ON THE HOME FRONT

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It is a joy to report on the work at Getwell each week by means of this article. The work continues to be pleasant and helpful to all who love the Truth and want the Gospel taught and preached. In addition to our classes and sermons, we offer our visitors free tracts on many interesting and important subjects. Bible questions are answered in our classes, and suggested topics for the sermons are accepted and appreciated.

We are already preparing for our Gospel meeting to be conducted May 1-4, 2016. We are reaching out to our community who needs to hear the Gospel, and hopefully they will attend many of the services. Of course we always welcome our sister congregations and look forward to having fellowship with them in the Gospel. Our speaker this year will be brother Cameron Freeman, who preaches regularly for the Easthaven congregation. He is an outstanding speaker who loves the Truth, and he delights in preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ as are found in the Gospel. We believe all will be richly blessed by attending this Gospel meeting. Please mark your calendar for May 1-4, and plan to bring all of your family and friends! A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU!!
Bible Authority for All Religious Practices

Many think and state publicly that all religious practices when done with good feelings are authorized by God. For instance, they say it does not matter what one does in worship. But the Bible makes clear that the doctrines of men make our worship vain, empty, worthless (Matt. 15:9). What a strange doctrine! Christians understand that “in Christ” we are dead to the practices of the Law of Moses as well as humanly devised commands (Rom. 7:1-4; Col. 2:14-22). Some say that “one can prove anything by the Bible.” That is a strong and false charge! No one would want another to accuse him of speaking in a manner that anything could be proven by him, regardless of what he says. That would be to call him a liar and a hypocrite! We must have Bible authority for what we believe, teach, and practice, or else we cannot please God (Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:17). To illustrate that all cannot be proven by the Bible, we invite all to search for and give Scriptural authority for the following:

1. Mechanical instruments of music in New Testament worship?
2. Choirs, solos, or quartets in New Testament worship approved of God?
3. “Christ built more than one church”?
4. “One can be saved outside the Lord’s church”?
5. Being a member of a denomination? (These did not exist in the New Testament.)
6. Women preachers?
7. Salvation by “faith only”?
8. Partaking of the Lord’s Supper anytime except the first day of every week?
9. More than one Scriptural cause for divorce and remarriage?
10. Forsaking the assembling of the church with God’s approval?
11. All are going to Heaven regardless of their sins?
12. One can have the spiritual blessings out of Christ?
13. Baptism is not immersion in water for, in order to, the forgiveness of sins?

We are commanded to “prove all things; hold fast that which is good” (I Thess. 5:21). We hope that all will honestly investigate and do only that which is authorized (Matt. 28:18-20).
Gender Ideology Harms Children

“The American College of Pediatricians urges educators and legislators to reject all policies that condition children to accept as normal a life of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex. Facts – not ideology – determine reality.

“1. Human sexuality is an objective biological binary trait: “XY” and “XX” are genetic markers of health – not genetic markers of a disorder. . .

“2. No one is born with a gender. Everyone is born with a biological sex. Gender (an awareness and sense of oneself as male or female) is a sociological and psychological concept; not an objective biological one. . .

“3. A person’s belief that he or she is something they are not is, at best, a sign of confused thinking. . .

“4. Puberty is not a disease and puberty-blocking hormones can be dangerous. . .

“5. According to the DSM-V, as many as 98% of gender confused boys and 88% of gender confused girls eventually accept their biological sex after naturally passing through puberty. . .

“6. Children who use puberty blockers to impersonate the opposite sex will require cross-sex hormones in late adolescence. Cross-sex hormones (testosterone and estrogen) are associated with dangerous health risks including but not limited to high blood pressure, blood clots, stroke and cancer. . .

“7. Rates of suicide are twenty times greater among adults who use cross-sex hormones and undergo sex reassignment surgery, even in Sweden which is among the most LGBQT – affirming countries. . .

“8. Conditioning children into believing a lifetime of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex is normal and healthful is child abuse. . .”

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Note: For the complete article with references please see http://www.acpeds.org/the-college-speaks/position-statements/gender-ideology-harms-children. RW

Suggestions for Rearing Your Children for Christ

1. Begin regular spiritual training now and continue through all their developing years (Proverbs 22:6).

2. Clearly demonstrate to them at all times that God is the most important thing in your life, by never allowing other things to interfere with the worship and work of the Lord (Matthew 6:33).

3. Let their early memories include daily readings of Bible stories and Bible discussions in the family circle (2 Timothy 3:15).

4. Give them their own Bible even before they can read. Read to them from it at home and have them take it to church services (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). In their preschool years have them begin a lifetime habit of regular memorization and review of important Bible verses (Psalm 119:11, 16).

5. Teach them to pray by having them repeat after you phrase by phrase. Pray audibly with them daily (Ephesians 6:18). (Never teach them to memorize a prayer.)


7. Spend the necessary time to be the main spiritual teacher of your children, more than the preacher or teacher (Ephesians 6:4).

8. Teach them that lying is one of the worst things they could ever do (Revelation 21:8, 27), and punish them firmly if they do (Proverbs 29:15-17).

9. Train them early in principles of modesty, and you won't have to combat short shorts, scanty tops, and scanty swim suits in years to come (1 Timothy 2:9).

10. Keep their speech pure by not allowing yourself or them to ever use profanity or even a substitute such as golly, gee, gosh, darn, and heck (Matthew 12:36-37).