

# Good News

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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

Please continue to remember our pantry items that are needed. Each week, on the back of the bulletin, you can find the emphasized item for that week, though our items that we are always needing are:

- Canned Meats
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Vegetables
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Soups
- Rice
- Dry Beans

One good rule of thumb for the pantry is, "If you would not eat it, do not bring it." We understand that some mean well, but the pantry is not for cleaning out your personal pantry and bringing in expired items. Please remember that although those who we help do need some extra assistance, they are still people too.

We are so glad to see each one every time that we meet. It is so great to be in fellowship with one another. One great opportunity for this is our singing class each Sunday at 4:30. It is always good to sing songs that we may not know, or those songs that we might not have sang in a long time.

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## From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

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### Does Doctrine Matter?

There is an argument that goes around from time to time. Basically, those who think a certain way say that doctrine (teaching) does not matter. Statements are made like, "You believe what you believe, I'll believe what I believe, and we will all go to Heaven." Does this Bible speak in this way?

#### Jesus Said that Doctrine Matters

Jesus said this in Matthew 15:8-9:

This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Jesus teaches that yes, what we say matters! There is sound doctrine and unsound doctrine. When we teach what man says rather than what God says, our worship is vain.

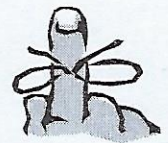
#### Other Bible Passages Say that Doctrine Matters

Consider this passage from 2 John 9-11:

Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

Yes! Doctrine does matter!

# RON'S REMINDERS



## ARE YOU HUNGRY?

I want to ask you a very personal question. What do you really want? What I mean by that question is what gets you out of bed in the morning? What do you think about and invest yourself in on a daily basis? What is that thing which bring you ultimate joy and its absence will leave your life unfulfilled? If you are a Christian, I pray that the answer to that question is the righteousness of God. Jesus encouraged us in Matthew 5:6 saying, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." The life of a disciple of Jesus Christ is driven by insatiable hunger to know, live, and see His righteousness.

**Know His Righteousness.** Many people do not live righteous lives simply because they do not know anything about God or His will beyond their own thoughts. That is an extremely dangerous place to find yourself (Proverbs 14:12). This is becoming more and more true as our society becomes less and less religious. The solution is to feast on the revelation of God in His Word. 1 Peter 2:2 exhorts Christians, "As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby." We are to desire a deeper knowledge of the Word of God where His righteousness is revealed as much as a baby desires its mother. Of course, this can come in part through daily Bible reading, Bible class attendance, and the listening to the public proclamation of the Word, but that is not enough. Let me encourage you to make a list of Bible subjects, books that you have questions about, or areas where you feel your knowledge is insufficient, and set out on a journey to study to find those answers. Your list might include things like the Holy Spirit, the book of Isaiah, New Testament conversions, baptism, etc. If for some reason you cannot come up with anything to write on your list, begin an in-depth study of pride.

**Live His Righteousness.** Once we begin to understand and acquire a knowledge of God's righteousness revealed through His Word, we must strive to implement these truths in our lives. Peter sets the standard at nothing short of the holiness of God. "As obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct" (1 Peter 1: 14-15). Take the time to do some open and honest evaluation of all the ways you fall short of His glory. This deep dive into your soul will not be pleasant, but it is necessary. Once we have begun to identify these areas of struggle that may or may not be unique to our lives, we can then begin the process of repentance and being remade into his image instead of our own. Maybe we will discover that there are real issues in our lives with gossip, anger, or just a failure to think on spiritual things. Repent of these sins that make you unrighteous and strive to look more like the righteous Christ. Ezra had it right when the Bible records, "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel."

**See His Righteousness.** Once we have dealt with our greatest obstacle, ourselves, the Christian can begin to work, see His righteousness in the world around us. There can be no doubt that man is surrounded by unrighteousness every day. This should torment our righteous souls as it did Lot's soul day after day (2 Peter 2:8).

Even though there is a sense in which I have very little control over what happens in the world around me, I ought to be doing all that I can to turn this sinful world upside down one soul at a time. A Godly society is simply one that is filled with righteous men and women. I desire to see more homes that respect God's plan of the family. I desire to see more governments that acknowledge the value of all life that bears God's image. I desire to see people once again blush at the immorality that surrounds us. I hunger and thirst for those things. I can help make them a reality by sharing that same Word that helped me to understand God's righteousness and living a life that shows His glory to all those in darkness. This might start with preaching and personal Bible studies but continues to being the salt of the earth and not hiding His light under a bushel. May we strive to be the change that God would want to see and have a commitment to doing the work necessary to help others change.

One of the greatest parts of Matthew 5:6 is not simply the exhortation to hunger and thirst for righteousness, but the reassurance that this desire will be satisfied. If I seek, I will find (Matthew 7:7). At times the goal of God's righteous can appear as an unattainable aspiration, but the reality is that God wants us to attain it. If we will commit ourselves to a study of God's Word, we can know and understand His will. If we will humble ourselves before that righteous will, we can be changed to reflect His glory. If we shine His glorious light into this world of darkness it will impact the world where it shines. I hunger and thirst to know, live, and see His righteousness. I will not be satisfied until that desire is met.