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#### SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY ACTIVITY

SUNDAY	
Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:20 a.m.
Worship	
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**

For 40 years the **Spiritual Sword Lectureship** has been a major lectureship in our brotherhood. These outstanding lectureship programs have been a continual work of the Getwell church of Christ. Untold good has been accomplished in this work, and we believe this year will be no exception. All are encouraged to purchase several of the books for personal use, the use of the family, and for the church library. No comparable book to our knowledge has been printed on *Great Bible Portraits of the New Testament*.

You can also participate in some of the most beautiful singing this side of Heaven, directed by brother Pat Phillips.

If you need help in finding a place to stay while in Memphis, please note the available motels on the back of the brochure. If these are not suitable with you, please contact the church office for additional help, 901-743-0464.

Please make your plans to attend all of this series of lectures! We look forward to seeing you in each of these sessions, October 18-21, 2015.

# Where in the Bible Will I Find ...

Gary Colley

## What Is Right About Baptism?

All religions teach baptism in some form. Though the Bible teaches the original meaning of baptism, to immerse or bury in water, some practice sprinkling or pouring instead. Some "baptize" (sprinkle) the infants of those whose parents are members of their church. However, though there should not be. There are many confusing voices in religion! The Scriptures teach that "God is not the author of confusion" (I Cor. 14:33). The reason differences are present today is due to the human creeds subscribed to, in addition to the Bible (I Cor. 1:10). If we desire truth, let us be honest with the Scriptures. Honest people who heard Paul "searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). Study your Bible to know the difference between truth and error (II Tim. 2:15). Which of these contradictory teachings are right and which are wrong about baptism?

- 1. "He that believeth and is saved shall be baptized," or "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mk. 16:116-16)?
- 2. "Baptism is not for the remission of sins," or "Baptism is for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38)?
- "Baptism doth not also now save us," or "Baptism doth also now save us" (I Pet. 3:21)?
- 4. "Except a baby be born of water and the Spirit," or "Except a man be born of water and the Spirit" (Jn. 3:3-5)?
- 5. "The sinner does not wash away sins in baptism," or "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:15)?
- 6. "One has the new life at the point of faith and before baptism," or "One is raised from baptism to the new life" (Rom. 6:3-4)?

Let us not blindly follow blind guides (Matt. 15:34-14)! Search the Scriptures (Jn. 5:39-40). "Examine yourself, whether ye be in the faith" (II Cor. 13:5). We must answer to God alone, for our soul's welfare!

# When Christians Are To Partake Of the Lord's Supper

Sadly, many people without question accept what their denomination teaches rather than what the Bible teaches. This would not be so serious if it were not true that all will be judged by the Bible (Jn. 12:48). This action is true of many subjects, such as baptism, women not usurping authority over man, instrumental music in worship, and even when we are to partake of the Lord's Supper. Some teach that we are to partake of the Lord's Supper monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually, though the Bible does not authorize any of these times. Some teach that we can partake of the Lord's Supper at a wedding on Thursday night, or in other special occasions on any and every day of the week. But do not be deceived! The Bible does not authorize this either! (Gal. 1:8-9; II Jn. 9-11).

#### What Does the Bible Teach?

Christians are taught in the Bible to partake of the Lord's Supper every first day of the week or every Sunday, and only on Sunday or the first day of the week. Let us study and act so as to show ourselves approved unto God (II Tim. 2:15). In Matthew 28:18, after His resurrection (Mk. 16:9), Jesus said He had been given by God all authority "in heaven and in earth." Before His ascension, He told the apostles to teach and baptize all believers by His authority. He then commanded the apostles, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (v. 20). This they did after they had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and had done "many wonders and signs" to convince their hearers their message was from Heaven (Acts 2:1-4, 43. The apostles taught those baptized believers what they were to practice in worship on Pentecost, when the church was established, the first day of the week or Sunday. They taught early Christians to continue "steadfastly . . . In breaking of bread" (Acts 2:42). These early Christians, who were under the direction of inspired men, partook "steadfastly," but when? Every first day of the week (Acts 20:7). This is also true today of all who follow the authority of Christ (I Cor. 11:1).

# 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Spiritual Sword Lectureship Great Bible Portraits of the New Testament October 18-21, 2015

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:30 A.M.	Portrait of John the Baptist	Gary Colley
10:20 A.M.	Portrait of Jesus	Alan E. Highers
6:30 P.M.	Congregational Singing	Daniel P. Phillips
7:00 P.M.	Portrait of Peter	Billy Bland
8:00 P.M.	Portrait of Paul	Cameron Freeman

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 19**

9:00 A.M.	Portrait of Joseph and Mary	Bobby Liddell
10:00 A.M.	Portrait of Andrew	Mark Teske
11:00 A.M.	Portrait of James	Ryan Manning
1:00 P.M.	Portrait of Phillip	Willie Alvarenga
2:00 P.M.	Portrait of Thomas	Dan Cates
3:00 P.M.	Portrait of Judas Iscariot	David H. Prophater
6:30 P.M.	Congregational Singing	Daniel P. Phillips
7:00 P.M.	Portrait of Herod	Tommy Hicks
8:00 P.M.	Portrait of Mary Magdalene	Jeff Jenkins

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20**

9:00 A.M.	Portrait of Cornelius	. Victor Eskew
10:00 A.M.	Portrait of Mary, Martha, Lazarus	Randall M. Evans
11:00 A.M.	Portrait of the Widow and Her Mites	. Mike McDaniel
1:00 P.M.	Portrait of Nicodemus	. Robert Jefferies
2:00 P.M.	Portrait of Ananias and Sapphira	. Ben Giselbach
3:00 P.M.	Portrait of Stephen	. Roger Jackson
6:30 P.M.	Congregational Singing	Daniel P. Phillips
7:00 P.M.	Portrait of Titus	. Glenn Colley
8:00 P.M.	Portrait of Matthew	Paul Sain

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00 A.M.	Portrait of Barnabas	Caleb Colley
10:00 A.M.	Portrait of Elymas	Keith Mosher, Sr.
11:00 A.M.	Portrait of Timothy	Jason Hilburn
1:00 P.M.	Portrait of Lydia	Mike Hixson
2:00 P.M.	Portrait of Demetrius	David Powell
3:00 P.M.	Portrait of Jude	John Scaggs, Jr.
6:30 P.M.	Congregational Singing	Daniel P. Phillips
7:00 P.M.	Portrait of Dorcas	B. J. Clarke
8:00 P.M.	Portrait of John the Apostle	Robert R. Taylor, Jr.