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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

Exciting things are happening here at the Getwell church of Christ! Our food pantry is in great shape to help those who are in need. Please continue to check the back of the bulletin to see those things that are the most urgent needs. We are so glad to have everyone's participation in this.

You may remember that a few months ago, we went through a Sunday morning auditorium class on evangelism, during which we studied a Bible study method that I put together, called, "The Bible as Our Guide." I recently attended a seminar at MSOP with brother Rob Whitacre, and he made the suggestion that evangelism materials should be placed in an area where many people can find them. With that in mind, I have placed a few copies of Lesson One of "The Bible as Our Guide" on tables in the foyers. You can also see me for subsequent lessons. Please see these areas and pick up this material to go out and have Bible studies with your lost friends and family. If you remember that study, you will remember that it is a very simple method to use. All questions come directly from the Bible with, in most cases, simple one or two word answers. We hope and pray that this will be a great effort.

Please keep in mind the "Sermon Suggestion Box" which is located in the north foyer. Feel free to place any topics for sermons in this box and I will do my best to cover them.

Bradley Smith

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## From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

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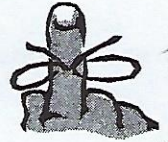
### What I Have Learned from One Year of COVID-19 (Part 4)

#### Some Value "Caution" Over Christianity

How much evangelism has gone on over the past year? Many say that since we are supposed to be in "lockdown," we cannot evangelize. Think of all the tools that God has given us, but we are too afraid to use them! Yes, the internet can be a horribly evil thing. Alternatively, much good can be done through it. How many Gospel sermons would you estimate have been uploaded to websites, Facebook, and YouTube over the past year? I would not begin to guess. When it boils down to it, we will always have the need to evangelize (Mark 16:15), regardless of what restrictions the government might put in place.

Some "Christians" have not stepped foot inside a church building in the past 13 months. We understand that there are some who have health conditions that do not permit them to get out. The Lord also understands. But this is not about those individuals. This is about those people who claim to love the Lord, yet do not attend services out of "caution," yet they go to work, the grocery store, ball games, vacation, and anywhere else that you can think of, EXCEPT the assembly of the church. What do you value in life (Mat. 6:33)? Is worship too "risky" while a baseball game is a "fun family outing"? How can you call yourself a Christian and reduce the value of worship so much?

# RON'S REMINDERS



## OH ME OF LITTLE FAITH

These captivating words from the arresting novel *The Count of Monte Cristo* echo a deeper spiritual sentiment that I have found sorely missing in my life. I have no problem embracing the intellectual aspect of God's reality and love for me; however, there is a gaping hole when it comes to walking and thriving in that truth! The Charles Blondin story always hammers home the difference between "talking" and "walking" your faith. In the summer of 1859, Charles committed some daring acrobatic feats by walking 160 feet above Niagara Falls several times between Canada and the United States. Once, he crossed in a sack, once on stilts, and another time on a bicycle! However, on July 15th, he truly outdid himself! He walked backward across the tightrope to Canada- and returned pushing a wheelbarrow! During this exhibition, he pushed the wheelbarrow blindfolded, stopped and asked for some audience participation. He asked, "Do you believe I can carry a person across in this wheelbarrow?" The crowd responded, yes they believed! He then posed the million dollar question- "Who will get in the wheelbarrow?"

Guess who responded? No one! Imagine that, countless numbers of people stood in awe, clapped, cheered and witnessed the incredible feat firsthand, but no one dared to get into the wheelbarrow! And that's the true heart of the matter. Yes, Jesus, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the only one who has prepared and paved the way to Heaven is waiting for us to get into His "wheelbarrow" ... and we stammer, stutter, and refuse to get in! What in the world is our problem? What are we waiting on? What's the solution? Well, I have found an answer and a Biblical strategy by reviewing Jesus' pivotal actions/teaching in Mark 4:35-41:

"On that day, when evening came, He said to them, 'Let's go over to the other side.' After dismissing the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with Him. And a fierce gale of wind developed, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling with water. And yet Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, 'Teacher, do You not care that

we are perishing?' And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Hush, be still.' And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. And He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?' They became very much afraid and said to one another, 'Who, then, is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?'" (NASB)

Here are some observations/application from the text:

- **We must focus on Jesus' promises, not our problems.** He told them, "Let's go to the other side." That should have sufficed-regardless of the storm that arose.
- **We can be in a storm-and still be within the will of God.** They obeyed the voice of Jesus and found themselves in a *lailaps*. They should have understood why Jesus was asleep-but they would learn why later!
- **We can wrestle with external, internal, and spiritual storms-simultaneously!** Regardless of the challenges we face in life, we must never doubt Jesus' love and care for us. The greatest storm the disciples faced was challenging/doubting Jesus love for them. They focused more on their immediate problem than His precious promise, "Let's go to the other side."
- **We can't stop fear from coming into our lives but we certainly can keep it from living in our hearts!** When we put our full weight down on what Jesus says-we will be able to circumnavigate our problems/issues!

Jesus gave His disciples an opportunity to see Him in their storm; He gave them a chance to demonstrate they would get in the "wheelbarrow" with Him. They learned a great lesson on that stormy night. Have you? Have I? God wants me to grow in and through my storms ... Jesus, please let me get in your wheelbarrow!

Billy R. Davis, Think magazine March 2021