The faithful brethren at Getwell continue to uphold the light of the Gospel to all who will hear the Truth and apply it to their lives. We are grateful to our benevolent God, Who continues to bless us in the work at Getwell. We want the church of Christ to be strong in every place and pray that it may be so!

A negative question is asked by some: “What makes the church weak?” Well, it is the opposite of “What makes the church strong.” Jesus built, purchased, and gave the means in the Gospel by which the church should be strong and be maintained (Matt. 16:18; Acts 20:28; Lk. 8:11; I Tim. 4:16; 4:1-4; Eph. 2:19-22). When this plan, given by the Lord, is not followed, the church is weak. Preachers who will not preach sound doctrine, elders who will not discipline, and deacons that do not stand fast—all of this makes the church weak! Since God receives glory through the church, weakness results in our failure before God to carry out His plan and robs Him of glory (Eph. 3:10-11). It also robs the guilty of salvation! Christ intended the church to be a glorious church, and a tower of strength to all! The church of Christ is the spiritual realm made by God, over which Christ is head, and in which the Holy Spirit dwells by His teaching. It is to be the body of Christ, composed of members who have been born of water and the Spirit (baptized) (Jn. 3:3-5). When some pervert the Word, the church of Christ is under attack. The opinions, philosophy, or “science” originating with men will not make the church strong.
That We Are Not To Judge?

Though it is often said "we are not to judge," this thought is not taught nor is it to be found in the Bible. Most of the time those who glibly use the phrase "judge not" are trying to justify themselves in doing things the Bible condemns. These seem to think NO ONE IS TO JUDGE IN ANYTHING, especially in religion and politics. It is true that we are not to judge without and before knowing the facts of a matter. The Bible says, "Judge not, that ye be not judged: for with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again (Matt. 7:1-2). Jesus is here teaching that as we judge we will be judged, but He is not teaching that we are not to judge at all! For sure Jesus never condemned Himself, as some do today who JUDGE THAT WE SHOULD NOT JUDGE. Jesus did no sin (I Pet. 2:20-22). Jesus never contradicted His own teaching. He again said, "Judge not according to the appearance, but JUDGE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT" (Jn. 7:24). Did Jesus teach some not to judge while teaching others to judge? Not in the least! Take, for instance, the passage reference these use to say "we must not judge" and see how they have twisted our Lord's words. In this same chapter (Matt. 7) Jesus taught us:

1. We must judge the hypocrite (v. 5).
2. We must judge the unholy (v. 6).
3. We must judge the narrow way from the broad way to be saved eternally (vv. 13-14).
4. We must judge those who are false teachers (v. 15).
5. We must judge the fruits of the unrighteous (vv. 16-20).
6. We must judge the wrong of religious folks (vv. 21-22).
7. We must judge the consequence of rejecting Jesus' teaching in our life (v. 24).
8. We must judge whether our house is built on the "rock" of Christ's teaching, or the "sand" of men's doctrines (vv. 25-27).
9. We must judge whether our way of living will stand the test of God's judgement (vv. 25, 27).
10. We must judge the difference between the authority of Christ and that of the scribes (vv. 28-29).

YES, WE ARE TO JUDGE. Shame on the person who wants to change the teaching of Jesus to suit his or her own desires!
The year 2016 here at Getwell has started out very busily. In February we had our Sweetheart Luncheon honoring our widows and widowers. In March we had two events. The first was when we played host to the Freed-Hardeman University Chorale. As usual, they gave a superb performance. Also in March we had our Newcomers’ Luncheon where we recognize those who have been baptized into Christ and those who have chosen to make Getwell their church home.

Coming May 1 through the 4 Cameron Freeman will be the preacher conducting the Gospel meeting. Mark these dates on your calendar and pray for the success of the meeting. But the success of the meeting depends a great deal on each member attending each service and inviting others to attend the services with you to hear and hopefully respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There are several events in the area coming up in the next few weeks worthy of our support and attendance. They are listed below.

Ladies Day, Saturday, April 2
Ripley Church of Christ
1499 Hwy. 51 North, Ripley, TN 38063
R.S.V.P. 731-635-2936
Theme: The Powerful Christian Woman
Speaker: Kathy Pollard
Registration 9:00 a.m.
First Session 9:30 a.m.
Gospel Meeting, April 3-6
Hwy. 77 Church of Christ
960 Hwy. 77 North, Marion, AR 72364
Speaker: John Shannon
Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Monday-Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
F.Y.I. Brother Shannon has a weekly television program at noon on Saturdays on U-verse channel 23, WTWV. The truth is always preached, and you won’t fall asleep.

Girl’s Day
Southaven Church of Christ
1483 Brookhaven Dr., Southaven, MS 38671
Theme: Zero to Hero

Topics and Speakers:
Peter—Loving God — Emily Byrd
Ruth—Loving Others — Alex Scherffius
David—Loving Yourself — Allison Byrd
Paul—Loving Your Mission — Marrissa Teske
Friday Night, April 22
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Lock-In 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

There are certain items needed to bring for the Lock-In. Check our bulletin board or contact the Southaven congregation at 662-393-2690.

Ladies Day, Saturday, April 23
Oakland Church of Christ
35 McAuley St., Oakland, TN 38060
Theme: Sharing Our Faith—Hebrews 11:1
Speaker: Vana Dawidow
Meet & Greet 9:45 a.m.
Program Begins 10:00 a.m.

Ladies Day, Saturday, April 30
Collierville Church of Christ
575 Shelton Rd., Collierville, TN 38017
Topic: Encouragement
Speaker: Belinda Anderson, Henderson, TN
Registration 8:30 a.m.

Ladies Day, Saturday, May 7
Southaven Church of Christ
1483 Brookhaven Dr., Southaven, MS 38671
Topic: Purity—Matthew 5:8
“How Women Can Stay Pure in a Dirty World”
Speaker: Jania Otey
Registration 8:30 a.m.

Germantown Ultimate Youth Rally
Friday & Saturday, May 27 & 28
Germantown Church of Christ
8723 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN 38138
Topic: I Will Win
Speaker: Andrew Howell

This youth rally is highly recommended. I have attended this event for several years, and they always have a dynamic program and fun activities for the young people. Contact the Germantown congregation for more information.