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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

We are only three weeks away from the start of the 45th Annual Spiritual Sword Lectureship. This is a highlight of the year for all of us. We are all very excited for this year's program. We will need help in many different areas to help make it a success. Here are a few different ways that you can help:

- Kitchen Staff
- Door Greeter
- Cleaning
- Helping Visitors

This is not an exhaustive list, but these are just a few ways that you can help.

We have many brochures still left, please take some and give them to your friends, family, neighbors, or anyone else that may want to attend. While it may look a little bit different this year, we are sure that the lectureship will be a success. Our books are in the process of being printed. We are thankful for the great work that Paul Sain does. We are very excited for the lectureship. Many excellent Gospel preachers will come speak to us on topics that can sometimes be overlooked. Let's get ready to "Bring Them In."

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:

Dear Brother Alan Highers,

Greetings in the Lord's Name. I am a preacher in India serving the Lord's Church representing the Christ among my generation. I am the regular reader of your Spiritual Sword Journal. The themes are connected with the present day situations and challenges. May God richly bless the Spiritual Sword Journal to reach many souls and homes and edify them to grow in the image of Christ so one day we may stand before His throne boldly and joyfully to receive the reward. we are praying for your health brother. So that you may continue to labor for Him through editing The Spiritual Sword for his glory.

Thanking you sir,
In Christ Abiding,
PRABHU DAYAL IMMANUEL

Preacher, Church Of Christ,

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RON'S REMINDERS



ALL SOULS MATTER by Brad Harrub, PH.D. (Conti.)

A little history....

I grew up in middle Tennessee with parents who did a good job teaching me not to see color, but rather, to see the individual. As a young boy, growing up we were fairly poor, and I had friends of every skin color. But the truth is, growing up in the south, it did not take long for me to start noticing skin color. Maybe it began about the age of eight or nine, around Christmas, when a relative used the "n" word at a family gathering. Or maybe it was in elementary school when I started picking up on the fact that my friends from our neighborhood were not bused in to school like others were. Or maybe it was when I was in Jr. High and kept hearing people identify people of color as, "My black friend ..." or "The black girl that works there ..."

Now I know I have already lost some people who are mentally saying, "Yes, but we must stand unified with Black Lives Matter." Please consider this point:

*If we succeed in getting equality on earth but fail to share with this group the Gospel they will spend eternity in hell.

All of the people who are rioting and looting have a void in their life. Some think material things (i.e., a huge television, tennis shoes, a Gucci handbag) will help fill that void. Others believe getting equal rights and justice will fill that void. Here is the harsh reality no one is talking about- only Jesus Christ can truly fill that void. Looting a store or George Floyd's killer getting the justice he deserves will only bring temporary fulfillment. It will not bring that joy and peace people are so desperately seeking today.

Our Charge Today ...

Paul did not spend his time campaigning for the Gentiles. We do not read in God's Word where he spent his days attending protests. Instead, Paul pointed out that ALL men have a sin problem, and that Jesus Christ is the only solution (Romans 3). Everybody has a sin problem-red, yellow, black, and white-which is why everyone needs to know about Jesus. Listen to his words: "For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2). Paul's message was not Gentiles Lives Matter. It was all souls matter, and because of that, they need to know about Jesus!

Christian friends, let me remind you that this world is not our home! We live in a fallen world. Which means there will always be injustice, oppression, greed, immorality, and persecution. What we see today goes back even before the time of Israelite bondage. While we should ALL strive for equality and justice for all humans on the planet, our job is not to fix the fallen world into paradise. Our job is to teach all of the lost souls around us how they can spend eternity with God!

Solomon wrote: "These six things the Lord hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren" (Proverbs 6: 16-19). It is time we stop sowing discord and instead start sowing seeds to the kingdom. It is time we realize many of the people around us who are divided are also lost. Yes, black lives matter. But black souls matter more! In fact, all souls matter more!

I wish I could tell you things are going to be fixed and everything is going to be all right. But my gut tells me that there will always be some form of turmoil and persecution. Let me remind you that Christians were warned they would be persecuted. "Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3: 12). It is time we stand up as peacemakers instead of joining hands with rioters. It is time we share the Gospel with those trying to fill a void in their lives. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:9-10).

I have never been racially profiled and I have never been turned down for a job or loan because of my skin color. I will join hand-in-hand with you to fight against these types of inequalities. But please understand, my main job is not to make getting a job or loan easier for you. My primary goal is to teach you about Heaven and how to spend eternity with God!

I will leave you to mediate on the words Paul wrote to the Christians in Galatia: "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Galatians 3:26-29). #allsoulsmatter •