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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

We are making our plans, and we trust all of our friends far and near are making their plans, to be present for the 33rd Annual Spiritual Sword Lectureship, October 19-23, 2008! This is a great time for the brethren at Getwell, and as well, we believe, for our visitors. We look forward to a large number from many states coming to be with us! The singing will be beautiful, especially with so many participating. Some may desire to take a "vacation week" so that they will not miss a single one of the great lessons to be presented on the theme "**Deuteronomy—Moses' Masterpiece.**"

We are grateful that the elders have invited brother Gary McDade to return from his work with GBN to be the master of ceremonies for the lectureship. Brother McDade has invested many hours in contacting the speakers, assigning subjects, and reading manuscripts. We are happy that he can be with us to introduce the speakers.

Thirty-six outstanding preachers from our brotherhood will be preaching Sunday through Thursday. We are making our plans at Getwell, and hopefully all of our friends are planning to come to the feast. If you desire a brochure of the lectureship, please make your request known by writing to Getwell church of Christ, 1511 Getwell Road, Memphis, TN 38111.

COME ONE, COME ALL!!

Are We a Mega Church?

Gary Colley

We have heard much recently about the “Mega Churches” that have several thousand members. Some may ask, are we attempting to be one of these “Mega Churches” and to have the thousands of which these boast. It is true that the church of Christ had 3,000 members on Pentecost (Acts 2:41). Also, many more of all nations came to be members by obeying the Gospel (Isa. 2:1-2; Mic. 5:1-3). The Apostles put the foundation of Christ under each convert by teaching and having them to confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and be baptized into Christ (I Cor. 3:11; Matt. 10:32-33; Acts 8:35-40). But then there came heavy trials and persecution. Steven was stoned; James was imprisoned in Jerusalem along with all of the other apostles (Acts 4 & 5). And James was beheaded by Herod (Acts 12), becoming the first martyr for Christianity. His death is the only one of the apostles’ deaths beside Judas that is recorded in the New Testament. Finally, the church in Jerusalem was scattered and went everywhere preaching the Word (Acts 8:1-4).

How Do These Mega Churches Measure Up?

All have no doubt heard of the ones who head up these Mega Churches, and consequently who receive the glory in these

churches. The Lord’s name is not given in the front of these buildings, the reason being that they wish to be approved by the community, not the Lord. They appeal in every way possible to the community with drama and entertainment, not the Gospel of Christ (Gal. 1:6-9). They call in big name entertainers and have a host of instruments of music to excite and give “feelings” to the people. They invite politicians to speak and conduct community affairs, such as the funeral for Isaac Hayes, a believer in a cult. But this serves their purpose to attract as many as possible from the community, much like a spider catches the unsuspecting in his web. Money is the bottom line!

His Name, His Plan, His Salvation?

The name of Christ is not mentioned as the head of these churches. But, of course, the head of the New Testament church is Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4-6). And, it is in His name only that men can have salvation and eternal life (Acts 4:12). One will not hear the plan of salvation spoken at the services of the Mega Churches, but they perhaps will hear that baptism, as commanded by the Lord, is “non-essential” to salvation (I Pet. 3:21). Nor will anyone find these following the Scriptural organization for the Lord’s church (Phil. 1:1; Acts 14:23).

Sharpening The Sword

Creation Fact #46

Evidence from Biology

“Researchers are gaining insights into new drugs by observing animals. *Chimps in Tanzania* were seen swallowing the unchewed leaves of a tree they normally avoided. Intrigued by why the primates would eat these particular leaves without chewing them, biologists studied the chimp droppings and found that the leaves were not digested. The chimp's digestive system simply removed chemicals from the surface of the leaves and these substances killed parasites within the chimp's intestinal tract!

“Another insight learned from the interaction between animals and their diet was found in the habits of the *Brazilian woolly spider monkey*. The female monkey does not ovulate for about six months after she gives birth so that she has time to raise her baby before becoming pregnant again. After six months, however, the female will travel outside of her territory to gorge on the fruit from a specific tree. Biologists found that this fruit is rich in the exact chemical the female needs to ovulate.

“God tells us in His Word that we should study the animals so that we can learn from them. How true His words have proven to be. “

Creation Fact #47

Evidence from Botany

“Mistletoe is a common plant parasite found in various places throughout the world. While it uses its green leaves to make its own food, it gets its water and minerals through roots attached to a host. Many species of the *Australian mistletoe* are unique in that they mimic the host on which they grow. The *drooping mistletoe* is so named because its leaves look like its host, the eucalyptus tree. The *box mistletoe* and the *pendulous mistletoe* both have hard, sickle-shaped leaves that look like the trees on which they grow. The *buloke mistletoe* has long, thin, grayish-green leaves that are similar to the pencil pine on which it grows. How can we explain this mimicry?

“God states in His Word that He created everything and that He loves and cares for His creation. Mistletoe cannot see its host nor can it change form like an amoeba. Yet it manages to survive by exactly duplicating another organism. The mistletoe was designed to adapt to the appearance of its host. Only a creative and intelligent Designer could accomplish such a task.”

(Creation Facts are taken from *A Closer Look at the Evidence* by Richard and Tina Kleiss).

— Ron Wallace

FAMILY NEWS AND NOTES



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

Please remember with your cards, calls, prayers, and visits 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.

SPIRITUAL SWORD GIFTS

Donations for THE SPIRITUAL SWORD have been received from M/M Doyce Shumate (AR) and from Mary Lou Humphreys (TN).

LECTURESHIP HOUSING

Donations for lectureship accommodations are being accepted. Please see one of the elders or secretaries. Your help would be very much appreciated.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 21, 2008

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

OUR ATTITUDE

September 14, 2008

Bible Study	71
Morning Worship	87
Evening Worship	56
Wednesday (9/10)	60
Contribution	\$3,745.00
Weekly Budget	\$3,665.00

LECTURESHIP NEEDS

Coffee
Creamer

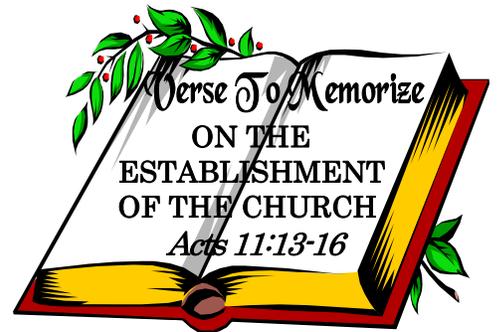
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Deuteronomy

Moses' Masterpiece

October 19-23, 2008

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