

Good News

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The Getwell congregation sends monthly support to the following:

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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

The good brethren at Getwell are continuing to uphold the Truth in our classes and worship services, as well as in our bulletin, radio work, Spiritual Sword Media TV work (connected with GBN), and in The Spiritual Sword. We realize our responsibility and solemn duty as the church of Christ, to be "the pillar and ground of the truth" (I Tim. 3:14-15). We are presently presenting a series of in-depth lessons on "Worship" each Lord's Day through December. The last Sunday in December, as has been our tradition for many years, we look forward to having brother Robert R. Taylor, Jr. to preach for us. Make your plans to attend!

We recently received an interesting, thought-provoking email concerning "Why Go To Worship?" "A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to worship every Sunday. 'I've gone for 30 years now,' he wrote, 'and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.' This started a real controversy in the 'Letters To The Editor' column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: 'I've been married for 30 years now; in that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to worship for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!'"

Baptist Doctrine Versus the Bible

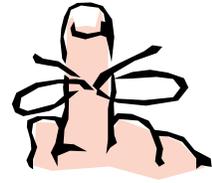
Gary Colley

It saddens us to find the doctrines of men in such magazines as "Mature Living," and in many small tracts that are left in rest rooms and hospitals. Many are going to be led into a false security by the blatantly false teaching in these communications. The article to which we refer in the "Mature Living" (p. 2), presumes to tell people "How to become a Christian." It is really an article on how to become a member of the Baptist church. The Baptist doctrine always presents some truth but then will not tell folks the truth about how to be saved. It goes against their human creed to present the truth from the Bible. They teach that we are saved by "faith only" (Article 5, Baptist Creed). This is a contradiction of the inspired writer James, who wrote, "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and NOT BY FAITH ONLY" (Jas. 2:24). They suggest that one simply "admit to God that you are a sinner. Repent," which in itself denies "faith only." Then the article says, "By faith receive Jesus Christ as God's Son and accept Jesus' gift of forgiveness from sin." Then, "you may pray a prayer . . . 'Dear God, I know that You love me. I confess my sin and

need of salvation.' Then ask for baptism . . . as a public expression of your faith." Here they teach that man is saved before baptism, and that baptism is simply "an outward sign of an inward grace." The Bible teaches that baptism is where the blood of Christ is applied (Rom. 6:3-4) and that it is for (in order to) the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16).

Neither this "prayer" nor their plan of salvation can be found in the Holy Spirit's revelation, the New Testament. Anyone who can locate any such passage in the Bible is invited to send the reference to us so that we may tell others. But, since no one can or will find this "prayer" in the Bible, they should not deceive the hearts of men with such ungodly, deceptive teaching! What Jesus really teaches about salvation may be found in the following passages. Please read them for yourself, and do not be deceived: Romans 5:9; John 3:16; 8:24; Luke 13:3, 5; Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10; Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:18-20. If you desire to see an example of New Testament conversion, please read Acts 8:26-39.

RON'S REMINDERS



Creation Fact #61

Evidence from Anatomy

Babies naturally know how to nurse. Unborn children even practice by sometimes sucking their thumbs in the womb. **When a baby is placed at the nipple of his mother's breast, a fascinating chain reaction is set in motion.** The sucking sensation sends nerve impulses to the hypothalamus in the mother's brain. The hypothalamus sends a message to the pituitary gland, which secretes the hormone oxytocin into the bloodstream.

When oxytocin reaches the breast, cells are stimulated to contract, thus forcing milk into the ducts which carry a perfectly designed liquid to the nipple. Milk starts flowing out of the breast **within 30 seconds** of a baby beginning to nurse.

Is it reasonable to believe this precise sequence of events happened by chance?

Creation Fact #62

Evidence from Earth's Ecology

The hand of our Creator can be seen in the design of the giant fungus Armillaria. **This huge organism has been measured covering 38 acres and weighing as much as a blue whale.** Scientists estimate that some of these organisms have been alive for 1,500 years (based on their current rate of growth). Like most fungi, the Armillaria is made up of tiny tendrils growing almost invisibly underground. The tendrils push small fruiting honey mushrooms above ground as evidence of the larger organism alive below the surface.

Armillarias are usually found in the hardwood forests of North America. The giant fungus is territorial, which means that no two individuals will share the same area. Fungi are critically important components of forest ecology which decompose dead wood, releasing nutrients needed by other plants. **In the decomposition process, the fungi also produce carbon dioxide, which is then used by plants to produce oxygen needed by humans.**

It takes great faith to believe this organized system of maintaining forest ecology, each part

dependant for life upon the other parts, could have evolved by chance random mutations over huge periods of time.

Creation Fact #63

Evidence from Biology

When a predator comes close to a certain species of jellyfish, the jellyfish turns off the lights in its bell-shaped body and turns on the lights at the end of its tentacles. Then the jellyfish stretches its body as far as possible from its tentacles. As the predator approaches the lighted tentacles, the jellyfish switches off all its lights and scoots away as fast as it can. If the predator wasn't fooled and wants to continue the chase, the jellyfish switches to its backup plan. It now turns on both the blue lights in its body and the white lights in its tentacles.

When the attacker is very close, the jellyfish turns off the light in its body and takes off after detaching its still glowing tentacles. The tentacles continue to twist and turn in the water, distracting the predator. Jellyfish are among the most "primitive" multi celled animals, according to evolution. Yet this clever survival strategy clearly demonstrates that **jellyfish are neither simple nor primitive.**

Another kind of jellyfish collects in swimming colonies called siphonophores. These colonies can be up to 40 feet long and function in total darkness more than 1,500 feet beneath the ocean's surface. When they link up, some of the jellyfish act as mouths, while others act as stomachs. Some take care of the swimming, while others cast out their tentacles to gather food. **When joined, they act as one huge single creature!** How did creatures capable of independent survival evolve the ability to function as part of a complex colony? Does this not demonstrate planning and design?

— *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 keep Maxine Garrett in your prayers as she continues to have problems following this week's eye surgery.

Please remember with your cards, calls, and prayers those of our number who are confined at home or in nursing homes: **Hazel Bizzell**, 356 Calle Escada, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459-3698; **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.

LUNCHEON

Everyone is encouraged to attend our potluck Children's Holiday Luncheon this Sunday, December 14, following our morning worship service.

SPIRITUAL SWORD GIFTS

A gift has been received from Mac Bullard (AR) in memory of Velma Ackerman.

Additional gifts have been received from Wong Yu Chung (Singapore), Hottel Springs Church of Christ (MO), L. R. Devore (OH), H. B. Garrison, Jr. (TN), Buster & Matilene McGuire (Memphis).

GUEST SPEAKER

For many years it has been our privilege to have brother Robert R. Taylor, Jr. be the speaker for our services on the last Sunday of the year, and we are delighted to continue that custom this year. Brother Taylor will be speaking at all our services on Sunday, December 28. Please make your plans to be with us.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 14, 2008

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

OUR ATTITUDE

December 7, 2008

Bible Study	84
Morning Worship	101
Evening Worship	39
Wednesday (12/3)	59
Contribution	\$4,028.20
Weekly Budget	\$3,665.00

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