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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

Several of the members of the Getwell church of Christ have special concerns at this time. We were shocked and sorry about the heart attack suffered by Pat Phillips on Monday morning, August 31, 2015! He had not felt well for several days but had no idea it was a problem with his heart. However, the main artery of his heart was 100% closed. With a quick stent implanted in his heart, he expects to be feeling much better soon. We ask all to pray for his complete and speedy recovery.

The freedom of our nation is especially under attack in many different areas today! America was founded on Christian principles, and when these principles are compromised, or completely removed, our nation will completely change from its foundations! A quote appearing recently in REASON & REVELATION, speaks of remarks given on October 20, 1779, "thanking God in that 'He hath diffused the glorious light of the gospel, whereby, through the merits of our gracious Redeemer, we may become heirs of his eternal glory' and beseeching Him to 'grant to his church the plentiful effusions of divine grace, and pour out His Holy Spirit on all ministers of the gospel . . . and spread the light of Christian knowledge through the remotest corner of the earth . . . that He would in mercy look down upon us, pardon our sins and receive us into His favor. And finally, that He would establish the independence of these United States upon the basis of religion and virtue" (Miller, 2009). It is certainly true that the founders of our nation, as far as they understood the Word of God, were lovers of the Bible and Christianity! Our prayer is that it be so with all once again!

Where in the Bible Will I Find . . .

Gary Colley

How To Establish Bible Faith?

Many truly do not know how Bible faith is established in the heart of man. They have heard that feelings produce faith, direct operations of the Holy Spirit produce faith, miracles produce Bible faith, unexplainable experiences in their life produce faith, or that near fatal accidents produce Bible faith. However, none of these ways produce Bible faith! Bible faith is produced only in one way, by hearing and believing God's Word (Rom.10:17). If one is unwilling to read and study the Bible, he will never have Bible faith (II Tim. 2:15). If one is unwilling to accept what the Bible reveals, he will never have Bible faith (Heb. 11:1, 6). Some Bible facts are rejected by men today because they think that they defy science, or human logic, or usual human experience. Recorded events of the Bible are questioned and disbelieved because man's thinking does not want to receive the validity and historicity of the characters or events. Some claim to believe in Jesus as the Savior of the world, while at the same time rejecting one or more Old Testament events. DO YOU BELIEVE THE ACCOUNT OF:

Adam and Eve?	JESUS DID. Matt. 19:4.
Noah and the flood?	JESUS DID. Lk. 17:26-27.
Abraham, Isaac & Jacob?	JESUS DID. Matt. 8:11.
Lot& Sodom?	JESUS DID. Lk. 17:28-20.
Lot's wife?	JESUS DID. Lk. 17:32.
Moses & the serpent?	JESUS DID. Jn. 3:14.
Moses & the manna?	JESUS DID. Jn. 6:31.
Many dying in the wilderness?	JESUS DID. Jn. 6:49
Jonah & the great fish?	JESUS DID. Matt. 39:40.
Jonah & Nineveh?	JESUS DID. Matt. 12:41.
Solomon's wealth & wisdom?	JESUS DID. Matt. 6:29; 12:42
Elijah & Elisha?	JESUS DID. Lk. 4:26-27.
Daniel?	JESUS DID. Matt. 24:15.

If we do not believe in the Old Testament accounts, which are not now for our law but for our learning (Rom. 15:4), then we cannot rightfully say we believe in Jesus either! If you do not believe what Jesus said, what do you believe? We exhort you to believe in God and His Word. It has never been proven wrong (Matt. 24:35)!

RON'S REMINDERS



With the recent happenings in Kentucky with Kim Davis and the recent prohibition of prayers and Bible studies in Brandon, Mississippi, I thought it would be good to be reminded what the U. S. Constitution says about Congress' role toward religion.

The first amendment of the U. S. Constitution states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Perspective

by Neil Emory

Caesar and Christ

The question of whether Christians should be involved with politics is one we have struggled with for centuries. Many have concluded that Christians should not participate in politics or government in any way. Some have even refused to vote, pointing to Jesus' statement, "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Mark 12:17; Luke 20:25 ESV).

Other Christians argue that Jesus said this in response to a question about taxes and that Caesar represented an occupying government far away over which His audience could have no influence. As Abraham Lincoln put it, the United States was founded as a "government of the people, by the people, and for the people." In theory, at least, the people whom the government presides over are the same people who control the government. In this way, every American is a Caesar.

Our faith in Christ will be evident by what we say, what we do, and what we don't. As with the servants in Jesus' parable of the talents

(Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 19:12-17), we will be held accountable for how we use or don't use the blessings we've been given. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil" (2 Corinthians 5:10). Even how we use or don't use our ability to vote matters to God.

As Christians, we know that the world is not our true home. Yet, we are still in the world and have been commanded to be godly influences upon it. If we see our vote as a God-given blessing, we will understand that great care must be used in exercising it.

Decisions made by political leaders have affected God's people enormously. We read examples in the New Testament of men like the Herods, Pilate, Felix, the Caesars and their impact upon the followers of Christ.

It is vital that we never see any political candidate as a perfect representation of Christian values. As Jesus said, "No one is good except God alone" (Luke 18:19). Cynical though it may sound, we are called on to choose between imperfect candidates when voting. With knowledge of issues, examination of candidates and study of the Bible, we can determine the best option. Consider a few pressing political issues facing America: sexual perversion, marriage, equality, abortion, standards of justice and decency. Which of these is not addressed by the Bible?

Our God is larger than any candidate, ruler or government. Christians should thank Him daily for being subject to His rule and the kingdom of His Son.

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