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SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY ACTIVITY

SUNDAY

| Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. |
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| 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

If you have a moment, take a look at the back page of our bulletin. There you will find our prayer list, pantry items, and memory verses. You will also find a section called "Our Attitude" which details our attendance and contribution. Since this is called "Our Attitude" should we not be working to improve our attitude? The elders have determined that we require \$1,850 each week in contribution for the paying of bills, payroll, and other miscellaneous expenses. We are not reaching that mark. In that regard, we have a poor attitude. We should work to improve it. It is very discouraging to see the low attendance numbers, especially with so many people who choose not to While we understand, and the Lord attend. understands, that there are a number of people who have health issues which limit their ability to attend, there are many who simply make the decision not to attend services. What better thing could you have to do? Why is the attendance number cut in half from Sunday morning to Sunday evening? Is one period of worship more important than the other?

We have some serious examining of hearts that needs to be done. 2nd Corinthians 13:5 says this, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" Seriously, consider your life. Do you need to make changes? If so, we pray that you will do so while time and opportunity is yours.

Bradley Smith

From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

Change

It seems like there is so much change in our world today. In a time of COVID guidelines, the rules and regulations CHANGE every day. The weather CHANGES sometimes multiple times a day here in Memphis. Some hear the word "change" and they run away and cower in fear, while others seek out change, maybe even in places where it does not belong. Is there such a thing as good change and bad change?

GOOD CHANGE

Yes, there is such a thing as good change! If you have sin in your life, you better change (Acts 17:30). If you are not worshipping properly, you better change (John 4:24). If you are teaching error, you better change (2 Tim. 4:2-4). If you are a member of a denominational group, you better change (Mat. 16:18).

BAD CHANGE

Not all change is good. There are a number of people who try to change truths that God's Word has set forth long before we were on this earth. There is a difference between men and women, and this will never change (Mat. 19:4). Baptism is essential for salvation, and this will never change (Mark 16:16). Heaven will be in Heaven, not on a renovated Earth, and this will never change (John 14:16, 1 The. 4:13-18, 2 Pet. 3:10).

While change can sometimes be needed, change is not always a good thing. Let us always do as the Bible says, without addition or subtraction.

October 2021

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| *BIRTHDAY **ANNIVERSARY If your birthday | | | | | 1 Dan. 8-10 | 2 Dan. 11-12 |
| or anniversary does not appear on our calendar, please contact the church office | | | K 500 | 4-40 | E FRA | N AS |
| 3 Hos. 1-3 | 4 Hos. 4-7 | 5 Hos. 8-10 | 6 Hos. 11-14 | 7 Joel 1-3 | 8 Amos 1-3 *Lauren Bonner | 9 Amos 4-6 |
| 10 Amos 7-9 | 11 Obed Jon. 2 | 12 Jon. 3-4 | 13 Mic. 1-3 | 14 Mic. 4-7 **Jack & Carolyn Smith (60) | 15 Nah. 1-3 | 16 Hab. 1-3 *Ron Wallace |
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