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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 off to a great start in 2021 here at Getwell. The January issue of the *Spiritual Sword* has come out. The theme of this issue is "Remaining Faithful in Times of Crisis." The individual topics are as follows:

Be There Faithful – Alan E. Highers

When Life Tumbles In – Hugh Fulford

Coping With Worry and Anxiety - Allen Webster

Overcoming Doubt and Fear – Gary Hampton

Facing Temptation – Dan Jenkins

Comfort and Courage From the Word of God –
Steve Higginbotham

Respect For Civil Authority – Phil Sanders

Finding Peace In Times Of Turmoil – Gary
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Let Your Light Shine Before Men – Wayne
Lankford

In The World But Not of the World – Hiram
Kemp

Strengthening Our Families – Mike Hixson

Hope For The Journey of Life – David Pharr

Faith is the Victory – Alan E. Highers

Be sure and make time to read this issue. It will be time well spent.

Ron Wallace

Reap The Reward

As the school year is in full swing for most schools across the country, there is a time that is dreaded among a lot of students. Many students have some type of anxiety when it comes to dealing with this one specific timeframe that happens a few times a year. They tend to worry about what their parents may think if things don't go just like they, or their parents want it to go.

This is not a time for sports tryouts, or maybe even a school play. This is the date that parents get the notification that their reports cards will be sent out.

Report card time can be stressful for some students because their parents are going to see exactly how they have been performing in school for the past quarter. Some students go above and beyond while others simply do what they can to make it through each day. Their grade reflects what type of reward (or punishment) their parent will give them.

We all remember the days of the report cards. We worked hard to get good grades or least passing grades, so our parents would not punish us. Each subject was graded on different levels and we had to focus each part of school day in order to pass. Basically just checking off the box that you attended school.

What if God handed out report cards to us? At the end of each year, what would your report card like if God delivered it to you?

Would you have all A's because you go above and beyond when it comes to following Christ? Or, would you have all A's and B's because you strive to do your best but there is still room for improvement on many levels?

Would your report card have a lot of D's and F's because, frankly, you are doing just enough to check off the box that you are a Christian?

School is all or nothing. You can't go to school, pass one class, and expect to pass it all. Our Christian walk is the same way. Followers of Christ cannot simply just do one thing to please God and expect to gain the eternal reward that He has promised us.

Take a look at James 2:10 for a moment. It states that whoever shall keep the whole law, and stumble at one point, is guilty of all. James is informing us of the type of obedience to Christ that one chooses to do or not to do. We don't get to pick and choose what we want to obey, we must obey the entire Word of God.

Faithful followers of Christ should devote their time and efforts to getting all A's on God's report card. Will we succeed? More than likely, we will not ace our report card because there has only been one perfect person to walk the earth. If we try our hardest and spread God's Word and help bring others to Christ, we can reap the reward that God has promised us.

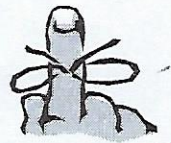
What does your report card look like?

If you need help, turn to Christ and give your life back to Him. Don't wait until Judgment Day comes and it's time to see what your results will be. Today is day. We are promised another one.

God is Good.

Brandon Brooks, Think Magazine, November 2020

RON'S REMINDERS



The Perfect Example

Alice in Wonderland is a fascinating little book that sparks imagination. Alice asked the Cheshire cat, "Would you tell me please, which way I ought to go from here?" "That depends a good deal on where you want to get to," said the cat. "I don't much care where," said Alice. "Then it doesn't matter which way you go," said the cat. Not having or knowing one's purpose in life is unfortunate. Richard Leider, a noted life coach, said, "The purpose of life is to have a purpose."

The greatest example of one who fully accomplished His purpose is Jesus Christ, "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me" (John 6:38). Jesus knew the reason He came to earth in human form. His purpose was to do the Father's will, and in doing so, His mission was accomplished. He kept the will of His Father, at the cost of a cruel death.

What is my purpose as a believer in Christ? I am here to imitate Him, to serve others. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:5-8).

Jesus left the perfect example of being a servant. He said, "And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:27-28). He ministered to those who were outcasts due to leprosy. He raised the dead. He fed thousands. John said Jesus did many other things which were not written (John 21:25). His example is powerful! Additionally, Jesus said on the final Day we will be judged based on how we minister to those who are hungry, naked, thirsty, sick, and imprisoned (Matthew 25:31-46).

What is my purpose? I am here to be Jesus' hands and feet on earth, serve my brothers and sisters in Christ. With great humility, Jesus washed the disciple's

feet saying, "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you" (John 13:14-17). We serve our brethren when we sacrifice our wants to achieve unity, when we choose love instead of spite, and when we "esteem others better than ourselves" (Philippians 2:3). We serve each other through teaching, admonishing, and exhorting our brothers and sisters in Christ. In fact, we are commanded to do so (Hebrews 3:13). My purpose is to do good to all, especially those in Christ (Galatians 6:10).

What is my purpose? I am here to serve the lost by teaching them about the Lord. Before His ascension, Jesus gave believers a purpose statement, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Our part of the world may be our families or communities. The lost are among us. As we rub shoulders with people each day, we have opportunities to tell them about the Lord. One lady invites every cashier she meets to worship with her on the next Lord's Day. Another lady makes cancer caps for women that bear the tag, "Made with love by Siwell Church of Christ." Paul reminds us, we were, "created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10). People are most open to the Gospel when they are in transition, hurting, or want answers to life's problems. These gestures of love open doors. We need to pray for doors of opportunity to share the good news and pray for courage to step through those doors!

What is my purpose? What is your purpose? We are not like Alice. We are not like people of the world whose purpose is to gain wealth, possessions, or notoriety. We know where we are going. We are Jesus' hands and feet serving each other, caring for widows, orphans, and those in need, and ministering to the lost by sharing the good news. After all, this was God's plan for His children from the beginning!

Teresa Hampton, Think Magazine November 2020