

# Good News

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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

A very profitable meeting of the men of the congregation was held recently to offer suggestions as to what we should be doing to further the cause of Christ in our area. We want to do all possible to carry out the Great Commission in the work of the Getwell church of Christ. If our visitors are in need of specific sermons, please write these down and give them to the preacher. We appreciate the interest that was shown in our work. We commend the men who were present and the dedication expressed. The elders will look at these suggestions closely and decide on the actions that we are able to accomplish.

There is one thing that was suggested that we are all able to do presently, and that is to be as friendly to our visitors as possible. Little things like greetings on the parking lot or at the entrances and being helpful in directing our visitors to the class rooms or the auditorium are important to visitors. Informing a visitor of where water fountains or rest rooms are located can be a service we all can perform. It will bring joy, happiness, and relaxation to those who attend our services for the first time. During our recent 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Spiritual Sword Lectureship, the comment was made by visitors that they had never seen a friendlier congregation. When people are asking what they look for in a congregation they would like to attend, the first response is "friendliness." Being cold or aloof to our visitors will not cause them to want to return, but just the opposite action certainly is able to do so. The Golden Rule (Matt. 7:12) should always be remembered.

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# Where in the Bible Will I Find . . .

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## *The Lord's Prayer?*

Jesus, the Lord of glory, prayed often to His Father in Heaven. We do not have all of His prayers or actions recorded in the New Testament (Jn. 21:25). We do know that He prayed all night the night He was to choose the apostles, and the next day, from all of His disciples He chose twelve (Lk. 6:12). He prayed in the garden of Gethsemane (Matt. 26:36-46). One time His disciples heard Him pray and wanted Him to teach them how to pray (Lk. 11:1). Several times in the great Sermon on the Mount the command and manner of prayer is given (Matt. 5-7). Many in the world, even the religious world, think that "The Lord's Prayer" is found in Matthew 6:9-15. Often these words are repeated from the school ground to the battle ground. But, perhaps to the shock of some, we suggest to you that this is not "The Lord's Prayer. Jesus never prayed this prayer. Jesus never commanded His disciples to pray this prayer. His disciples are never recorded praying this prayer. They never repetitiously repeated these words, as some do today. Jesus did teach His disciples how to pray with these words, i.e., the "manner" with which they

should approach the Father's Throne in prayer. After warning that they should not pray just to be seen or heard of men as the hypocrites, Jesus said, "After this manner therefore pray ye . . ." (Matt. 6:5-15). Now, the seventeenth chapter of John does record the "Lord's Prayer. Likewise, it may be called "The Farewell Prayer" of our Lord on earth. Jesus is preparing His disciples to carry on His work on earth after His ascension back to Heaven. Jesus said in this prayer, "The hour is come," i.e., for His suffering, His death, burial, and resurrection (Jn. 17:1). By His work of redemption, He glorified His Father and himself! His mission and work on earth will soon be completed (v. 4). He prays for His disciples, whom He is leaving to do His work, that they may be kept from the evil in the world (v. 15). He prayed for them, that they might all be one in the unity of Truth (vv. 20-21). He who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death is now given a name that is exalted above every name, the name of Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God (Heb. 2:9; Phil. 2:5-11). What a joy it is to serve Him!

# RON'S REMINDERS



## God Still Rules

by Mechelle Bishop

An article was recently found in the *Huffington Post* Blog with the reading "What if God doesn't want America to be great again?" It focused on materialism, selfishness and apostasy, none of which Jesus exemplified. Instead, our Lord was a lowly servant who loved and continues to love everyone, commanding repentance from the things listed above. He even crossed the border, so to speak, to teach a woman who was living in sin (John 4:5-30).

With the election so close, maybe our attention should be turned away from the polls to the Word of God. Maybe our attention should be given to prayer and to the teaching of our neighbors who have no hope. Maybe our attention should be given to answer the question, Is God my king no matter what?

The article found in the paper's blog made me think of Daniel, a young man of 15-18 years old who was among the first to be taken captive by King Nebuchadnezzar, a young man who, in today's time, would have been very impressionable. What made him so different? According to Daniel 1:8, he purposed in his heart not to defile himself.

The word "no" should never be far from the tongue when temptation presents itself. Saying no and acting accordingly is just what Daniel did. He spent much time in prayer and was able to abstain from every form of evil as 1 Thessalonians 5:22 says.

Politicians are trying to force their ideas on God's people today just as the kings did with Daniel and his friends. For example, they were punished for praying and for refusing to worship idols. Our freedom and beliefs are being attacked as well. We are now considered to be "Jesus freaks," backwards, unable to conform to what they say is forward thinking. Business owners who refuse to sell their products to homosexuals have been put in jail for what they say is discrimination. Young people are

being failed in science classes at universities for refusing to do reports on evolution. Abortions are being performed every day because, again, they say it is women's rights. One of our presidential candidates recently stated that churches should be preaching that abortion is okay!

God spoke differently when He told Isaiah to prophesy to the nation of Judah. He, in fact, said, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light, and light for darkness" (Isaiah 5:20).

Our nation is morally confused, taking steps closer to what may be a climax of evil. How long will God continue to tolerate the direction our country is headed? He has often used ungodly men and ungodly nations to accomplish His will. Who can say He won't do that with America? Who can say He will?

Like Daniel, Christians must remain loyal to God, not fearing the outcome. We must have spiritual courage to face the fiery furnace and the lions' den. In the words of Daniel's friends, "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of thy hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up" (Daniel 3:17-18).

The individual who wrote on the *Huffington Post* blog hit a nerve that resonates with people across the nation in one way or another. He stated that he plans to vote knowing that, after all, God is in control. Only He knows who will be the victor November 8, 2016. May we all continue to pray that His will be done, even if it means our nation is humbled.