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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 sad to learn of the passing of Margaret Laquintano. Margaret was a member at Getwell for many years. Several stories were being passed around on Sunday by those who knew and loved her. She will be dearly missed.

We are almost two months away from the 46th Annual Spiritual Sword Lectureship, "The Book of James- A Roadmap for Christian Living." After reviewing and editing the manuscripts, I can confidently say that this will be one of the best lectureships that we have seen in a while. In the early days of the Spiritual Sword Lectureship, the theme was almost always on a particular book of the Bible, but in recent years that has not always been the case. I did some digging, and our attendance at the lectureship seems to improve whenever we have a very specific topic, like a book of the Bible or a particular section of Scripture. I hope that all of you are as excited as I am. As with last year, we all need to band together and help wherever is possible. You might be asked to do some things that are not typically asked of you, but in order to make this lectureship the best that it can be, please help us when it is needed.

On a similar note, I know that Stanley Wallace is getting ready for the lectureship. He does an excellent job in heading up the kitchen staff. I hear so many compliments throughout the week. The lunches are so good that some people might be tempted to come only for the lunch.

Bradley Smith

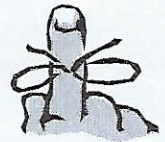
From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

Keynotes of the Old Testament

Last week, I shared the main themes, or “keynotes” of New Testament books as they were given to me by brother Robert R. Taylor, Jr. This week, we have the keynotes of Old Testament books. As with last time, I hope that these will be beneficial to you in your daily Bible study.

- Genesis- Beginning
- Exodus and Leviticus- Blood
- Numbers- Journeyings
- Deuteronomy- Obedience
- Joshua- Possession
- Judges- Apostacy
- Ruth-Redemption and Genealogy
- 1&2 Samuel- Kingdom
- 1&2 Kings- Royalty
- 1&2 Chronicles- Theocracy
- Ezra and Nehemiah- Restoration
- Esther- Providence, Preservation
- Job- Patience
- Psalms- Blessed
- Proverbs- Wisdom
- Ecclesiastes- Eternal Truth vs. Earthly Vanity
- Song of Solomon- Marital Bliss
- Isaiah- New Institution
- Jeremiah- New Covenant
- Lamentations- Sorrows and Sadness
- Ezekiel- New Israel
- Daniel- New and Everlasting Kingdom
- Hosea- Unrequited Love
- Joel- Outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2
- Amos- National Indulgence
- Obadiah- Pride
- Jonah- Prejudice
- Micah- Justice
- Nahum- Revenge
- Habakkuk- “Why”
- Zephaniah- Judgement
- Haggai and Zechariah- Temple
- Malachi- Son of Righteousness

RON'S REMINDERS



Dealing with Distractions

We must focus today on the things we can control, and we must learn to prioritize.

When Jesus came to Bethany, his friend "Martha welcomed Him into her house" (Luke 10:38 NKJV). Rather than sitting with Jesus and listening to him teach, as her sister Mary did, "Martha was distracted with much serving" (verse 40). The text describes her bustling around, making sure everything was in place and that everyone received proper attention. Whether we sympathize with Martha's attempt at hospitality, we must learn from Jesus's response to her. He said, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her" (verses 41–42). Is it important to make our guests feel comfortable? Of course. But some things are more important than others. Because Jesus has "the words of eternal life" (John 6:68), Martha should have worried less about the dinner party and focused on listening to him.

Like Martha, we are often "worried and troubled by many things." Concerns about health, families, local congregations, and our communities are joined by broader concerns about the global pandemic, political and civil unrest, and economic policies. These concerns are amplified only by our round-the-clock access to social media feeds and news outlets. Nevertheless, it is not wrong to be aware of or concerned about matters impacting those around us. We are to pray for and support our government (1 Tim 2:2; Rom 13:7). We are to rejoice and weep with our brethren

(Rom 12:15). We are to regularly encourage one another to be faithful (Heb 3:12-13). We are to help our fellow man (Gal 6:10). We are to care for our family members (1 Tim 5:8). We are to avoid selfishness and consider "the interests of others" (Phil 2:4).

But how can we fulfill these responsibilities without focusing on the wrong things? How can we avoid the trap of reading about or discussing problems but doing nothing to resolve them? We can make an effort to avoid unnecessary distractions. In the book *Walden*, published in 1854, Henry David Thoreau described a practice that has only grown worse since his time. He wrote, "Hardly a man takes a half hour's nap after dinner, but when he wakes he holds up his head and asks; 'What's the news?' as if the rest of mankind had stood his sentinels" (p. 17). His point is even more relevant today. Those who feed on the never-ending global news cycle will never be satisfied. There is always something more to see or hear. Distractions reside in every new story, and those who concern themselves with a thousand problems rarely solve one. Instead, we must focus today on the things we can control, and we must learn to prioritize. Jesus said it best of all: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (Matt 6:33-34).