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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 worship services at Getwell continue to be well attended and enjoyable. Faithful Christians realize the great privilege which they have to worship God (Jn. 4:24). He is the giver of every good and perfect gift that we enjoy and deserves our reverence and awe (Jas. 1:17). What a pleasure it is to be surrounded by those of like precious faith! When we miss one or more of the services of the Lord's church, we rob ourselves of the benefits of assembling. Since what Paul wrote is inspired and true, we must listen to Heaven's will. He wrote to Corinth, "Be not deceived: evil companionship corrupts good morals" (I Cor. 15:33), so the positive is also true that good companionship will build us up in good practices in Christ.

We believe that we have some of the best people in the world in the church. They love and encourage one another by their faithfulness, example, and teaching. They can be depended on to be present for every service and are ready to serve in any way they can when called on. It should be the goal of every Christian to be among the faithful. The Judgment will find some who will be on the wrong side, the side of the goats, when the Lord comes (Matt. 25:31-46). It would be good for those who absent themselves from the services of the church to read this passage very carefully when they willfully miss worship.

If there is good reason why you are not attending all of the services of the church (perhaps due to sickness), would you at least pray for those who are attending? We ought to uphold the hands of the elders who have set these times to feed the flock (Acts 20:28; Heb. 13:17).

“Then Sings My Soul . . . ” – II

Gary Colley

Some find no reason to sing!

The atheist, humanist, and evolutionist deny the existence of God and His only begotten Son, Jesus the Christ, and live only for this world! These have no faith in God and, therefore, have no hope beyond the grave! God pronounces them fools (Psa. 14:1). Paul says the cause of their being fools was that they reject “the invisible things of him from the creation of the world” though they “are clearly seen being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in the imaginations (reasonings), and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools” (Rom. 1:20-22).

No Hope

It is hard, if not impossible, to imagine any condition worse than that of having no hope! But, that was the condition of the Ephesians before they were enlightened by the Gospel and embraced it by obedience. Paul said that they were “dead in trespasses and sins” (Eph. 2:1), “That at that time ye were without Christ; being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world” (Eph. 2:12). But, when they “heard the word of truth” (Eph. 1:13), and “the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the

saints” (:18), they were no longer in that dread condition! One observant man, attending the funeral of an atheist, said as he passed the casket of a man who had died in atheism, “What a shame. Here he is, all dressed up, and he has nowhere to go!”

No Reason To Sing

The ones who reject the loving God of Heaven really have no reason to sing! While it is a fact that there are those who act the part of fools, denying there is a God in Heaven who created Heaven and earth (Psa. 14:1; 19:1-3), and others, such as the Humanist, who make themselves and this world their god, the Christian does accept the evidence and His existence and sings praises unto His name. The sadder part of this is that they also reject the grace and mercy of God through the Gospel and “judge themselves unworthy of everlasting life” (Acts 13:46). Because of their unbelief in God, they also reject His Son, and, therefore, Jesus says they cannot go to Heaven (Jn. 8:21, 24). Rather, there is a place called Hell, designated by God in the Bible as being for the devil and his angels, to which these are going after the Judgment (Matt. 25:46).

Heaven Makes Christians Sing

When God is believed and Christ is enthroned in our lives, we rest our weary souls in the riches of their love and promises. How enjoyable to sing with other Christians “What A Fellowship,” “What A Friend We Have In Jesus,” and “Here I labor and toil as I look for a home, just an humble abode among men; While in Heaven a mansion is waiting for me, and a gentle voice pleading, Come In!”

EVOLUTION IN FLORIDA

“THEORY” OR “FACT”?

Jon Gary Williams

The feathers of those who promote the tattered and torn theory of Darwinian evolution have again been ruffled, this time in Florida. Earlier this year advocates of evolution set out to have their state’s textbooks boldly affirm that evolution is fact. Their demand was that the word “theory” not be used, instead the phrase “fundamental fact” be inserted into the text. The Florida Department of Education held meetings to have this issue discussed at which time those from both sides were allowed to present their case. In conjunction with this, the Department of Education received many emails from people on both sides.

Now enters ninety-three year old brother Fred R. Bogle of Orlando, Florida. For many years brother Bogle was with the Space Administration at the space center at Cape Canaveral in contract (*continued on next page*)

(continued from previous page) administration. Though long retired he is still held in high regard. Over the years he has been an active member of the Lord's church. Even at ninety-three he still travels and attends lectureships across the country. He has authored two valuable booklets, *Who Is Saved?*, Volumes I & II (Both are free of charge from *Bulletin Briefs*).

In order to help state officials see the unscientific nature of evolution he mailed (at his own expense) copies of the book *The Other Side of Evolution* to all 158 members of the Florida legislature. Along with the books he included a timely, well-written, personal letter. He mailed the book and his letter to those in the general assembly, the governor, lieutenant governor, commissioner of education, Orange County mayor, court commissioner, superintendent of education and all school board members. 208 in all!

Proponents of evolution were confident their appeal would win approval. However, when the vote was taken by the seven board members, evolutionists were stunned to learn they had been defeated by a four to three margin. They were not a little angry. Not willing to accept defeat they threatened to take their cause to the state legislature and have the ruling overturned (*which request we have since learned was rejected*).

Brother Bogle had followed closely the controversy before the State Board of Education and rejoiced at the victory for truth; then, when he learned of the pro-evolution strategists' threat to take their demands to the state legislature, he said to himself, "I'll be waiting on the steps." He has received a number of positive responses from state and local officials thanking him for his concern and for sending the book. Brother Bogle is to be commended for his insight and dedication. He is, indeed, a tremendous example for us all.

His address: P.O. Box 720482, Orlando, FL 32872.

Sharpening The Sword

Creation Fact #41 Evidence from Biology

"The rare Australian aquatic frog is a perfect example of one of nature's most amazing methods of reproduction. If other creatures attempted this same method, it would be fatal to their young.

"After the eggs of the Australian aquatic frog are laid and fertilized, the female swallows them. Sometimes she waits until they have started to develop, but once the young are in her stomach, the mother stops eating for the next eight weeks. After eight weeks, fully-developed little frogs come out of the mother's mouth!

"What other creature can swallow its young, discontinue eating for eight weeks, and incubate its offspring within its stomach? The young Australian frogs can do this because they release fine threads of special chemicals which prevent the mother's stomach from making digestive acids. These tiny frogs actually change their mother's stomach from an organ of digestion into a comfortable protective nursery. How did the first baby frogs which were swallowed learn to turn off their mother's digestive acids? How did they learn to pass this ability on to the next generation?

"Our Creator loves to amaze us with His creativity!" — *A Closer Look at the Evidence*

— Ron Wallace

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FAMILY NEWS AND NOTES



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

June Barringer has returned home from the hospital. **Wynona Murray** is at home recuperating from knee surgery. **Buddy McDade**, father of Gary McDade, was admitted last week to the hospital in Little Rock, AR, following a heart attack. Please keep all of these in your prayers as well as those of our number who are home bound or in nursing homes: **Hazel Bizzell**, 3910 Stuart Rd. Apt. 701, 38111, 452-2679; **Neil 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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Moses' Masterpiece

October 19-23, 2008

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welcome awaits you.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 24, 2008

Welcome: George Cloys
Lead Singing: Pat Phillips
Opening Prayer: Ron Wallace (a.m.)
Tom Harris (p.m.)
Sermon: Gary Colley
Closing Prayer: Tracy Smitherman (a.m.)
Leonard Hillis (p.m.)

OUR ATTITUDE

August 17, 2008

Bible Study	86
Morning Worship	87
Evening Worship	58
Wednesday (8/13)	61
Contribution	\$3,807.05
Weekly Budget	\$3,665.00

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