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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

Many exciting things are happening at the Getwell church of Christ! We are thrilled to have so many people helping us with the pantry. We have consistently had three or four bags of food left outside the pantry door every service. Thank you for all who have brought in food for the pantry. A special thank you is in place for Karen Wallace, who organizes the pantry for us. Please be sure to continue to check the back of the bulletin for our needed items.

If you are on Facebook, there are many different efforts which you can promote. First, please "like" our page and share it with your friends. We will often post about upcoming events on this page, including information about the lectureship. Also, I am working on producing videos for a page called "Ginosko Studios" with some of my classmates from the Memphis School of Preaching. We will cover a number of Biblical topics. Please watch these videos and share them with your friends!

Please be sure to see our "Sermon Suggestion Box" and write down any topic which you would like to hear discussed from a Biblical perspective and it may be selected for a sermon. We welcome your participation!

Bradley Smith

From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

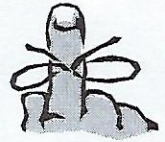
Here is another Spiritual Sword letter I would like to share with you that show the lives it touches:

I am brother Ekpenyong Akiba residing and congregating at the CHURCH OF CHRIST, 25 ETONKO STREET CALABAR, CROSS RIVER STATE. NIGERIA.

I have been reading some Christian books from brother RICHARD NTIERO you sent to him like The spiritual sword: Themed; MORAL COLLAPSE IN SOCIETY, Volume 50 and CAN WE SAVE OUR CHILDREN, Volume 46, I love those books as such am writing for help as a teacher in my local congregation that you send those books to me through the above address and Name. thanks

You brother in the Lord
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RON'S REMINDERS



The following will be a 4 part article written by Eric Lyons from Reason & Revelation June 2020
The Four Most Important Questions You Will Ever Ask (Conti.)

QUESTION #3—WHERE AM I GOING?

If there is no God and this supposed accidental, material realm is all there is, then we're not going anywhere when our short lives are over. In a 1994 debate at Stanford University on Darwinism, atheistic professor William Provine summarized his views on modern evolutionary biology and its "loud and clear" implications. According to Dr. Provine, "There are no gods, no purposes, and no goal-directed forces of any kind. There is no life after death. When I die, I am absolutely certain that I am going to be dead. That's the end of me. There is...no ultimate meaning in life."¹⁹ But Dr. Provine is wrong: there is ultimate purpose, because the evidence indicates that an eternal, spiritual Creator exists, Who revealed to us why we are here and where we are going.

So where are we going? To be blunt, we are all on our way to the grave. A dash on a tombstone begins at birth and points to the day of death. "[T]he living know that they will die" (Ecclesiastes 9:5). "[I]t is appointed for men to die once" (Hebrews 9:27). Yet, the day of physical death is not the end.

After reminding man to reflect upon our origins at the hand of the Creator, Solomon revealed that man's "spirit will return to God who gave it" (Ecclesiastes 12:7). Just as Rachel's soul departed her body at death (Genesis 35:18), so does the spirit of every man (James 2:26)—not to go out of existence, but to enter the Creator's eternal, spirit realm to await Judgment. Twice in the final 16 verses of Ecclesiastes we learn that "God will bring you into judgment" (11:9). In fact, "God will bring every work into judgement, including every secret thing, whether good or evil" (12:14). Indeed, "God will judge both the righteous and the wicked man, for a time for every matter and for every deed is **there**" (3:17, NASB)—at the judgment seat of God.

After instructing the Athenians about where they came from ("we are the offspring of God" —Acts

17:29), the apostle Paul logically directed their attention to where we are going: God has "appointed a **day on which He will judge the world** in righteousness by the Man Whom He has ordained" (Acts 17:31), the Son of God, to Whom the Father "has committed all judgment" (John 5:22). The coming Judgment is a constant theme in the New Testament. In fact, when the Judge previously came to Earth as our Savior, He repeatedly warned mankind (especially in His parables) of His coming Judgment. From the wheat and tares to the dragnet (Matthew 13:24-30,36-43,47-50), from the rich fool to the wicked vinedressers (Luke 12:13-21; Matthew 21:33-40), and from the wise and foolish virgins to the sheep and goats (Matthew 25:1-46), Jesus continually reminded man where we are going.

Just prior to Judgment, "**the Son of man shall come in his glory**, and all the angels with him, then shall he sit on the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all the nations: and he shall separate them one from another" (Matthew 25:31-32, ASV). No one knows when this time will come (Matthew 24:36). In fact, "the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night" (2 Peter 3:10)—suddenly and unexpectedly.

The Bible speaks of "**the time of your stay** upon earth" (1 Peter 1:17, NASB). Like "a stay" at a hotel for a brief period of time, we are all just passing through this world. This planet is not our home, but only a temporary residence. If this physical realm lasts much longer, we are all going to die. But whether we die prior to Jesus' return or whether He comes in our lifetime (and we avoid physical death), **we are all going somewhere forever**—we are returning to our Maker (Ecclesiastes 12:7); we are going to Judgment. And then, we are either going to receive eternal life or eternal punishment; we are going to heaven or hell (Matthew 25:46).