelled due to COVID-19, but this gives us all the more opportunity to invite others to the Spiritual Sword Lectureship. What an important topic we have selected for this year! It is our hope and prayer that "Bring Them In" will do much good for the Lord's church. Many aspects of evangelism will be covered. We hope that many people will be able to benefit from these efforts.

Bradley Smith

From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

Here's a few Spiritual Sword letters I would like to share with you:

Dear Brethren;

My name is Bro. Kamau and I am a member and a preacher for the Church of Christ. Kenya is my country of origin but as at now I am residing and studying in the kingdom of Swaziland.

I am writing to appreciate the good work you people do more specifically through the Spiritual Sword Periodicals. I came across your publications 5 years ago and since then have been hunting these publications from my friends who are also members of the Church of Christ. Personally I am a trained preacher and I do advocate for the Church of Christ because there is no any other foundation laid beside which Christ laid (1Cor 3:11) More so, the message we preach is not ours but about Jesus Christ (2Cor 4:5)

With your permission, would you mind to be sending these materials to me? I would love to be having them now and then because it's through them that I have grown in faith tremendously. I can confidently tell you that I am now firmly planted and well sunk in the New Testament Church. With the world full of denominations, we need Shepherds like you who are not seeing it as a waste of time to warn and reprimand the apostates. Please feel free to inform me all what I am needed to do to get these publications. May the love of God be with you. Pass my warm regard to all especially the house of faith (Romans 16:5; 1Cor 16:19)

Yours In Christ
Bro. Kamau.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am a member of the Orange Street Church of Christ congregation in Auburndale, Florida. I love reading the Spiritual Sword and so do the inmates I send back copies to.

I work with many inmates in Florida prisons who are Christian and now they need support to live faithfully. Sadly, there are really no correspondence courses that encourage that growth to resist temptation.

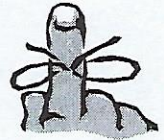
However, the Spiritual Sword is like manna to them. They devour the books and it takes time for them to read and absorb them.

I was wondering if you have a quantity of back issues of the Spiritual Sword that I could purchase to send them. Some will not be released in late 2040, others 2030, some are lifers. It would make a tremendous difference in their lives and help provide them with something they can share with other inmates; hopefully bringing more souls to Christ.

Thank you for your consideration.

God Bless,
In His service,
Martha Lentz

RON'S REMINDERS



CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The landscape across our great country and around the world has changed dramatically. To say that we are living in unparalleled and extraordinary times would be an understatement. But regardless of the challenges and seemingly insurmountable odds that surround us, great insights and teachable moments continually emerge. I'm sure you have noticed the number of closure signs posted to doors and windows of businesses and places of commerce. Some signs are non-descript and matter-of-fact: "We are closed. Sorry for the inconvenience." While others shout/blare their announcement in unmistakable fashion: **CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!** Regardless of the reasons why the signs have taken on so many different styles, each design can say as did Pilate, "What I have written, I have written." But the more I thought about the signs, the more I reflected upon their meaning for my life. Consequently, I candidly asked myself if I had been walking through life with a sign around my neck that read: **Closed Until Further Notice!** And so I investigated this question in light of:

- * My mind
- * My will
- * My desire to pursue God

In the first place, I checked to see if I was using my head and mind as a 'hat rack' or if I had been spiritually and emotionally pursuing the mind of Christ. I reflected on Paul's admonition in Philippians 2: 5-8 and thanked God for the profundities associated with His incomparable mind:

- * The majesty of His character
- * The miracle of His birth
- * The manner of His life
- * The misery of His death
- * The might of His resurrection
- * The magnificence of His reign

It is so easy to 'vegetate' and fail to discipline my mind for the purpose of godliness (1 Timothy 4:7-8)! This exercise has reminded me that I must remain vigilant and keep my mind filled with meaningful thoughts and intentions, (Colossians 3:1).

Secondly, assessing my resolution to stay faithful and committed is always a great thing! I reviewed two of my

favorite passages of Scripture in order to keep both feet solidly planted on the Word of God and in His will, 1 Thessalonians 5:15-18 and Romans 12: 1-2:

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (NASB, emp. added).

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect (emp. added).

Many times, my spirit is willing-but the flesh is weak. But in this time of uncertainty and constant change, I remain encouraged and determined to live for God!

Finally, it is always prudent to "keep the main thing, the main thing." God's grace and mercy are everlasting and ever flowing. I took a critical look at the last half of Hebrews 11:6 and was blessed in that effort:

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him (emp added).

It is encouraging to know that God will richly reward those of us who continually and consistently seek Him! **Wow! What a blessing!**

As I mentioned from the outset, we are locked in the grip of an unprecedented pandemic that appears to have no end in sight. But I am happy to announce that the pandemic nor anything associated with it will separate me from loving and trusting God! And I am glad that I used one of the prevailing signs of our time to fortify my faith in the Awesome God we serve. Let's make every effort to keep our mind, will, and desire on God!

Bon appetit!

Billy R. Davis, PH.D, USAF Retired,

Think May 2020