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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

The Getwell members continue to do well though we are in the winter season. There has been some illness, but, generally, all are doing well. We are grateful for the many blessings our Father has given and pray for His continued physical blessings to attend us. We continue to have visitors at almost every service, and for this we are delighted. We say to each of our visitors, "Please come again anytime!"

Because of the devil's work (I Jn. 2:15-17; I Pet. 5:8), many in the world are having trouble with the Bible teaching concerning marriage, divorce, and remarriage. So many have looked for "loop-holes" that would change the Lord's teaching about these matters, but none of these theories are acceptable.

Some claim they cannot live with just one mate, but they want several mates, which is called "polygamy." "Monogamy," which is God's plan taught throughout the Bible, means one man for one woman, for life. This is made very clear from the beginning of creation. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. . . . So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Gen. 1:26-27).

Coming to the New Testament, Jesus refers back to the original teaching of God and adds His own authority (Matt. 26:28). "They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery (Matt. 19:7-9). We would have to have a lot of wrong help to misunderstand these clear words by our Lord! Along with the verses above, please read and study these additional verses: Genesis 2:24; Matthew 5:32; Mark 10:6-12; I Corinthians 7:2; I Timothy 3:2).

Where in the Bible Will I Find . . .

Gary Colley

That Worship Is Giving Instead of Getting?

How often we hear people say or imply as they exit the worship service, "I did not get anything out of worship today." Some then refuse to return to the worship services. Some way we have developed the false, self-centered concept that the worshiper is to receive, rather than give! Often, one expects to be "lifted," almost as if by some magical power, from the doldrums of personal problems to exhibiting spiritual heights. Some consider that the song leader, preacher, and teachers are there to perform for them. If the "performance" is not to their suiting, they will look for their needs to be fulfilled somewhere else. While it is true that these leaders will inspire, encourage, edify, and lift up the sincere heart by the teaching of Truth, that is not the basic reason we come to worship our God! Please note just a few significant passages that show that first and foremost we are to assemble to render praise unto God:

- ◆ "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" (Psa. 116: 12) .
- ◆ "I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people" (Psa. 116:14).
- ◆ "I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord (Psa. 116:17).
- ◆ "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God" (Psa. 50:23).
- ◆ "God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (Jn. 4:24).
- ◆ "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Eph. 1:3) .
- ◆ "Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our god is a consuming fire" (Heb. 12:28-29).
- ◆ "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name" (Heb. 13:15).

These Scriptures are only a sample of the host of references emphasizing the worshipper's need to give thanks, offer adoration, render praises, in worship from our heart! Our worship should be more of giving rather than of expecting something for ourselves.

RON'S REMINDERS



A wonderful time was had by all who attended the luncheon this past Lord's day honoring a very special group of people here at Getwell—our widows and widowers. This group is loved and appreciated. Entertainment was provided by the Instant Message Quartet, a barbershop quartet.

Please keep in mind that items are currently being collected for the commodities drive for West Tennessee Children's Home. This home is well run and meets the needs of children in troublesome circumstances not of their own making. This children's home is one of four that Getwell helps support. The list of needs is available at the building.

I had the opportunity last week to attend the FHU lectureship. It was a day well spent. I heard three lectures and was able to spend the day with two kids named June and Noah. The theme of this year's lectureship was entitled "In My Place: The Servant Savior in Mark." It was dedicated to the life and work of Cecil May, Jr., of Montgomery, Alabama. Brother May has been preaching since 1951 and served as president of Magnolia Bible College for 17 years. He then served for 15 years as dean of V. P. Black College of Bible Studies at Faulkner University and now serves as Dean Emeritus. Truly, brother May has a servant's heart. Joe Wiley is president of Freed-Hardeman University, and Doug Burleson is director of the FHU Annual Bible Lectureship. This was brother Burleson's first year as director, and he is to be commended for the great task he accomplished. It was a great lectureship.

Recently, we have lost two members of our Getwell family: J. R. Boatwright and Juanita Comstock. Brother Boatwright was a man of courage, exhibited by his war record in the Marines, his years of service in the Memphis Fire Department, and his decision to put on Christ in baptism in 2012. He was a man's man and God's man. Juanita Comstock was our beloved sister in Christ for half a century. One story especially comes to mind to relate to you about sister Comstock—one among many that could be related. Her daughters, Sandra and Kelly, came by the building to drop off dishes and to leave me a very special remembrance from their mother. Let me say here that this is a gift that touched my heart and that I will always carry in my heart. As many of you know, I was very fond of sister Comstock's cookies, to the point of bribing her grandchildren for them when they were kids, giving them candy bars for cookies. I got the better end of the deal. Back to the present, Sandra and Kelly were cleaning out the refrigerator at the house and came across some Comstock cookies in the freezer in baggies, to have ready for guests. They gave them to me. Last night, before eating those cookies with a tall glass of milk, I gave thanks for the cookies and for the life of Juanita Comstock, a life well lived. I thought about asking Kelly for the recipe, but something would always be missing—the loving touch of sister Comstock that touched everything she prepared for her family and friends. I look forward to seeing these two precious souls in heaven one day.

— Ron Wallace