

# 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**

At the beginning of this New Year it is good to begin planning for our work in 2009. If the Lord wills, we will have the opportunity to live and do His will in our lives (Jas. 4:13-15). Surely, we should plan to be faithful to all of the services at Getwell and to set aside our time for the special opportunities to serve in His vineyard.

Some of those special opportunities began with the close of last year when brother Robert R. Taylor, Jr., preached on the last Sunday of December. It was a joy to have him and his good wife Irene with us. They are great people. We rejoice in his proclamation of the unsearchable riches of Christ. We look forward to having him again at the close of this year!

On January 6, a new class began for the ladies of the congregation. Maggie Colley will be teaching this ladies Bible class beginning at 10:00 a.m. each Tuesday and studying the book *If You Would See Good Days* by Lottie Beth Hobbs. To obtain your copy of the book please see Karen Wallace. Please be thinking of those whom you can bring with you to this class.

Mark your calendar for May 17-20, 2009! This will be the time for our Gospel meeting at Getwell. The elders have invited brother Wade Webster, preacher of the Southaven, MS congregation to preach. He is an exceptional speaker. Begin making your list of those whom you want to invite to this effort to reach the lost.

To all who read this article each week, we wish the happiest of New Years!

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# What About the Angels?

Gary Colley

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During this time of the year we have seen depictions of “angels” in many places. Some may wonder what can be known about angels.

Have you been close to an angel lately? You may have been and yet were unaware of the fact! Likewise, it might also be asked, “Have you stood close by when a soul passed from this life into eternity?” One may know when the spirit is separated in death from the body, but we do not see the spirit depart. The spirit of man in Heaven will be as the angels but are not angels (Mt. 22:30). Jesus said to his disciples (who thought they saw a spirit when they saw Jesus after He arose from the dead) that “a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have” (Lk. 24:39).

But, when the “certain beggar named Lazarus” died, the Bible says he (that is, his spirit) was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom” (Lk. 16:22). One can read the entire account in Luke 16:19-31. The angels stood by the tomb of Jesus and proclaimed to the women, “He is alive” (Lk. 21:23). What an interesting thought! When God’s faithful children pass from this life, evidently the angels are dispersed to carry that spirit to its place of peace and safety. The Psalmist writes, “Precious in the sight of Jehovah is the death of his saints” (Ps. 116:15). Paul wrote, “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, *with the voice of the archangel*, and the dead in Christ shall rise first” (I Th. 4:16).

We do not know much about the angels, but we do know that they are ministering spirits of God (Heb. 1:13-14). They are messengers. Hence, the word evangelist contains the word “angel.” The artists depict angels as beautiful blond haired women with wings, a harp, and a halo, but the Bible generally presents angels as men without wings or harps or halos (Gen. 18 and 19; Isa. 6:2; Ex. 25:18-22).

Will you be prepared for the Lord’s angels when death comes? Have you obeyed the Gospel, which is God’s power to save the lost (Rom.1:16-17)? Faith, repentance, confession, and baptism for the remission of sins are all necessary to become a Christian. When we arise from the watery grave of baptism, we are to “walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:3-4). We must then carefully walk in the Lord’s will to the end of our life on earth (Eph. 5:15-17; Lk. 6:46).

Any Christian will be happy to assist you in obeying the Gospel. Please do not put off your action of faith! Obey today, and make your preparation for eternal life (I Jn.2:25)!

## Prayer Answered

I asked for strength that I might achieve;  
He made me weak that I might obey.

I asked for health that I might do greater things;  
I was given grace that I might do better things.

I asked for riches that I might be happy;  
I was given poverty that I might be wise.

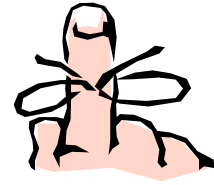
I asked for power  
that I might have praise of men;  
I was given weakness  
that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;  
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

I received nothing that I asked for,  
all that I hoped for,  
My prayer was answered!!!

– unknown

# RON'S REMINDERS



## Creation Fact #66 Evidence from Anatomy

Atheists argue that we have “useless” organs which prove that we have evolved. Creationists respond that since the knowledge of the body is incomplete, we cannot know that an organ is useless. In the 1890s, scientists said that the human body had about 200 features that were useless leftovers of our evolutionary past. As a result of this evolutionary belief, doctors in the 1950s were quick to remove a child's tonsils. As our knowledge has increased, we have found that the organs on that list (such as tonsils, appendix, thyroid gland, and pituitary gland) have very important functions. Today we know our *tonsils* have several jobs and are a necessary part of our immune system. Our *appendix* has been found to serve as a backup system for other organs, such as taking over some of the spleen's functions when it is damaged. The *thyroid gland* is now known to be vital for body growth. Too much or too little of this gland's hormone, thyroxine, will cause all of our other organs to become over or underactive. We also know that the *pituitary gland* ensures proper growth of the skeleton and proper functioning of the thyroid, adrenal, and sex glands. When the pituitary gland does not work properly it can lead to Cushing's Syndrome (giantism).

**True science has found useful functions for virtually all the so-called “leftover” organs.** Yet if we evolved from some other life form, our bodies should be full of leftover nonfunctional features. Where are they all?

## Creation Fact #67 Evidence from Anthropology

Museum dioramas commonly depict Neanderthal man as primitive and backward. **For over 100 years the world was led to believe that Neanderthal was a link between mankind and apelike creatures.** Instead of considering Adam as a perfect man falling from paradise, people started to believe mankind arose from brute beasts. Dr. Rudolf Virchow, the father of modern pathology, examined the original Neanderthal bones in 1872 and proclaimed that Neanderthal was fully human. However, **evolutionists ignored this expert opinion** and went on a highly successful 100-year road and museum show, implying and/or proclaiming that Neanderthal was an intermediate between man and some apelike creature.

Recent studies have shown that Virchow was totally correct in saying that **Neanderthals were completely human.** The only reason for the hunched appearance and thickened bones of the early specimens was their affliction with bone diseases such as arthritis and rickets. Neanderthal man, Heidelberg man, and Cro-Magnon man were all completely human. Artists' pictures of them, especially with wild long hair and brutish features, are pure imagination and designed to reinforce the belief in evolution.

– *A Closer Look at the Evidence*  
by Richard & Tina Kleiss

# FAMILY NEWS AND NOTES



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

Scott Shepherd continues to improve following surgery at VA Hospital and may return home this week. Marie Street is recuperating at home following a fall in which she received a head injury that required several stitches. Please remember our former member A. C. Carpenter as he recuperates from a bad fall.

Please remember with your cards, calls, and prayers those of our number who are confined at home or in nursing homes: Hazel Bizzell, 356 Calle Escada, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459-3698; 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 Rodger and Charles Shappley and family in the passing of Carolyn Shappley on January 14. The Funeral Service will be at Forest Hill Funeral Home South in Memphis at 2:00 on January 19.

We also extend our love and sympathy to our former members A. C. and Lottie Carpenter in the recent passing of Lottie's brother, Lyle Gurley.

## THANK-YOU NOTES

Notes of appreciation from Martha Sayle and Wanda Barringer are posted on the bulletin board.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Leonard and Fern Hillis on the birth of twin great-grandchildren, a boy and a girl born to their granddaughter Laura.

## RESTORED

Doug Miller

## PLACED MEMBERSHIP

Reaves, Ransom & Virginia  
7323 Barnstable Rd., 38125 (4)  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 18, 2009

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

12-28-08/1-4-09/1-11-09

Bible Study	104/84/95
Morning Worship	119/114/116
Evening Worship	67/50/56
Wednesday (12/23,31,1/7)	35/NC/48
Contribution	\$3,852.50/3,668.28/3,854.23
Weekly Budget	\$3,665.00

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