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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

As was announced Sunday, our Wednesday night services on November 25th, the day before Thanksgiving Day, have been moved to Tuesday, the 24th. This has been done to help accommodate those who may be traveling or hosting family members for the Thanksgiving holiday.

While on the topic of Thanksgiving, we can be reminded that we have much for which to be thankful. Even though 2020 has seemed like a rough year, we can still be thankful to God for all the blessings he gives us, such as:

- His mercy (Psa. 136:1).
- Victory in Jesus (1 Cor. 15:57).
- Our brethren (1 The. 1:2).

These are just a few things listed in the Bible for which individuals thanked God. There are many other things that God has given us that we sometimes take for granted. Let us never fall into the trap of being unthankful to God.

As we are coming up on the Thanksgiving holiday, please continue to be mindful of our pantry. Many individuals may need to have access to it during this time of year. See the back page for our most needed items.

Bradley Smith

From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

Transgender Awareness Week

According to Google, this week is "Transgender Awareness Week." What a disgusting display of sin. We live in a world of people who have lost the ability to blush (Jer. 6:15). However, there are some things of which we should be aware about transgenderism.

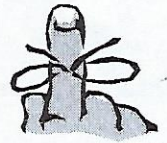
Aware that Transgenderism is a Slap in the Face of God

God does not make mistakes. For someone to say, "I was born a man but I should've been a woman," is a slap in the face of Almighty God. We realize that there are several physical processes that go into place to determine if a child who is conceived will be a male or female, but ultimately, since God created those processes (Gen. 1- Rev. 22), to question those processes is to question God. Would you want to stand before the judgment seat of Christ as someone who questioned God (2 Cor. 5:10)?

Aware that Transgenderism is Absolutely Sinful

As with any other variety of homosexuality (yes, transgenderism is an offshoot of homosexuality), transgenderism is sinful (Rom. 1:26-28, 1 Cor. 6:9-10, etc.). This agenda of the homosexual community is being pushed by the mainstream media and it is absolutely shameful! Yes, there are some things about which we should be aware concerning transgenderism, but not those things that the world would say.

RON'S REMINDERS



BEWARE! 'Side Effects' From The Devil's Pleasure Pill Prove Fatal

The older I get, the more precious my childhood memories become. I certainly, don't remember having to take a lot of medications. My mom kissed away many of my scrapes and pains-while my dad stood there and yelled comments like, "Get tough! This will make you stronger!" I personally preferred those precious kisses to my knees and elbows versus my Dad's impassioned "cheer leading" sessions! Yes, my limited medicinal uses centered on:

*Pink' Pepto-Bismol@

*The forever fizzing *Alka-Seltzer*@

*Soothing aromatic *Vicks VapoRub*@

*Mom's homemade chicken soup

I just don't recall seeing or taking a lot of medication growing up. But have you walked down the medicine aisle lately? It's almost like being in a pharmacy! Yes sir, whatever, your ailment, pain, concern, fear, or worry, whether real or imagined-**there's a pill for that!** And the focus seems to be on immediate relief-- never considering the unintended consequences or side effects. As Big Pharma hawks their prescription drugs on a 24/7 commercial and infomercial loop, it is easy to become mesmerized by their virtues and immediate efficacies and how quickly the side effects are understated and dismissed. And you certainly can tell the side effects on the labels by the microscopic, indistinguishable print! While all of this boggles the mind, **I think more about the sinister laboratory from which the Devil dispenses his pleasurable, but destructive pills to a lost and dying world.** His subtle, crafty concoction consists of three ingredients: (1) lust of the flesh, (2) lust of the eye, and the (3) pride of life (1 John 2:15). His noxious, attractive potions become a time-release capsule that momentarily brings pleasure but always, always injures, damages, and cripples the unsuspecting or belligerent user. Tragically, near all users of this poison pill know about its damning side effects. They arrogantly believe they will be the first one to develop immunity . . . but they never do and they never will!

This sinister use of the **dangerous three** has served the devil well throughout the ages. He knows the allurements and magnetism of his bait works 99.99% of the time because the final, defeated words remain the same: "I just couldn't help myself." Unfortunately these words are accompanied by a trail of tears, deep sorrowful groans, anguish, weeping, and gnashing of teeth. How can the

devil continually use the same "playbook" and never deviate from his nefarious scheme? How and why has he been so successful in getting the world to ignore these painful and deadly side effects? He is depending on your love and devotion to one thing: **Pride!**

But I am grateful to tell you that God has provided the antidote! In 1 John 2:15, the apostle John succinctly states,

Do not love the world, nor the things in the world.

If anyone loves the world, **the love of the father is not in him** (NASB emp. added).

We have major problems with someone telling us what to do, don't we? Think about these situations:

* Adam and Eve's expulsion from the Garden of Eden **could have been avoided!**

*The Flood **could have been avoided!**

*The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah **could have been avoided!**

* Lot's wife turning into a pillar of salt **could have been avoided!**

*The destruction of Pharaoh and his army **could have been avoided!**

In every one of these instances, the manifestation of **pride** caused death and destruction. Pride convinces us that we don't have to listen to or obey anyone! No one tells us what to do! And the continual cycle of devastating eternal side effects places more and more people outside the saving grace of Jesus Christ. And yes, their loss/demise can be avoided!

We must make every effort to share the saving message of the Gospel with everyone we meet. Embracing God's Word and obeying the Gospel will create a different outcome! The devil knows that his time is short. He is creating all kinds of confusion, distress, pain, death, and destruction. He is counting on the pride and arrogance of the masses to walk the broad way to hell with him. Well, I thank God there is a better way. Say **no** to sin, self, and society and say **yes** to Jesus! The prescription from the Great Physician yields greater peace and hope now and certain throughout eternity. **Have you checked your spiritual medicine cabinet lately?**

Bon appetit!

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