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SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY ACTIVITY

SUNDAY

Bible Study	9:30	a.m.
Worship		
Worship	5:00	p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study......7:00 p.m.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

There are several among our number who are in need of our attention and our prayers. Henry Wright has had a difficult time in the last month. We lost his daughter and his aunt, while he was driving was hit by another driver disregarding a traffic signal. Be sure to pray for and encourage brother Wright during this difficult time in his life.

We also have several sick in our number who are in need of a mention in our prayers. Please pray for Scott Shepherd, Wynona Murray and Pat Phillips, they all have health issues they are coping with. Also not at Getwell but our sister at Olive Branch that is in need of our prayers is Nancy Hixson, Mike's wife.

Again we had a wonderful Lord's day. We had quite a few

visitors who were passing through.

Again we had the blessing of having Michael Wyatt and his wife Susie visit us at Getwell. Brother Wyatt presented three outstanding lessons from God's word. He commenced an overview of Joshua which he will continue next week. The morning sermon was also drawn from the book of Joshua. The major emphasis of the lesson was never to forget to give God the glory and acknowledge the power of God. If I was to entitle the lesson, I would title it "The Power of God." It was pointed out that Joshua never lost sight to give God the glory and always faith in God. One phrase that God assured Joshua repeatedly was "be strong and of a good courage." In Joshua 1:5,6 where it states "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of good courage: ..."

Sunday evening lesson was entitled "One Thing." Brother Wyatt gave four examples from the New Testament of illustrations of one things that were addressed.

Next Sunday let me encourage you to do "one" thing; attend worship services. This one thing on the first day of the week will start your week off well and let me encourage you to "Seek ye first the kingdom of God."

Ron Wallace

RON'S REMINDERS



"What I have written, I have written."

Have you ever intentionally invested a significant amount of time in a prayer of thanksgiving to Jehovah God for the sacred honor, privilege, and blessing of reading and studying His holy and divine Word? We live such hurried, scattered, inconsequential lives that we overlook the blessed sanctity of these precious, profound moments, don't we? It is so very easy to allow layers of dust to accumulate on the covers of the sacred text and our souls—when we fail to drink deeply from this eternal fountain of God's treasures. I pray that we will always cherish, relish, and keep these intimate interactions near and dear to our hearts! So here is a spiritual nugget that recently blessed my life and I hope it does the same for you.

I was reading and thinking through chapters 18 and 19 of the Gospel of John and was struck once again by the worldliness and spiritual shallowness of Pilate. Do yourself a favor: start reading in John 18:28 and underline the questions that Pilate asks Jesus. While I have always been fascinated by his timeless statement of "what I have written, I have written," I wasn't able to see how disconnected he was from reality, honesty, transparency, and candor until I chronicled the questions, he asked Jesus. It was not magnanimous nor noble in application but rather a sorrowful admission and rebuke to those who needled/pestered him into violating his own conscience. Oh, if only he and several government officials in the 21th century could manifest a spiritual backbone! As I reflected upon this powerful section of Scripture, it dawned on me that all of us are busily writing our very own eternal autobiography. As each day passes, we are doing three things. We are:

- Writing upon the tablets of our own souls
- Writing on the tablet of other people's souls
- · Writing in the tablet of eternity

As you think about each of the aforementioned areas, you'll notice that we primarily have the ability to ponder, review, and reflect upon our entries but we cannot change or edit what we have said, thought, or done. There is only one person who can make changes/edits to our tablets and autobiographies—and that's God Almighty!

We, along with Pilate, have to reveal crucial acts of decision that will determine our eternal destiny. We will appeal/surrender to one of two worlds:

- The world of everlasting truth, what is right, what is godly
- The world of self-interest, what is wrong, what is ungodly

The last thing mentioned about Pilate in the Gospel of John was that he gave Joseph of Arimathea permission to claim Jesus' body after the crucifixion (John 19:38). I wonder how well he slept that night . . . Unfortunately, he even failed to heed the prescient warning from his wife who told him not to have anything to do with that innocent man (Matthew 27: 19 NAS). But again, the story is larger than-Pilate - it encompasses all of us. How is your eternal autobiography today? Are you making entries that demonstrate your obedience and surrender to Christ or have you enthroned self and continue to crucify Christ afresh? Let's make every effort to live, love, serve, obey, surrender, and honor Jesus so that our Heavenly Father will record our names in the Lamb's Book of Life (Philippians 4:3). After all, His book is the only one that matters!

Billy R. Davis, PH.D. USAF Ret., Think Magazine December 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*BIRTHDAY **ANNIVERSARY Please advise us of your birthday and anniversary if they do not appear on our calendar.		1 Deut. 26-28	2 Deut. 29-31	3 Deut. 32-34	4 Josh. 1-4 *Anita Shepherd	5 Josh. 5-7
6 Josh. 8-10	7 Josh. 11-13	8 Josh. 14-16	9 Josh. 17-19 *Martha Jo Hagstrom	10 Josh. 20-22	11 Josh. 23- Judg. 1	12 Judg. 2-4
13 Judg. 5-7 Daylight Saving Time Begins	14 Judg. 8-10	15 Judg. 11-13	16 Judg. 14-16	17 Judg. 17-20	18 Judg. 21- Ruth 2	19 Ruth 3- I Sam. 1 1st Day of Spring
20 I Sam. 2-4	21 ISam. 5-7	22 1Sam. 8-10	23 1 Sam. 11-13	24 1 Sam.14-16	25 1 Sam. 17-19	D/W/\
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