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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.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

Gary Colley

Humanism

We rejoice with the good brethren at Getwell, and in other places, who continue to stand up for the Lord and His cause. We are not ashamed to let others know that we are Christians, no matter how worldly others may live. Jesus said many years ago, "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation: of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels" (Mk.8:38). Our attachment to the Lord and His doctrine should be growing on a continual basis (I Tim.4:16).

The majority of the world is ashamed of the Lord and His word. Secular humanists are growing in number and spreading their error by means of radio, TV, etc. These preach atheism, evolution, amorality (no morals), the autonomy of man (man is his own god), and a global humanist government. Even with the increased interest in the "New Age Movement" and other movements that threaten the Lord's kingdom, we must not and cannot relax our battle against humanism! By their court battles they have removed prayer from the schools, from courtrooms, football games, and senate chambers. Their promotion of the "rights" of homosexuality, euthanasia (mercy killing), infanticide, abortion, and suicide on demand, along with other things, which ignore God's principles, must not be allowed to go unchallenged. They work hard to keep creation by God out of the textbooks, alleviate national patriotism, and steal the minds of our youth from respect for Biblical morals.

All need to equip themselves with the knowledge of these dangers of humanism. We need to stand up, oppose, expose, and nullify these pernicious endeavors. Keep your Bible close to your hand and heart!

Forbidden Changes

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Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (Jn. 8:32). When one knows the Truth, the forbidden changes of the "Change Agents" and their condemning errors become evident. Mature Christians are able to see the departures from the Word of God (II Jn. 1:9-11). But, the younger, immature novices, or beginning students of the Word, are often deceived by what Paul called the "sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive" (Eph. 4:14). Those who call themselves "Change Agents" are today leading congregations away from the faith and "the hope of the Gospel" (Col. 1:23). The anchor for the soul—the moorings of Truth—are being ignored by them to the extent that some are even establishing their own "Community Churches," which are unknown in the New Testament. These "grievous wolves" (Acts 20:28-32; Mt. 7:15) seek to "draw away disciples after them" and away from the Lord and His church, in which salvation is found (Acts 4:12; Eph. 1:3; 5:23). What are some of the changes on their agenda?

1. They abandon the plea for unity based in the New Testament (Jn. 17:20-21; I Cor. 1:10).
2. They change the plan of worship revealed in the New Testament (Jn. 4:24) into "a celebration" with clapping, lifting of hands, swaying, and other such actions to appeal to the emotions instead of the Bible heart.
3. They extend fellowship to denominations without seeking to correct their errors (Eph. 5:11).
4. They advocate unscriptural concepts of the "direct" operation of the Holy Spirit, separate from and in addition to the Word of God (II Tim. 3:16-17).
5. They press for following a "New Hermeneutic" or new interpretation of the Bible in order to follow their own pernicious ways.
6. They teach that the lost are saved by grace alone and that men are not to obey the Lord in the Heavenly works given for those "created in Christ Jesus unto good works" (Mk. 16:15-16; Eph. 2:8-10).
7. They approve and accept those living in adultery, who are divorced and remarried for reasons other than "fornication" or "death" (Mt. 19:8-9; Rom. 7:1-4).
8. They accept those into their fellowship who have not been baptized "for the remission" of past sins (Acts 2:38-41).
9. They advocate performances in worship, in preaching, "praise teams," and dramatic plays instead of pleasing God in preaching and congregational singing (I Cor. 1:18, 21; Eph. 5:18-19).
10. They ignore the teaching of the Bible by using women instead of men in places of leadership in the church (I Tim. 2:8-15).

Changes such as these will not please God (Rev. 22:18-19). Do not follow those who make them, but "come ye out from among them" (II Cor. 6:17).

Preach Christ, Not the Church?

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The church of the Bible is not a denomination. In fact, the only reference to denominationalism in the New Testament condemns division (I Cor. 1:10-13). Many and various are the teachings of denominations concerning their thoughts on God's plan for saving the world. The different plans offered by men do not change God's divine plan in the least. Some teach babies should be "baptized" by sprinkling or the sinner should pray, instead of obey, or faith alone saves, which is expressly condemned in the Bible (Jas. 2:14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26), or that Jesus saves and not the church and one can be saved *outside* as well as *in* the church of Christ.

None of these are the plan brought to the earth by God. God sent His only begotten Son to seek and save the lost (Jn. 3:16; Lk. 19:10). God's plan was that Jesus should seek the lost by establishing the church. The church was planned, prophesied, promised, and predicted for several hundred years before its establishment. In Acts 2, the church is an established reality and is represented as being the place prepared by Christ for the saved (Acts 2:41, 47).

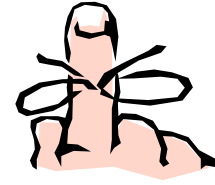
The church is not a *part* of the plan of salvation. It is the plan of salvation. According to the Bible, men cannot be saved outside of Christ, the church, or body of Christ, which terms all refer to the place of salvation. The plan for entering the church of Christ includes a man hearing the word, believing in Christ with all of his heart, repenting of his sins, confessing the name of Christ, and being baptized for the remission of his sins (Acts 8:35-39).

Jesus, in carrying out God's will, never promised to save anyone outside the church which He built with His teaching and purchased with His blood (Mt. 16:18-19; 28:19-20; Acts 20:28). The church is the only institution over which He is head (Eph. 1:22-23) and the only one on the earth now that He promised to save eternally (Eph. 5:23).

With these thoughts clearly before us, one expresses his ignorance of the Scriptures who might say, "I am so glad to hear someone preach Jesus as the Saviour and not the Church as the Saviour." When deadly persecution arose with the stoning of Stephen, the members of the church at Jerusalem were "scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria" and "went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:1-4).

Preaching Christ and preaching the Word are one and the same (Acts 8:4-5) and the same as preaching the church or kingdom (Acts 8:12). It is important for us to study to be approved of God (II Tim. 2:15).

RON'S REMINDERS



Creation Fact #52 Evidence from Microbiology

The 1/50-inch-long iceplant scale is the scourge of a common landscaping plant. Since this creature is wingless, it was thought to spread from plant to plant by contact. This idea has turned out to be totally incorrect. Biologists have discovered that the iceplant scale sails the wind from plant to plant. **This insect not only has the ability to accurately sense wind velocity and direction, but can turn itself into a tiny bug-shaped parasail.**

Once the insect senses a wind velocity of 10 miles per hour, it determines the wind direction with its antennae. It then proceeds to turn its back to the breeze, rear up on its hind legs, and extend its antennae and legs. This doubles the iceplant scale's surface area and makes it possible for the insect to be lifted and carried by the wind. In essence, the scale makes a parasail out of its body. Scientists found that even one-day-old insects are knowledgeable about flight and ready to migrate. Both the intricate design and instincts within the smallest creatures testify to programming by their Creator.

Creation Fact #53 Evidence from the Worldwide Flood

Sedimentary rock covers almost three-quarters of the earth's surface, including the tops of most mountains. Sedimentary rock forms as sediments (such as sand, silica, and other minerals) settle out of water to later solidify into rock layers. If this sedimentation happens rapidly, as occurs during a flood, organisms can become trapped and later fossilized in the rock layers. These sediments were eroded from previous locations, transported, and then deposited. If a worldwide flood has occurred on the earth, it is not at all surprising that geologists would find fossilized shells and sea creatures all over the earth, including at the tops of the highest mountains. Fossilized sea shells have indeed been found at the very top of Mt. Everest.

This evidence fits perfectly with the description of the worldwide Flood described in the Bible. Geology based on evolutionary assumptions is simply wrong as it makes illogical assumptions in order to account for the worldwide appearance and extent of these sedimentary rock layers without a worldwide Flood.

Creation Fact #54 Evidence from Geology

In public schools, children are usually given only one possible explanation for the geologic features of our planet. **Leaving out alternative evidence, their thoughts are guided toward only one conclusion.** A prime example is the earth science teaching on continental drift. Students are shown that there is a roughly matching fit between the North and South American continents with the African and European continents. They are then told that the rock layers at the edges of these continents match. Finally they are told that the continents are moving apart at approximately 3 cm per year. Under the "critical thinking" questions, students are told the continents are 3,000 miles apart and asked to calculate the time required for them to have reached their present positions.

The problem with this type of teaching is that it sounds logical and scholarly but fails to give students *all* the information they need to draw the correct conclusion. **Left out is the evidence that mechanisms have been identified showing how the continents could have moved apart rapidly in the past.** No mention is made of the evidence showing that the Mid-Atlantic Ridge reveals enormous and rapid geologic activity. Withheld is the evidence indicating rapid formation of mountain ranges. Nor are students exposed to the evidence that current erosion rates show that the continents could not possibly be millions of years old. If students were given all of this additional information, would they still arrive at the conclusion that the earth formed billions of years ago?

– *A Closer Look at the Evidence* by Richard & Tina Kleiss

FAMILY NEWS AND NOTES



I WAS SICK AND YE VISITED ME (MATT. 25:36)

Eddie Hagstrom remains ill at home, and Albert Snyder's mother-in-law is in The Med following a stroke. Also, our former member David Howell requests prayers for his sister, **Peggy Meyer**, who is in serious condition in ICU at Baptist Hospital Memphis. Please remember these with your cards, calls, and prayers, as well as those of our number who are confined at home or in nursing homes: **Hazel Bizzell**, 3910 Stuart Rd. Apt. 701, 38111, 452-2679; **Nell Brandon**, Quince Nursing and Rehab Center, 6733 Quince Rd., Room 2006A, 38119; **Emma Brotherton**, Landmark of DeSoto, 3068 Nail Rd. W., Room 310B, Horn Lake, MS 38637; **Frances Collins**, 4779 Amboy Rd., 38117, 682-6917; **Mary Haynes**, 274 S. Highland, Apt. 808, 38111, 327-2127; **Addie Nelms**, 4007 Dunn Ave., 38111, 743-7554; **Skipper Schulz**, 139 Magnolia Dr., 38117, 683-3049; and **Minnie Wayne**, Gallaway Healthcare Center,

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 16, 2008

Welcome: George Cloys
 Lead Singing: Pat Phillips
 Opening Prayer: Raymond McCoy (a.m.)
 Dewey Murray (p.m.)
 Sermon: Gary Colley
 Closing Prayer: Jack Thomas (a.m.)
 W. T. Hardwick (p.m.)

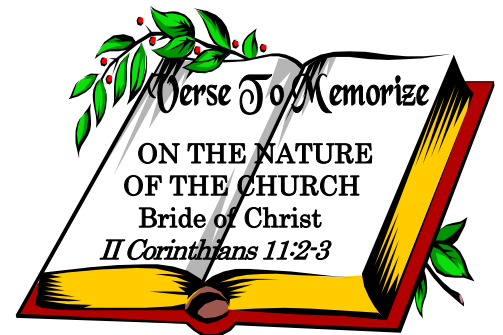
OUR ATTITUDE

November 9, 2008

Bible Study	81
Morning Worship	111
Evening Worship	49
Wednesday (11/5)	45
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