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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.

TUESDAY

Ladies Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

Gary Colley

The brethren at Getwell continue to be busy and built up in the Lord's work. The encouragement received from the worship services on the Lord's day and Wednesday evening is worth more than the time spent in any other endeavor in the world. To sing, study, pray, partake of the Lord's Supper, and give of our means on the first day of the week is of great value to our lives (Acts 2:42). We invite all to come and be with us that your life may be blessed also.

Are we saved by grace or works? This is a question many ask. The answer is that we are saved by both grace and works. Let us explain. No one can be saved without the grace of God (Eph. 2:5, 8-10). No one can be saved by the works of the Law of Moses, and no one can be saved by man-made works. But, we can be saved by the works which we are taught in God's grace found in the Gospel (Tit. 2:11-12). In Titus 3:5 the Bible says, "Not by works done in righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy he saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit." Please note that we are not saved "by works done in righteousness, which we did ourselves," BUT WE ARE SAVED BY HIS MERCY IN BAPTISM, i.e., "through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit." Jesus said, "Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mk. 16:15-16). Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body" (I Cor. 12:13). The faith that saves is the faith that obeys (Rom. 6:16-18). Isaiah records, "All our righteousness is as filthy rags" (Isa. 64:6). But, God's word contains God's righteous plan to cleanse and save man when he obeys (Rom. 1:16-17; Psa. 119:172).

Let the Gospel Be Preached!

Gary Colley

All faithful Christians glory in pleasing God through the preaching of His Word! All alert students of the Word know that the Gospel is the only power that God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit exert on the hearts of men to save them (Rom. 1:16). The early church knew this fact and depended on the preaching of the Word to spread the borders of the kingdom from day to day and week to week (Acts 2:42-47). The first ingredient in every conversion of the New Testament involved the preaching of the Word (Acts 8:4). These realized, as we should today, that it was their divine mission as the church of Christ to be "the pillar and ground of the truth" (I Tim. 3:15). These words express and impress upon Christians the solemn nature of our work. We are responsible for planting and watering the Word, while Jehovah gives the increase (I Cor. 3:6). Isaiah records Jehovah as saying, "For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, and giveth seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa. 55:10-11).

Jehovah Gives Earthly Blessings

Though some may think it foolish and do not always understand the purpose of the rain and the snow from heaven, especially in the desert, the purposes of God are still served. The beautiful flowers that flourish even in the deserts of our world beautify the earth and bring honor to Him who made and cares for them. The watering of the earth always has its purpose. God's law from the beginning has been that all seed produces after its kind (Gen. 1). And in addition to the seed producing abundance after its kind in the bountiful harvest, additional seed is given for planting again and again. Seed has within itself the germ of life! To inspect God's bountiful earthly blessings through which His favor is wonderfully shown to earth's inhabitants, "on the

just and on the unjust" (Mt. 5:45), is to realize the thanksgiving daily that should ascend to our Heavenly Father.

Jehovah Gives Spiritual Blessings

Jesus said, "It is the Spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (Jn. 6:63). Hence the source of spiritual life is in the seed or the Word. "The hope of the Gospel" (Col. 1:23) is the only hope the world has, and that hope only comes through the faithful proclamation and humble acceptance of the Word (Mk. 16:15-16). God's promise to the sowers of His Word is that His Word will not return unto Him void or without profit. It will save those who believe and embrace it; it will condemn those who disbelieve and reject it; it is the Christian's responsibility to proclaim it at every opportunity! But some think today, even among a few of our own brethren, that the preaching of the Word is only foolishness. Paul states, "For the word of the cross [preaching the death of Christ, GC] is to them that perish [are perishing, GC] foolishness; but unto us who are saved it is the power of God" (I Cor. 1:18). "For seeing that in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom knew not God, it was God's good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save them that believe" (I Cor. 1:21). The saved are those who have heard, believed, repented, confessed their faith, and have been baptized to wash away their sins. These are "in Christ" because of their faith in the Word. "In Christ" is the only place where all the spiritual blessings are to be found (Eph. 1:3).

Heaven Is Our Goal

To save ourselves and those who hear us, we must preach the Word (I Tim. 4:16)! Let us ever remember and be encouraged that Jehovah says of the faithful preaching the Word that it "shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa. 55:11).

Let the Gospel Be Preached!

Home Sweet Home

TELL HER SO

Amid the cares of married life,
In spite of toil and business strife,
If you value your sweet wife,
Tell her so!

Prove to her you don't forget
The bond to which your seal is set;
She's of life's sweet the sweetest yet—
Tell her so!

When days are dark and deeply blue,
She has her troubles, same as you;
Show her that your love is true—
Tell her so!

In former days you praised her style,
And spent much care to win her smile;
'Tis just as well now worth your while—
Tell her so!

There was a time when you thought it bliss
To get the favor of one kiss;
A dozen now won't come amiss—
Tell her so!

Your love for her is no mistake—
You feel it dreaming or awake—
Don't conceal it; for her sake
Tell her so!

You'll never know what you have missed,
If you make love a game of whist;
Lips mean more—than to be kissed!
Tell her so!

Don't act as if she'd passed her prime,
As though to please her was a crime—
If e'er you loved her, now's the time;
Tell her so!

She'll return for each caress
A hundredfold to tenderness!
Hearts like hers are made to bless!
Tell her so!

You are hers, and hers alone—
Well you know she's all your own;
Don't wait to "carve it on a stone"—
Tell her so!

Never let her heart grow cold—
Richer beauties will unfold;
She is worth her weight in gold!
Tell her so!

—Author Unknown

RON'S REMINDERS



Creation Fact #75

Evidence from the Worldwide Flood

How could Noah's Ark have held two of every kind of animal? Many people assume that this is an impossibility and reject the Bible on other matters, as well. Unfortunately, these skeptics seldom take time to test the feasibility of the account.

Only air-breathing, land-dwelling animals needed to be rescued from the worldwide Flood aboard the Ark. There was no need for fish, insects, amphibians, or whales. Furthermore, a biblical "kind" (animals that could breed) is different than the modern species. Only one pair of dogs was needed, and these would have had all of the genetic information needed to later breed different dog varieties, such as wolves, coyotes, foxes, dingoes, or domestic dogs. Taking this into account, at most 16,000 mammals, birds, and reptiles would have been on board, with an average size smaller than a sheep. The size of the Ark was approximately 1.4 million cubic feet. Modern railroad stock cars totaling a volume of 1.4 million cubic feet would be capable of housing 125,000 sheep-sized animals! **Only a small fraction of the huge vessel would be needed to house the required animal life; and plenty of room remained for people, food, and supplies.**

The enormous size of the Ark only makes sense if it was built to save every *kind* of land animal alive before the worldwide Flood. Every detail in the Bible is there for our benefit. The very dimensions of the Ark allow us to confirm the credibility of the account of Noah's Flood.

—A Closer Look at the Evidence
by Richard & Tina Kleiss

FAMILY NEWS AND NOTES



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

Frances Wallace is at home after falling and breaking her wrist last week. Addie Nelms remains in Room 4211 at Baptist Hospital Memphis. Our former member Gladys Martin is in Room 665 at St. Francis Hospital following colon surgery this week. Her prognosis is good.

Please also 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; Buddy Brandon, 11714 Macon, Eads, TN 38028, 853-4720; 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

A donation for THE SPIRITUAL SWORD has been received from Joe Ferguson (TX).

PHOTO UPDATES

Each Sunday in March following our morning worship service, pictures will be made in the large meeting room to update our hallway picture board.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 8. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday evening.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 8, 2009

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

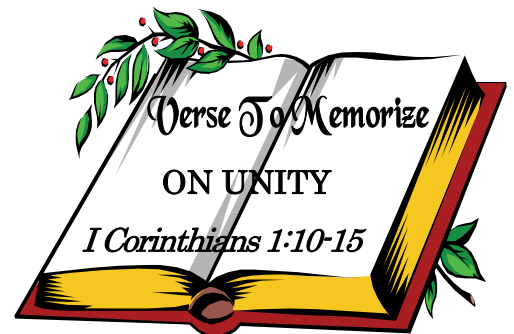
OUR ATTITUDE

March 1, 2009

Bible Study	Ice
Morning Worship	"
Evening Worship	43
Wednesday (2/25)	63
Contribution	\$4,147.25
Weekly Budget	\$3,706.00

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