

# 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

There has been so much heartache and pain in the last several days. Members of our Getwell family have lost family members. Our prayers are with Raymond McCoy and his brothers in the passing of their father, Raymond Sr. A close family friend of mine, Mickey Wilson, passed away last week due to COVID-19. He, his daughter, son-in-law, and grandson all attend the same congregation as my parents, even sitting on the same pew. We long for a time when all of this pain has ended.

Please continue to remember our food pantry. Each week, we have a needed item or two listed on the back of the bulletin. It seems that in the past couple weeks, our intake has been lower than normal. This is a valuable tool that helps us reach the less fortunate, and may lead to Bible studies down the road.

We received a phone call on Sunday from sister Annette Churrels, a member of the church in the Memphis area, who asked for us to pray for her, and to be restored from wrongdoing in her life. It is a difficult thing to do, to admit to sin in one's life, but one that has eternal benefits. As you go through the week, keep sister Churrels in your prayers.

Bradley Smith

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## From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

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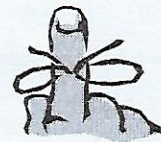
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### Gearing Up for the Lectureship

Each year, we look forward to the Spiritual Sword Lectureship. It is always a highlight of the year. I hope that each of you are as excited as I am. What are some things that we can do to have the best atmosphere possible for the lectureship?

1. **Agree to work.** The primary way that we can have the best experience possible is if we all agree to work. We will be asked to do things which we may not normally do, but with your help, we can make it happen.
2. **Be welcoming to our guests.** This is always a strong point of the Getwell congregation, but we can always improve. Our visitors will have come from all over the country to be in attendance for the lectureship. Let's help them feel at home.
3. **Be gracious to our speakers.** These men and women have taken time out of their busy schedules to be with us. Please be sure to thank them for being with us, and make sure to thank them for their lessons!
4. **Get as much as possible from each lesson.** One thing that will help you long after the lectureship is over is being attentive to the lessons that are being presented. Having read over the manuscripts, there are many things that we can apply to our lives and help improve our service to God.

# RON'S REMINDERS



## Making the Best Use of Time

Are we doing what we were created for? Are we "making the best use of the time"?

It is said, "Time is the stuff of which life is made." Since that seems true, using time for Christ is how we give Him our lives. Scripture, therefore, says, "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16 ESV).

This is being written on March 21, 2020. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, most of us are in our houses under "self-quarantine." Most meetings or gatherings, including church assemblies, have been temporarily called off; restaurants are closed except for takeout; people are urged to stay at home. There seems to be more discretionary time than usual to "make the best use of." How many of us have even given thought to use the extra "free time" imposed on us?

If time is really the "stuff of which life is made," then "killing time is suicide."

Here are some ways we can "redeem the time" (KJV):

1. Write to parents, grandparents, or grandchildren. Intentionally keep relationships that will enable us to encourage faithfulness to God and His church. The faith must be handed from generation to generation. "I have chosen him [Abraham], that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice" (Genesis 18:19 ESV).

2. Use the time to enhance your own relationship with God. Read Scripture. Pray. Pick out a book of the Bible to learn thoroughly. Read it through several times in more than one translation. Reduce the

message of the book to one sentence. Learn to go through the book chapter by chapter. When you have mastered one, do the same with another.

3. Think of someone you wish we converted to Christ. Pray for this person by name. Ask if he or she would have a Bible study with you. If yes, set a time and place, and begin. Several good studies are prepared for that purpose. If you know of one you like, use it. Personally, I like to study Mark and Acts: Mark because it is about Jesus and Acts because it presents model cases of conversion. Keep the focus on Jesus, His attractive character, and His resurrection.

Early on, find out whether the person believes the Bible is the Word of God and whether he or she would go to heaven if Christ were to come tonight. If this person does not believe the Bible, go on with the study. The Bible message is often self-authenticating, but watch for hang-ups that need answers. If he or she believes in already being saved, ask to describe how that occurred and write down the answer. This is too early, however, to rebut the answer. Let the study do that.

4. Think of good works you can do to help people and do them. Do them anonymously, if possible. As Christians, when we were made new creatures, we were "created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).

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