Our work at Getwell continues to be strong and encouraging. We see men and women being strengthened in the faith of the Gospel and living rewarding lives. This brings happiness to the ones so blessed, as it also does to those who are teaching and preaching. All working together keeps us in the love of God (I Jn. 4:8). We always enjoy our visitors. Soon time will pass from each of us on earth, but for the faithful it will never pass in eternity! An unknown author wrote some years ago “The Clock Of Life,” in which it is stated:

The Clock of Life is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To tell just where the hands will stop—
At late or early hour.
To lose one’s wealth is sad indeed,
To lose one’s health is more;
To lose one’s soul is such a loss
That no man can restore.
The present only is our own,
So live, love, toil with a will.
Place no faith in “Tomorrow,”
For the clock may then be still.
Though many denominational creeds teach that sprinkling or pouring water on a baby will save, the Scriptures do not so teach. Sprinkling or pouring are not "modes" of baptism, since the word baptism means to bury, dip, submerge, etc. (Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12). Other reasons for this error are also to be considered, such as the following. Another must be depended on to say that one has received this "baptism": 1. A baby does not know what is being done and, therefore, cannot answer that the command to be baptized has been obeyed; 2. The families "faith" cannot be passed to the baby since all are individually responsible for obeying the Gospel. Except for the Quakers, baptism in one form or another is required by all religious institutions before one can enter into their church. But the varied teachings from religious leaders leave confusion on the subject, for which the Bible is not to be blamed! Some say baptism is "not for remission of sins," though Christ and Peter in the Bible say baptism is for the remission of sins (Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:38). Jesus taught Nicodemus, an honest inquiring man, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man [not a baby!] be born again, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (Jn. 3:3). And again, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man [not a baby!] be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (Jn. 3:5). No one can possibly misunderstand that this is speaking of a man, not a baby, unless they have the colored glasses of denominational prejudice in their way. Jesus always taught, contrary to what men teach, that infants were SAFE and did not need to be SAVED (Matt. 18:1-3; 19:13-14). Though some men have "decided" that the Lord will accept "infant baptism" for salvation, the Lord has made no promise of this! Infants cannot do the following: 1. Submit for baptism, as Romans 6:16-18 teaches all must do to be saved. 2. Believe with all the heart, as Philip taught the eunuch to do before he could obey the Lord's command to be baptized (Acts 8:37). 3. They cannot repent [change their will] concerning the love and practice of sin, as Luke 13:3, 5 teaches men that they must do. 4. A baby cannot confess with their mouth before men, as Paul taught in Romans 10:9-10. Since a baby can do none of these necessary acts for one to be prepared for baptism, we must conclude that they are not subjects for baptism. Neither is it true that they need to be baptized, according to the Bible. Why, then, will parents submit their precious, pure, sinless children to an ordinance not made in Heaven, but made by "earthly, sensual, devilish" wisdom? (Jas.3:15-18). Since the baby is not submitting to this action, parents should not allow these false teachers to do this act by force!
The Truth About Moral Issues is the title of the book I am currently using in my teenage class. It is a well done book penned by Don Blackwell. He covers topics of interest to teens from a Biblical point of view. I was particularly impressed by the chapter on “Drinking” and the information given on fermentation. I have reproduced the treatment on fermentation in my article found on page 28, giving full credit to Don Blackwell.

#5: In Bible times they had no way to prevent fermentation; therefore, they must have drunk alcoholic wine.

Let’s briefly discuss the fermentation process. Grape juice is composed of two leading elements: sugar and gluten. The decay of the gluten causes the growth of yeast germs. In the presence of the yeast, the sugar in grape juice is gradually converted into alcohol. The ancients had actually figured out a number of different ways to prevent this process from occurring. W. D. Jeffcoat, in his book The Bible and Social Drinking, goes into a detailed explanation of the four processes used to keep fermentation from happening.”

First is boiling: The water evaporates and fermentation cannot occur. Water is added again later to reconstitute the juice.

Second is sulfur: The juice is exposed to sulfur flames, then sealed and kept cool until used.

Third is cooling: The juice is placed in airtight jars and immersed in springs or stored in caves where the temperature remains below 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

The fourth is filtration: The yeast is strained out of the juice, thereby stopping the fermentation process. Plutarch said, “Wine is rendered old or feeble when it is frequently filtered. The strength of the spirit being thus excluded, the wine neither inflames the brain nor infests the mind and passions and is much more pleasant to drink.”

Below is the list of needs from the West Tennessee Children’s Home for the food drive in which Getwell is participating.

- 100% Bottled Apple, Orange & Grape Juice
- Sugar
- Velveeta Cheese
- Cereal (Sweetened)
- Little Debbie Snack Cakes
- Granola Bars and Cereal Bars
- BBQ Sauce
- Hot Sauce
- Gatorade Powdered Mix (canisters)
- Kool-Aid (canisters)
- Salad Dressing (Honey Mustard or Ranch)
- Hamburger Helper
- Rice-A-Roni
- Pasta Sides
- Paper Towels
- Paper Plates
- Plastic Food Wrap
- Automatic Dishwasher Detergent
- Floor Cleaner (Fabuloso or Pinesol)
- 39 & 13 Gallon Garbage Bags with drawstrings
- All Purpose Cleaner and Kitchen Cleaner
- Laundry Detergent (HE liquid)
- Men's Shampoo and Conditioner
- Men's Deodorant

— Ron Wallace