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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

FURTHER APPRECIATION EXPRESSED

We enjoyed a wonderful day at Getwell last Lord's Day. In addition to the good audiences for each service, we enjoyed great singing, prayers, and fellowship in the Gospel. We are always happy to have visitors, and we rejoice in the number who came last Sunday. Some who have been members at Getwell in the past returned to give their support to our work, for which we are grateful. Encouraging words for our work continue to warm our hearts. Yes, we expect the members to be present, and we delight in their faithfulness.

The ladies at Getwell prepared and served a lot of delicious food after morning services for our noon meal. A great number stayed for the meal and to give a rousing welcome to the Colleys. "THANK YOU, LADIES" does not seem enough but is sincerely extended to all. The men voted to have one of these meals every week, but the ladies used their veto power over that idea. The Colleys are happy to get to know the members better, and one sure way to get to know others more quickly is to have a meal together.

The warm interest and concern that is evident in the Getwell congregation toward others shines brightly. We shall endeavor to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3) as we serve our God with lowliness, meekness, longsuffering, and forbearing one another in love. We ask all to please continue to remember the work at Getwell in your prayers daily.

A Wrathful and Merciful God?

Gary Colley

To many it seems inconsistent to say that God is a God of love and mercy but also a God of utter destruction. These refuse to admit both ideas taught in the Bible and *cannot* reconcile the two in reference to God.

It is certainly a lopsided matter to suppose that God can be just, good, and not bring destruction on the ungodly and disobedient. Justice demands that God will save the righteous and destroy the wicked in Hell.

God's mercy is affirmed throughout the Bible (Ex. 34:6; Deut. 5:9-10). Psalm 136 is given entirely to the fact that "his mercy endureth for ever." The compassion, kindness, love, and good will toward those who are suffering, whether by physical or spiritual afflictions, have been known by all who have "called on his name" in the proper way (Rom. 10:13-17; Acts 22:16). We affirm that God is merciful, but we must not forget another attribute of God mentioned in the Scriptures: "our God is a consuming fire" (Heb. 12:29).

Again the Bible says, "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses" (Heb. 10:28). Amos warned even Israel about being on the opposing side of

God in battle. He said, "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel" (Amos 4:12). The enemies of God, Satan and his people, will know God's wrath!

The Old Testament abounds with those who defied God's will, turned from their Creator, and suffered His wrath. He has the sovereign right to call every mortal into judgment and will do so "according to their works" (II Cor. 5:10-11).

God's mercy is wonderfully shown in the Gospel for our salvation. Peter spoke God's mercy even to the murderers of the Son of God: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

What exceeding mercy! What wonderful love! What if men reject His offer of love and mercy in the powerful Gospel (Rom. 1:16)? For sure, God promises to those who reject His longsuffering and offered mercy that He will send His Son in vengeance (II Pet. 3:9; II Thess. 1:7-9). All can enjoy the mercy of God by obeying His Son (Heb. 5:8-9), or they can reject His Son and receive His wrath against sin (John 12:48, Rom. 6:23).

Glorifying God

Gary Colley

Jesus said when Satan tempted Him with the things of the world, "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Mt.4:10).

We as Christians are sanctified or set apart by the Word of God to glorify God in our lives (Jn.17:17). This means that we are not to accept the axioms of the world nor the lust of the flesh, nor the lust of the eyes, or the pride of life (I Jn.2:15-17). We are not to let the world pour us into its mold (Rom.12:1-2). We are to fashion our lives in harmony with the will of God in order to glorify Him in our lives.

Seeking first the kingdom and His righteousness is necessary on a daily basis to glorify God (Mt.6:33). Again Jesus said to them all, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Lk.9:23). Our lives are to be daily spent in His service, whether it be in our jobs, our homes, or in the church. A "hit and miss" religion will not glorify God nor will it allow us to go to be with Him in Heaven.

We cannot ignore or put second the services of the church for our own good or the good of our family and friends. Our example for good is important to living the Christian life, deny ourselves of even pleasure for the cause of Christ.

Let us make it our rule of life concerning the worship services of the church, to be "Every member, every service, every time." We will be happier and know that we are glorifying God in our lives, and will the proper influence on our family and friends. Seeing our faithfulness will lead them to glorify God in their daily living.

Sharpening The Sword

Creation Fact # 38

Evidence from Earth's Ecology

"When Adam and Eve sinned, biological life was changed causing weeds and thorns to appear on Earth for the first time. Both plant and animal life were changed with defensive and offensive survival mechanisms. For many years modern agriculture has relied on herbicides and insecticides to protect crops from pests. God's marvelous foresight included many natural ways of controlling pests which modern science has only recently learned to copy. The spined soldier bug (also known as the stink bug) is one of these natural pest control systems. It eats over a hundred different pests including commercially damaging insects such as the cotton bollworm and the gypsy moth. Researchers have found that spraying crops with a natural chemical made by the stink bug attracts stink bugs to the fields. The stink bugs then devour the harmful insects without harming the crop. The added bonus is a natural solution which doesn't harm the environment or other creatures.

"God told Adam and Eve in the beginning that they were to have "dominion" over all creation. This word in Hebrew means to *understand, care for, and control*. We have much to gain when we realize that all creation is a designed system from which we can learn."

—A Closer Look at the Evidence

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FAMILY NEWS AND NOTES



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

Skipper Schulz and **Louise Day** have returned home from the hospital. Also, continue to remember **June Barringer** and **Tim Comstock**, as they recuperate at home. **Ocelia Bradley**, friend of Raymond McCoy, requests prayers as she enters the hospital for a myelogram. Please remember those of our number who are home bound 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; and **Minnie Wayne**, Gallaway Healthcare Center, Room 106, 435 Old Brownsville Rd., Gallaway, TN 38036, 317-4590.

SYMPATHY

We extend our love and sympathy to **Nelda White** in the passing of her brother last week in Oklahoma.

THANK-YOU NOTES

Notes of appreciation from **Everett Day** and family and from **Gary** and **Sheila McDade** are posted on the bulletin board.

SPIRITUAL SWORD GIFTS

A gift for THE SPIRITUAL SWORD has been received from **George** and **Nell Barber** in memory of **Doris Day**.

A gift from **Cecil Sullivan (OK)** has also been received.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 10, 2008

Welcome: George Cloys
 Lead Singing: Pat Phillips
 Opening Prayer: Ron Wallace (a.m.)
 John Watkins (p.m.)
 Sermon: Gary Colley
 Closing Prayer: John Chaney (a.m.)
 Larry Pike (p.m.)

OUR ATTITUDE

August 3, 2008

Bible Study	79
Morning Worship	98
Evening Worship	49
Wednesday (7/30)	61
Contribution	\$3,672.50
Weekly Budget	\$3,665.00

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