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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 were so saddened to learn of the passing of Brenda Smitherman on Saturday night. By the time that I was hired, Brenda and Tracy were in the process of moving to Chattanooga, as Brenda's health was declining. Please allow me to share the following words which were included in the 2019 Lectureship book, which was dedicated to Brenda:

"The word 'secretary' is actually inadequate to describe all the duties that Brenda performed. She kept up with the bills addressed to the church, she prepared the checks for the elders to sign, she kept the elders informed of any developments that affected the work of the church, she set the lectureship book in type, and she was the chief proofreader for the Spiritual Sword journal, which is sent out all over the world. She was called the church secretary because it was easier than calling her the advisor, bookkeeper, typesetter, and proofreader, along with many other responsibilities that she fulfilled!

Brenda has been associated with the Getwell church for her entire life. She is the daughter of W.T. and Ethel Hardwick. W.T. Hardwick served as an elder longer than anyone else in the history of this congregation. She and her husband Tracy Smitherman have been active members and faithful servants of the church during their entire married life." What a great life, and a valuable asset to the kingdom who will be sorely missed.

Bradley Smith

From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

Take Life One Day at a Time

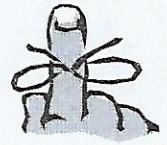
Please consider the following words, penned by brother Gary C. Hampton in the April 2016 issue of the Spiritual Sword, concerning taking life one day at a time when dealing with hardship:

“Jesus' sermon on the mount is filled with instructions regarding daily living. The Lord fully understands man, so he repeatedly gets to the heart of the matter. His instructions on worry include, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own troubles" (Mt. 6:34). It is amazing how much time the average person spends fretting about some thing that "might" happen, only to later realize that the concern never became an issue.

Paul dealt with as many troubles and uncertainties as anyone other than Jesus. The approach he used to dispel those concerns is found in his letter to the saints in Christ Jesus in Philippi. "Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need" (4:11-12). “

What poignant words about facing difficulty in life! Certainly we can all benefit from these excellent thoughts.

RON'S REMINDERS



I will attempt to pen a few words in honor of Brenda Smitherman. For the most part I will rely on what I wrote in a contribute to in "A Brief Note" in the 2019 Volume Titled Opening The Windows Of Heaven.

"Brenda worked tirelessly every year on the Spiritual Sword lectureship and accompanying book. I cannot begin to wax as eloquent as brother Highers' dedication to Brenda but I worked with Brenda for thirty years and I will always value that relationship."

Brenda now has the privilege to look out of those windows herself. She passed from this life on Saturday, July 17th.

Since 1986 I was on staff with Brenda, I was taken on as youth minister and later honored to be appointed as a deacon. With Brenda's help and counsel I tried to do my best as a youth minister. She kept me from making some missteps. Her toughest job was deciphering my handwriting on my weekly bulletin article. Many times she not only deciphered my article but edited the article and made me sound so much more smarter than I was.

My sympathy goes out to Tracy and the girls and the grandchildren. Brenda was a treasured asset to the work of the Lord at Getwell.