

Good News

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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 great interest in the work at Getwell has been impressed exceedingly on this writer in the past few weeks! We have had calls from several states with kind words about our beginning work with this congregation. There have also been a number of notes and encouragements by word of mouth from many different ones here in Memphis. These have all been interested in the continuance of the work here, and have been a commendation to this church and a blessing to the Colleys as we begin our work.

It should impress every member at Getwell with the far-reaching good that has been done in the past by the members here under the oversight of our elders. But, it should also impress us with the present obligation in the work that is to be done. It will demand our very best as we continue to shine forth as light to those whom we may influence. In addition to our responsibility to attend all of the services of the church, the bulletin work and the radio work go into many homes each week, and these reach many miles beyond our locality. The TV work continues to bear fruit in the many correspondence courses being requested. We appreciate the good work of those who grade and answer the questions accompanying this teaching tool. The Spiritual Sword, edited by brother Alan E. Highers, has done untold good, and continues to reach into not only these United States but into many foreign countries.

We want all to know that the Getwell church of Christ is well, happy, and going forward in the work of the Lord. We solicit the prayers of all.

“Then Sings My Soul . . . ” – V

Gary Colley

We have examined in these articles what makes a Christian sing. In addition to his deep and abiding faith in God, we have further suggested that living above the world causes the Christian to sing, as he strives for the blessings of heaven. The Christian sings because he does not live any longer in “the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life” (I Jn. 2:15); rather, now he has escaped those sins, having yielded his members as servants to righteousness unto holiness (Rom. 6:19).

Temptation Continues

This does not mean that the Christian may not fall back into temptation and sin at some future time, but it does mean that, when he or she sins, they hasten to repent and return by prayer (Acts 8:22). The singing Christian does not allow sin to reign in his mortal body (Rom. 6:12). The aim of every true Christian is to follow the example of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Lord of glory, and to walk in all of the spiritual blessings in Christ (Eph. 1:3).

“Walking in the Light . . . ”

The means by which we live above the world and enjoy the privilege of singing is not of our own making but comes from the revelation of God (I Jn. 1:7-9). The One who created the world also wrote the Book! By and through inspiration, the Holy Spirit has made life and immortality available to all (II Tim. 1:7-10). The invitation for rest is to all (Matt. 11:28-30). How

richly the Christian is blessed to have Heaven’s directives in the Word! The fellowship with others who walk by the same rule causes the sweet fellowship in singing to abound! The extended help from such influence, and comfort, is of immeasurable worth to our lives.

God’s Inerrant Word

Each step we now take as Christians, directed by the Heavenly light of God’s Word, “just leads us closer home”! Paul expressed it well to the Corinthians: “For we walk by faith, and not by sight” (II Cor. 5:7). He had already expressed the fact that we could not know the things of God except that they were revealed through His chosen apostles who spoke the words, “not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth” (I Cor. 2:9-11). Complete, inerrant, verbal inspiration gives the Christian so much to sing about! “For all of the precious promises of God in him are yea, and in him, Amen, unto the glory of God by us” (II Cor. 1:20). To truly appreciate the blessing of singing in the assembly of the church will be most recognized when we are deprived of this blessing by sickness or other reasons. Our hearts go out to those shut-ins who comment that the most difficult part of confinement is missing the singing and other acts of worship.

Heavenly sunlight! Wonderful Saviour!
Blessed hope!

THEN SINGS MY SOUL!

Sharpening The Sword

Creation Fact #44

Evidence from Language

“According to evolution, the development of human language began when apelike creatures grunted and made simple noises at each other. Supposedly these ape-men agreed on meanings for these sounds and language was born. **This view does not explain why ancient languages are more complex than modern languages.** Furthermore, for any apelike creature to develop complex language, not only would the structure of its throat need to change, but simultaneously its brain would have to develop the ability to convert abstract sounds into symbolic meaning.

“Other than the assumption of evolution, there is no reason to believe ancient man was not completely capable of complex communication. **From the intricate artwork of cave dwelling people, to the massive engineering marvels of the earliest civilizations, it is quite apparent that ancient man was both intelligent and fully able to communicate.**

“The Bible clearly states that humans were created with an inherent ability to use and understand complex language. God gave us language both as a method of fellowship and as proof that we have been made in the image of our Creator. From the earliest signs of human civilization it is apparent that humans have always possessed complex linguistic abilities. When people draw conclusions based on data, rather than preconceived beliefs, one can see which model of origins is best supported by science.”

Creation Fact #45

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.”

(The Creation Facts are taken from *A Closer Look at the Evidence*).

—Ron Wallace

FAMILY NEWS AND NOTES



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

Janelle Park is sick at home. **Greg Hagstrom**, son of Ed and Martha Hagstrom, is in Baptist Hospital Desoto and had surgery this week. Please remember these as well as all the following with your cards, calls, prayers, and visits: **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.

SYMPATHY

We extend our love and sympathy to our former members Pat Godwin and family in the passing on September 7 of Jack Godwin.

THANK-YOU NOTE

A note of appreciation from Wynona Murray is posted on the bulletin board.

The 33rd Annual Spiritual Sword Lectureship

Deuteronomy

Moses' Masterpiece

October 19-23, 2008

*A warm and friendly
welcome awaits you.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 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

September 7, 2008

Bible Study	79
Morning Worship	109
Evening Worship	63
Wednesday (9/3)	48
Contribution	\$3,363.00
Weekly Budget	\$3,665.00

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