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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

It was a great day at the Getwell church of Christ! I was so glad to see everyone after having been away speaking at a homecoming in Kentucky last Sunday. It is so good to see everyone's faces once again. Also, on Sunday evening, we were blessed to have brother Rob Whitacre with us to speak on "Evangelism During the Age of COVID." This was a deeply encouraging message. Brother Whitacre always does a great job of motivating Christians to evangelize. I have been familiar with him for a number of years and it was good to see him once again. He is conducting an evangelism seminar at the Cordova congregation this week. If you can make it, I would highly encourage you to do so. His lessons are also available on YouTube and through House to House, Heart to Heart. Brother Whitacre works with the House to House, Heart to Heart School of Evangelism and he has a number of great materials that are out there. I have purchased a number of his books and they are all excellent.

It was an excellent sermon and a great reminder that even during COVID, we should still be carrying out the Great Commission (Mark 16:15). As I said after his lesson on Sunday night, it was a great sermon, but it is totally useless if we do not act on it. He gave us several strategies to use in trying to conduct Bible studies with the lost. Please take the time to show someone that you care by sharing the Gospel with them.

Bradley Smith

From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

Don't Wait Too Long

From time to time, we sing the familiar song written by Tillit S. Teddlie:

O soul, why stay away from Jesus, Don't wait too long;

Decide today and come repenting, O soul don't wait too long!

Today may be the last one given, Don't wait too long;

Decide today for home and heaven, O soul don't wait too long!

While we in love for you are praying, Don't wait too long;

Accept His Word and come obeying, O soul don't wait too long!

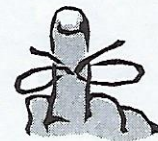
Don't wait too long! Don't wait too long!

Decide today and come to Jesus, O soul don't wait too long!

This song emphasizes for us the need to obey the Gospel while time and opportunity is ours. We must wonder, though, what are some other things for which we wait too long?

- **Don't wait too long to encourage.** It is sometimes hard to live the Christian life. The world can beat us up at times. Instead of waiting until someone has fallen away, take the time to encourage your brothers and sisters now (Eph. 4:12, 16, 29, 1 Tim. 1:4).
- **Don't wait too long to evangelize.** We never know when someone's life might end. Do not hesitate to share the Gospel with them (Mat. 28:18-19, Mark 16:15).

RON'S REMINDERS



Are There No Tears for the Lost?

The sad refrain played out in the visual/print media, and upon social platforms, as well as established/non-traditional cable news outlets capitalized upon the issue of what we have "lost." Have you noticed? Let me remind you of a handful of such comments that have crossed my ears and eyes. Yes, it's the lament of:

- Lost revenue and wages
- Lost economic infusion
- Lost properties
- **Lost souls**
- Lost jobs
- Lost freedoms
- Lost opportunities
- Lost vacations
- Lost interactions

This observation merely scratches the surface, doesn't it? But let me ask you this, which one of these conditions have you heard about the least and should trouble us the most? Yes, it is truly unfortunate that we seem to care more about the transient, material things of this world than the blessed Gospel of Jesus Christ. How in the world did we become this way? This is an age-old enigma that has plagued God's people for thousands of years. I found an intriguing parallel account in the Jeremiah 8:20-22:

"Harvest is past, summer is over. And **we are not saved. I am broken** over the brokenness of the daughter of my people. **I mourn**, dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? **Why then has not the health of the daughter of my people been restored?"** (NASB, emp. added)

Jeremiah's lament and heartbreak over the disobedience and worldly focus of God's people saw them carried away into captivity on several occasions. They suffered from the same malady we wrestle with today-procrastination! They professed to love and trust Jehovah but never got around to putting their love and allegiance into practice. Can you imagine

uttering these life-altering words, "I am not saved"... That gives me unprecedented pause and brings a profound sadness to my soul. What about you? How many tears have you shed and continue to shed for those who are lost and on their way to Hell-unless we share the saving message of the Gospel with them?

One of my favorite Songs of Assent is Psalm 126:
When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion. Then our mouth was filled with laughter And our tongue with joyful shouting; Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them. The Lord has done great things for us; We are joyful. Restore our fortunes, Lord, As the streams in the South. Those who sow in tears shall Harvest with joyful shouting. **One who goes here and there weeping, carrying his bag of seed, Shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves with him"** (NAS, emp. added).

We would be so more effective in the kingdom if we, too, took our "bag of seed" (Word of God) and sowed it into the hearts of those in our respective world and circles of influence. And yes, our tears of joy and challenge would certainly keep us on track! And, we would have the sacred opportunity on the last day to stand before our Heavenly Father as an emissary of Jesus, and hear Him say "Well done, thy good and faithful servant!" Those will be the sweetest words ever heard!

Please join me in giving God our absolute best in pursuing things that matter eternally. Let's put our shoulder to the Gospel plow and stayed yoked to Jesus until He calls us home or He comes back to judge the world in righteousness. And let's always make a conscious effort to reach for, pray for, look for, and strive for the opportunity to introduce one more soul to the Lord Jesus Christ. Let's get to work!

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