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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 continue to enjoy great faithfulness on the part of the members here! For this we are very thankful. Our services are punctuated with great fervor and interest. It seems the singing has been enhanced by our increasingly stronger faith in our God.

The Bible is a closed book to many in the world today. However, the Bible makes it evident that we cannot please God without "the faith" (or system) that comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17; Jude 3). Why else would the Word of God be given, if man could save himself without hearing the Gospel? The Hebrew writer wrote, "But without faith [in the Truth, GC], it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God [in obedient faith, GC] must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6). Many today deny that God exists; rather, they say that man is god and should, therefore, live as he pleases instead of living as God pleases. Atheists, evolutionists, infidels, liberals, and free thinkers think that they have no reason to believe the Bible or that the God of Heaven exists. Of course, they are wrong and, furthermore, are without excuse. Paul wrote to the Roman brethren, "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" (Rom. 1:20). His attributes are clearly understood by those things that are made! Only a fool can look at the world around us and deny that a great mind, and a creator made them (Ps. 14:1). "For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God" (Heb. 3:4).

Come and worship the God of Heaven with us in the services of the Getwell church of Christ.

Selected Articles

PRAYER—KANSAS SENATE

When Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

Heavenly Father, we come before thee today to ask thy forgiveness and to seek thy direction and guidance. We know thy Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good," but that is exactly what we have done.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem.

We have abused power and called it politics.

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

Amen!

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In 6 short weeks, the church where Mr. Wright preaches logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa, and Korea.

Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, "The Rest of the Story," and

received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired.

With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called "one nation under God."

—Unknown

EDITOR'S NOTE: Several have requested some of the things used in the September 28 sermons. Here is one of them; more will follow in next week's bulletin.

—Gary Colley

WHERE GOD AIN'T

He was just a little lad,
And on the week's first day,
Was wandering home from Sunday School,
And dawdling home on the way.

He scuffed his shoes into the grass;
He found a caterpillar;
He found a fluffy milkweed pod,
And flew out all the filler.

A bird's nest in a tree o'head,
So wisely placed and high,
Was just another wonder
That caught his eager eye.

A neighbor watched his zig-zag course,
And hailed him from the lawn;
Asked him where he'd been that day,
And what was going on.

"Oh, I've been to Sunday School.
(He carefully turned a sod
And found a snail beneath it):
I've learned a lot about God."

"M'm'm, a very fine way," the neighbor said,
"For a boy to spend his time;
If you'll tell me where God is,
I'll give you a brand new dime."

Quick as a flash his answer came!
Nor were his accents faint--
"I'll give you a dollar, Mister,
If you tell me where God ain't."

—Anonymous

Sharpening The Sword

Books of the Bible

This week we will finish our questions concerning the books of the Bible.

2051. In this book the false teachings of Gnosticism are exposed. _____
2052. In this book we are shown that Christians will be victorious. _____
2053. This book is addressed by "the elder unto the elect lady and her children."

2054. The purpose of this book was to warn Christians of the possibility of apostasy and to exhort them "to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints." _____
2055. This book mentions three persons, Gaius, Diotrefes, and Demetrius, two in a positive light. _____

Scrambled Answers

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Answers to 7/28/08 Questions

2041. II Thessalonians 2046 Hebrews
2042. I John 2047. I Timothy
2043. James 2048. Titus
2044. II Peter 2049. II Timothy
2045. I Peter 2050. Philemon

Other Matters

Well, we are within three weeks of the 33rd Annual Spiritual Sword Lectureship. This year's topic is "Deuteronomy—Moses' Masterpiece." The Lectureship will be October 19-23. It will begin with Robert R. Taylor, Jr. with an introduction to the book and finish on Thursday evening with Bill Burk speaking on Chapter 34 of the book. Let me encourage all our readers and members to make plans to attend as many lectures as possible.

In preparation for the lectureship we will have a cooks and helpers meeting on Sunday,

October 5, at 4:00 p.m. If you can help in any way, please be there.

On Saturday, October 11, we will have a work day at the building. We will clean up the grounds and the building. I will try to have a list of chores posted in the foyer. Please bring the appropriate tools and items to complete the work. We will begin around 9:00 a.m. If you are still working at lunch time, you can buy my lunch.☺

On Sunday, October 12, we will have a zone captains meeting at 4:00 p.m. This meeting will concern the food assignments for feeding our guests during the lectureship. A refresher about our zone system: We have divided the congregation into four geographical areas, thus we have four zones. Every year we put out a new zone directory informing you which zone you are in. The new zone books are available in the north foyer. The week before the lectureship, your zone captain will contact you about which food item you need to bring, what amount will be needed, and when to bring your food item. It is very important to cooperate exactly as instructed. We are blessed again this year that Wynona Murray has agreed to coordinate our cooking activities each day for our guests.

In other areas, Bernita Davidson has agreed to coordinate our greeters for the various doors. We also will have need for ladies to tend our nursery and men to patrol our parking lot during services.

On September 21st we had the privilege of having Caleb Colley with us. Caleb came as a representative for the Lads to Leaders program, which is a wonderful scriptural program utilized to help young Christians throughout the nation grow in Christ and sharpen their spiritual tools. On that Sunday afternoon, Caleb gave us an overview of this program. We look forward to participating in this effort. As a matter of fact, Memphis will be one of the cities in which they will meet next year.

—Ron Wallace

FAMILY NEWS AND NOTES



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

Our former member **Bill Holliday** is in Room 4371 at Baptist Hospital Memphis. Leonard and Fern Hillis request prayers for their 6-year-old great-granddaughter, **Paige Tucker**, who will be going to Cincinnati Children's Hospital on October 6th for evaluation. Please remember **June Barringer**, who is scheduled for a biopsy on October 15th. Our former member Mary Ray requests prayers for her 7-year-old granddaughter, **Mikayla Elrod**, who is having seizures and is in LeBonheur Children's Hospital. Our former member Elida Bell requests prayers for her friend **Amber Parker**, who is on a ventilator in the long term care hospital in Amarillo, TX.

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.

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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

October 5, 2008

Welcome: Tom Harris
Jared McDade (a.m.)
Lead Singing: Pat Phillips (p.m.)
Opening Prayer: Ron Wallace (a.m.)
John Watkins (p.m.)
Sermon: Pat Phillips (a.m.)
Ron Wallace (p.m.)
Closing Prayer: John Chaney (a.m.)
Larry Pike (p.m.)

OUR ATTITUDE

September 28, 2008

Bible Study	94
Morning Worship	101
Evening Worship	58
Wednesday (9/24)	63
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