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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 continuing to make our way through 2021. There are many exciting things in store for this year. Check out our hallway bulletin board for news about different events that will be taking place at area congregations. It is always good to support our brethren in these great works. One that stands out is the Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship which will take place May 23-27 on the topic "Magnify His Name." If you have a moment, take some time to look at the schedule that is posted. MSOP always conducts great lectureships and I am sure that this one will be no exception. We need to make a concentrated effort to attend these events at area congregations to support them in their work.

Speaking of lectureships, we are working to be prepared for our lectureship, which will be from October 17-21. As I announced at the end of last year's lectureship, our theme is "The Book of James." As an added alternate title, it will also be called "A Roadmap for Christian Living." This alternate title speaks to the practicality of the book of James. We hope and pray that everything will go well and that glory will be given to God in this event.

Bradley Smith

From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

The Glorious Church

In Ephesians 5:27, we read of the church being described as “glorious.” What makes the church so glorious? Here are just a few reasons that the church can rightly be described as “The Glorious Church”:

- Because Christ is the Head (Eph. 1:22-23).
- Because of reconciliation to God in the one body (Eph. 2:16).
- Because God’s wisdom is made known (Eph. 3:10).
- Because the church glorifies God (Eph. 3:20-21).
- Because there is only one church (Eph. 4:4).
- Because Christ is the Savior of the church (body) (Eph. 5:23).
- Because Christ gave Himself for it (Eph. 5:25).
- Because it will be presented to Christ as a glorious church (Eph. 5:27).
- Because the church is the bride of Christ (Eph. 5:31-32, cf. Rev. 21:9-27).

We see all these descriptions given in the book of Ephesians of the church, yet sometimes we fail to see just how unique and how special that the Lord’s church is! Let us never be guilty of forgetting about how important that the Lord and His church are!

RON'S REMINDERS



WHY?

It is a question I hear often. Why? Why the hatred? Why the political unrest? Why such contempt, vicious words, and animosity toward others? Why is God allowing this to transpire? Why are people unkind, downright rude? Why do they call good evil and call evil good? Why has He allowed an evil virus to halt the progress and unity in His beloved church? It seems like the world, the communities, the church, and our families are upside down in a fierce battle with Satan.

I am reminded of Joseph, and though Scripture does not reveal it, I wonder if he ever asked, "Why?" His brothers threw him into a deep pit, and discussed how they might kill him (Genesis 37:24). They saw Midianite traders approaching and devised a treacherous plan to get rid of him. He may have listened as they negotiated a price they would take for selling him to the foreigners. The traders took him to Egypt and sold him to Potiphar, the captain of Pharaoh's guard (39: 1-5). Did he ask, "Why?"

Even as a slave, God blessed the young man. Potiphar entrusted him with all authority in his household. But his favor came to a screeching halt when Mrs. Potiphar falsely accused Joseph of rape. He was thrown into the jail that confined Pharaoh's prisoners (Genesis 39:19-23). Do you think Joseph may have asked, "Why?"

Again, the Lord blessed Joseph and he prospered. In the course of time, he was given authority over all the prisoners. One day the king's butler and baker were delivered to the prison. Both had troubling dreams, with no interpretation. Joseph listened and with God's help explained the meaning of their dreams. The butler would be restored to his job, but the baker would be executed, and so it happened. Joseph asked the butler to make mention of him to the Pharaoh, but for two years the butler forgot about him. Do you think Joseph ever said, "Why is this happening to me?"

When Pharaoh had two troubling dreams and no one could interpret them the butler remembered Joseph. He told the king and Joseph was promptly summoned. By the power of God he explained the meaning of the dreams—there would be seven years of plenty followed by seven years of severe famine. The mighty ruler put Joseph in authority over everything except his throne. For seven years Joseph served faithfully as the governor of Egypt.

One wonders why he did not try to contact his father to let him know he was living and well. Joseph was unaware of the lie his brothers told their father. Perhaps he was deeply saddened and disappointed that his father didn't come to rescue him. He named his first son Manasseh, which means "making forgetful." "For God has made me forget all my toil and all my father's house" (Genesis 41:51).

During the most severe years of the famine, Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to purchase grain. When the time was right, Joseph revealed himself to them, "I am Joseph, does my father still live?" They were dismayed, "But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you ... to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by great deliverance" (Genesis 45 :3-8).

There are many things that happen in our lives that cause us to question, "Why?" Why is God allowing us to live through such turmoil, fear and sadness? During those moments we must trust God and be confident in our belief that He is master of all things. We must take our concerns to Him and gently lay them at His feet. The world may seem as if it is spinning out of control, but the Creator, our Redeemer is in control. His reasons are far beyond our comprehension. He can and will use everything to accomplish His good will!

Today's Verses: "So Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father's household. And Joseph lived one hundred and ten years. Joseph saw Ephraim's children to the third generation. The children of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were also brought up on Joseph's knees. And Joseph said to his brethren, 'I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.' Then Joseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, 'God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here.' So Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt" (Genesis 50:22-26).