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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

As members of the Getwell congregation, members of the church of Christ, we all are continually challenged to diligently work in the Lord's kingdom (I Cor. 15:58). Faithfulness is commanded by the Lord and His apostles and cannot be ignored nor discounted without consequences. To walk in the steps of our Lord, we must desire to always please the Heavenly Father by serving to the best of our ability and opportunity (I Pet. 2:24; Jn. 8:29).

A new Christian, or one who has recently placed membership with us, would welcome a visit, card, or phone call.

When our many visitors come to our services, we should make it a point to introduce ourselves, make them feel welcome, and invite them to return. Some may be new to our city and are looking for brethren in Christ to give them a warm smile and handshake. If we think a visit to their home would be helpful and encouraging, let us be sure to get their address and phone number.

We need to take the time when possible to visit the lonely in a nursing home, to shorten the long days and let them know they are not forgotten (Jas. 1:27).

Elderly members of the congregation would also welcome a phone call, card, and/or visit. Ill health and advanced age at times prohibit these from attending the worship services. Their past faithfulness should be complimented by our attention to them.

Those who are known to be in the hospital are generally announced in the bulletin and from the pulpit. We need to make a visit to them or give them a call when they return home.

When one misses one or more of the services, it is sometimes a sign of waning faith, which may lead to forsaking all of the assemblies (Heb. 10:25). We need to encourage them to make their path straight and repent.

Please read John 9:4.

Things God Has Joined Together

Gary Colley

Matthew 19:6 speaks particularly about the marriage relationship and says, “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” Only two things can dissolve a marriage in God’s sight—adultery (Mt. 19 :9) and death (Rom. 7:1-5).

God Hath Joined – In Marriage

In Matthew 19:9, Jesus had just referred to God’s original law concerning marriage: “Therefore shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they shall be one flesh” (Gen. 2:24). He quotes Moses’ law in answering the Pharisees who came tempting Him but shows His law to be superior to that law which is now removed (CoI. 2:14; Heb. 10:9-10). Several lessons are evident because God has joined a man and his wife together in marriage:

1. They begin a new home; both parties joined must be ready to leave the domain of father and mother.
2. They are to “cleave” (as if glued) to one another, letting no one or thing come between them.
3. They are to be “one” in purpose, design, and aim for life.
4. Warning is given that no one is to break this marriage asunder (divide it) since God hath joined it together.

God Hath Joined Faith and the Bible

One noted preacher said, “If all the time that I have spent praying for faith was put together, it would be months. I thought that some day faith was going to come down and strike me like lightning. *But faith did not come.* One day I read Romans 10:17: ‘So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.’ I had closed my Bible and prayed for faith. *Now I opened my Bible and began to read God’s word, and faith has been growing ever since.*”

The truth of Romans 10:17 that faith comes by hearing God’s word is also emphasized in Acts 15:7: “. . . that the Gentiles by my mouth should *hear the word of the gospel and believe*”; and Acts 18:8: “the Corinthians hearing believed and were baptized.” Faith and the word of God are

inseparable. “What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”

God Hath Joined Christ and the Church

Individuals are often heard to say, “I want Christ but not the church.” Or, “I believe one can go to heaven without being a member of the church.” If these thoughts are from the Bible, we should all receive and defend them. But, are they?

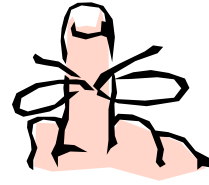
In Matthew 16:18, Jesus promised to build His church. Paul made the comparison of not *putting asunder* (dividing) the *marriage* to not putting asunder *Christ and His church*. God has joined them both. Notice Paul’s inspired words: “For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: *but I speak concerning Christ and the church*” (Eph. 5:31-32).

Paul further stated, “And [God] hath put all things under his [Christ’s] feet, and *gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all*” (Eph. 1:22-23). Since the church is the fulness of Christ, if one is in Christ, he must of necessity be in Christ’s church (Acts 2:41, 47). Therefore, God hath joined together Christ and the church. “*What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*”

God Hath Joined the Blood of Christ and Baptism

In every age of the world, God has required the offering of blood as a sacrifice for sins: “And without shedding of blood is no remission” (Heb. 9:22). Jesus, the Lamb of God for the sin offering (Jn. 1 :29), said He shed His blood “for many for the remission of sins” (Mt. 26:28). His blood was shed in His death on Calvary (Jn. 19:34). Therefore, for man to receive the benefits of Jesus’ blood, he must, in some way, come into contact with the death of Christ. Paul describes *how* man does this: “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were *baptized into his death*? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death” (Rom. 6:3-4). *God hath joined together the blood and baptism.* Have you been baptized? “What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”

RON'S REMINDERS



Creation Fact #49 Evidence from Microbiology

The bdella is an impressive microscopic chemist. During its short 4 hour life span it manages to survive in environments as diverse as fresh water, saltwater, or raw sewage. In the first stage of its life cycle, it uses a flagellum (a long whiplike tail) to swim 10 times faster than its favorite food, E. coli bacteria. When a bdella spots an E. coli, it rams the bacterium and uses at least six different enzymes to bore a hole through the outer membrane of the bacterium. The bdella then drops its flagellum, penetrates the bacterium, and starts the second stage of its life.

As soon as the bdella gets between the inner and outer membrane of the bacterium, it injects a chemical into the bacterium that kills it. In order to keep the dead bacterium for its own use the resourceful parasite injects yet another chemical into the bacterium's cell membrane that causes the outer coat of its prey to harden so that no other bdella can enter the bacterium. Over the next 2 to 3 hours the bdella eats the bacterium and reproduces. The new bdellas break through the dead bacterium's hardened membrane to start the cycle all over again. Even in our fallen world the evidence for design is undeniable.

What enormous faith to believe all of this is a result of random mutations! No wonder Scripture says that only a fool can deny that God exists.

Creation Fact #50 Evidence from Biology

Common Puerto Rican forest frogs (called coqui) are very important to the tropical forest because they are one of the forest's primary insect predators. This type of frog is active and hunts at night because it is extremely susceptible to dehydration, during the day. The frog's eggs must also be kept from drying out. Researchers have found that the frog population is directly related to the number of sheltered spots

available. The female coqui cannot protect her eggs after laying them because she has totally expended her available energy and must leave to find insects to replenish herself. The eggs are laid on land and would die within hours without immediate attention. The dedicated father immediately moves in to keep the eggs moist at all times and safe from predators. To do this the male coqui will sit on the eggs 23 hours a day for up to 3 weeks.

One has to wonder how this coordinated effort between the male and female frog could possibly have evolved. How would the male frog know to take on the sacrificial incubation process as soon as the female disappeared? What told the female to abandon its eggs as soon as they were laid? Instincts, even in our fallen world, must have been programmed by a Creator.

Creation Fact #51 Evidence from Anatomy

David L. Berliner, University of Utah anatomist, discovered the purpose of the vomeronasal organ—VNO for short. In animals, the VNO detects odorless pheromones (chemicals used to communicate messages such as the readiness to mate). For many years evolutionists thought that the human VNO was a useless vestigial organ left over from our distant past. Berliner discovered that the centimeter-long organ in our nose detects odorless human pheromones using a totally different detection system from our sense of smell. This specifically designed organ sends its messages to the hypothalamus (which is responsible for our drives and emotions) while our noses are wired to other sections of the brain.

The discovery of the purpose of the VNO shows that there is still much to learn about our bodies. With continued research, scientists are learning that the organs they once thought to be useless are proving to have very important functions. This is no surprise to creation scientists who understand that our Creator would not have made anything without a purpose.

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

FAMILY NEWS AND NOTES



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

Please remember with your cards, calls, and prayers brother **Eddie Hagstrom**, who is very ill at home. Also, please continue to remember 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, Room 106, 435 Old Brownsville Rd., Gallaway, TN 38036, 317-4590.

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Lead Singing: Pat Phillips
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John Watkins (p.m.)
Sermon: Gary Colley
Closing Prayer: John Chaney (a.m.)
Larry Pike (p.m.)

OUR ATTITUDE

November 2, 2008

Bible Study	88
Morning Worship	94
Evening Worship	59
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