

# BRADY LANE LEDGER

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## Brady Lane Church

Believing–Living–Connecting

### THE BIG THREE!

#### End of Summer Bash

End of Summer Bash will be on August 1, 2020 from 5-8pm. Carnival Games, Food, and Fun! For All Ages! Join us! Hosted by the Next Generation Team.

#### Upcoming Events/Schedule

Sunday School Opens Sunday

August 1 - End of Summer Bash

August 9 - Kids Sunday School Begins.

#### Back to Church Policies

- Refrain from handshakes and hugs and try to social distance
- Utilize hand sanitizer stations around the church
- If you have to sneeze or cough do so into your elbow...please cover your mouth. If sick...stay home!
- We will utilize communion stations rather than pass trays and plates. Instructions will be given during service. There will be a offering box on the entrance table.
- If you plan to sing bring a mask
- Brady Lane Kids ministry is in the 11am service only.

## Men of Issachar

The following is an excerpt of an article written by Dr. James E. White, Sr. Pastor from Mecklenburg Community Church in Charlotte, N.C.

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***From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders.... All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take" (1 Chronicles 12:32, NLT).***

Does that grab you at all?

They knew the "signs of the times" and how best to live in light of them. To me, that is a powerful and important combination.

First, we need to know the signs of the times.

To know the signs of the times is more than headlines and tweets—it is knowing what is significant among the happenings of our world: events and movements, trends and ideologies, currents and worldviews.

It's knowing what is shaping us, forming us, molding us. It's knowing that as human beings, we are now alive at a given moment in time; an era that is full of significance, positioned uniquely in the wider story of the world as the world moves toward the final chapter. But that's not all.

The men of Issachar didn't simply know those signs, but knew how to then live in light of them. They had a sense of what to think, how to act and the manner in which to respond. They knew the role their lives had to play in light of the moment in which they lived.

Knowing the signs of the times and how then to live has to be the most pressing challenge facing any life. Because here's the full extent of the Issachar question: What is...

... the nature of the world in which I am living?

... the challenge(s) of my generation?

... the status of the epic struggle between good and evil, right and wrong?

## Faith Over Fear

By Don Roberts

As Christians we need to keep our focus on our relationship with God who is the creator and sustainer of all things! Now is the time for us to remember the words of God to Joshua after Moses had died and God had put him in charge of the children of Israel as they were about to enter the promised land. Here is what God said to Joshua, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD you God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

We are being told that we need to be afraid and hide but we are not alone and have the creator of all things with us and He tells us to not be terrified or discouraged but to trust in Him. Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight."

Consider Hebrews 12:1-3 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured each opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

We are the messengers of God here in Lafayette and we need to show our faith through our actions. We are being watched to see how our faith is lived out in our daily lives.



... the direction this culture headed?  
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... the nature of the world's great crisis?

And then from that, a second question:  
How should I then live? How do I live a life of meaning, consequence, impact and influence for the cause of Christ?

And most of all, how should the church take its place in the vanguard of cultural engagement and missional force. Do you see the challenge of the men of Issachar? To know the signs of the times and how to then live?

You should.  
Now more than ever.

### ***Let's live as though peoples lives depended on us!***

Response by Jeff Keller

This is part of an article written by Dr. White for his Church & Culture Blog from July 6 and then reprinted in our recent E2 Effective Elders weekly newsletter last Friday.

I like to share thoughts and articles by others from time to time because A-They speak to me. And B - you need to hear from more people speaking God's truth than just me.

I just have a couple of thoughts in response to this excerpt:

What should we be doing as a church - how should we be responding as Christ's disciples to the things happening around us. I think it comes down to three words...

### ***FAITH, FORGIVENESS, and FREEDOM.***

I want to encourage you to exhibit these traits we receive from Christ to those around you. We are said to be Jesus' hands and feet. Let's show people our faith, let's show people forgiveness and love, let's teach people how to live in the freedom from fear and anxiety by showing them how to walk with Jesus Christ.

Let's live our lives as though people's eternal lives depended on us! Of course we don't save anyone...Jesus does that...but let's live out our faith with passion and let's love people tirelessly. We can effect real change and we can help people overcome their fears if we can lead them to Christ!

### **Join us this week!**

Services at 8:30am and 11am on campus  
Live online at 11am on YouTube