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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.

##### **TUESDAY**

Ladies Bible Class (Sept. - May) ..... 10:00 a.m.

##### **WEDNESDAY**

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

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## ON THE HOME FRONT

**Gary Colley**

We have several dates that we would like for everyone to place on their calendar for special times at Getwell! We are looking forward to having brother Robert Rawson, of Senatobia, MS, to be with us for our Gospel meeting May 3-6, 2015. We know that the Gospel will be preached, and hence we hope that you and your friends will make your plans to attend. Our service times will be Sunday 9:30 A.M. for Bible study, 10:20 for the morning worship service, and each evening at 7:00 P.M.

We are also already planning for our Spiritual Sword Lectureship, October 18-21, 2015. Speakers have been contacted, and we appreciate their response to be with us. They are busy now making their manuscripts, and you will not want to miss a single service. The Theme this year will be *Great Bible Portraits of the New Testament*. This will be a companion study of our last year's theme, *Great Bible Portraits of the Old Testament*. These will be printed in books that will serve as a great reference work for any library. You can obtain either or both of these books by contacting our offices at Getwell. We certainly are looking forward to large crowds again this year.

What a wonderful time of the year we are enjoying! The trees, grass, and flowers are springing forth! With our sprinkling systems we can cover a small area, but God with His might can cover large portions of the earth! What a wonderful God we have to serve!

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# Where in the Bible Will I Find . . .

Gary Colley

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## **“The Sinner’s Prayer”?**

Millions of tracts have been distributed in hospitals, restaurants, etc., with some version of “the sinner’s prayer.” There are many differing versions, since this “prayer” is manmade and is not to be found in the Bible. The Bible makes it very clear that prayer is the privilege of Christians, not alien sinners (Matt 6:9; I Pet. 3:12). God has no children out of His family, who can rightfully call Him Father. One must be “in Christ” to be called a son or daughter of God. To be “in Christ” means to be in His church or body (II Cor. 6:17-18; Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18). All must enter into Christ in the same way, by faith, repentance, confession, and baptism, but not prayer (Jn. 8:24; Lk. 13:3; Matt. 10:32-33; Mk. 16:15-16). The first thing a sinner needs to do is not pray, but obey (Heb. 5:8-9). Yet, there are some religious folks who do not enforce God’s desires for all men to be saved in His appointed way (I Tim. 2:4). It gives the lost a false security to think they are saved by merely saying, “Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God and that you died on the cross for my sins to save me from eternal death. I open the door of my life and receive you as my Savior and Lord. I give you my life. Help me to be what you want me to be. Amen.” Peter, by the Holy Spirit’s guidance, told lost souls on Pentecost to obey, rather than pray (Acts 2:38). What Peter said then and what men say today does not match. Peter is right; men are wrong. Upon the command to “repent and be baptized” for their salvation, the Bible says that “they that gladly received his word were baptized,” and the Lord added them to the church (Acts 2:41, 47). They then continued steadfastly in prayer (Acts 2:42). The Bible says that God hears not sinners (Jn. 9:31), He is far from the wicked (Prov. 15:9), the sinner’s prayer is an abomination (Prov. 28:9), and that the face of the Lord is against evil doers (Psa. 34:16; I Pet. 3:12). We hope that these thoughts will encourage men to come into Christ, His church, where they may have the blessing of prayer.

## **Women Being Silent in Worship?**

Women are very important in the work of the church. They are, as the men, to “confess with the mouth the Lord Jesus” before others in the church (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32; Acts 8:37-39), sing in the congregation (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17), and pray in the church (Acts 12:5). However, in none of these things does God allow them to take the lead over men (I Tim. 3:14-15). There are three contexts in the New Testament which discuss the distinctive roles of men and women in the church. These texts describe how godly women are to be in subjection to the church. Please note these basic verses:

1. “But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God” (I Cor. 11:3).
2. “For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church” (I Cor. 14:33-35).
3. “Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence” (I Tim 2:11-12).

The Bible clearly teaches that in relation to our salvation “there is neither male nor female” insofar as being accepted into the mercy of God by the Gospel. Yet, each is only accepted upon his or her faith, repentance, confession, and baptism into Christ (Gal. 3:26-27). Since in salvation God is “no respecter of persons” (Acts 10:34), all are entitled to the blessings in Christ (Eph. 1:3). But for certain, leadership roles are given to men to be elders, preachers, deacons, etc., and to take the leading parts in directing worship. From the cited passages, women are not to in any way “usurp authority over the man” in the church.

# RON'S REMINDERS



We had two excellent lessons this past Lord's day concerning the subject of Hell and, of course, eternal punishment. I would hope it would cause one to consider their spiritual condition. As brother Colley said repeatedly, we have one of two destinations to which we will go when we die. In connection with this subject, we have a tract in our tract rack that gives us a glimpse of the afterlife. The tract is entitled "The Rich Man, The Desperate Man," written by Allen Webster. This tract would be profitable for your own reading or to give to a friend or loved one.

In other news, we are having photos taken for our pictorial directory April 23-25. In order for a pictorial directory to be useful, we need as much participation as possible. Let me urge you to sign up for an appointment as soon as possible.

Keep in mind that our gospel meeting will be May 3 through May 6. Robert Rawson, a long time friend of Getwell and a long time personal friend, will be conducting our meeting. Invitation cards will be ready very soon.

I had a great experience over the weekend at Freed-Hardeman University. I was thoroughly entertained by the "Makin' Music" production. It has been happening annually since 1976 by the various social clubs on campus. Jacob and his wife, Rebecca, participated in these productions, and this past weekend June and Noah were part of the entertainment. The theme of the program this year was "Written In These Halls." The excitement, preparation, and enthusiasm of these Christian young people was electrifying. I look forward to next year.

On a somber note, there is a student at Freed-Hardeman University who is fighting cancer. His name is Don Alan Riggs, and he is 19 years of age. Noah has three classes with him. He is currently undergoing treatment at St. Jude, and he is constantly on the minds and in the prayers of his fellow students. On the

evening of April 7<sup>th</sup> the students held a prayer vigil for Don in the common area of the school. As you read this article, pause for a moment and pray to our Father in Heaven on Don's behalf.

In Proverbs 6:16-17, we are told the shedding of innocent blood is an abomination to the Lord. When Jim Laws preached here, he preached a lesson on the evils of abortion. After the lesson a member commented at the door that he did not appreciate political sermons from the pulpit. Jim was appalled that this person viewed abortion only as a political issue and not the moral issue which abortion is. Let us look at some facts concerning abortion (quoted from AbortionFacts.com).

- (1) Every abortion kills an innocent human being.
- (2) Every human being is a person.
- (3) Beginning at conception, every pregnancy involves two or more bodies.
- (4) It is just, reasonable, and necessary for society to outlaw certain choices.
- (5) The right not to be killed supersedes the right to not be pregnant.
- (6) Poverty, rape, disability, or "unwantedness" do not morally justify abortion.
- (7) The differences between embryos and adults are differences of degree, not of kind.
- (8) Less than 1% of all abortions are performed to save the life of the mother.
- (9) To be only "personally pro-life" is to be not pro-life at all.
- (10) If there is uncertainty about when human life begins, the benefit of the doubt should go to preserving life.

Since 1973, when abortion was legalized in the United States, there have been more than 50 million abortions (World Press).

— Ron Wallace