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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 Class (Sept. - May) 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

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ON THE HOME FRONT

Gary Colley

Our hearts were made sorrowful again this past week when we heard of the passing of sister Frances Costin. She was a kind and sweet member of the Getwell congregation for several years. Her visitation was Monday evening here in Memphis, and a graveside service was conducted in Shelbyville, TN, on Tuesday. We extend our deep sympathy to Leslie and all of the family.

Many of the Getwell members attended the lectureship at Nesbit, MS, this past week. We believe that all who attended were benefitted from the study of "Islam." It was reported that the crowds were the largest that have been enjoyed in several years. It is always good to be in the fellowship of good brethren, such as Jason Hilburn, the director, and all of the members of the Nesbit church of Christ. The Bible certainly has the answers to all questions that man may ask and gives the answer to every religious error before it is thought of by man!

It is interesting to note what different people say about the Bible. The House to House—Heart to Heart publication noted the following thought provoking statements made by different ones:

"Patrick Henry: 'The Bible is worth more than all other books which have ever been printed.'

Lord Tennyson: 'Bible reading is an education in itself.'

Dwight L. Moody: 'The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible.'

Soren Keirkegaard: 'When you read God's Word, you must constantly be saying to yourself, "It is talking to me, and about me."'

Mark Twain: 'Most people are bothered by those passages of Scriptures they do not understand, but the passages that bother me are those I do understand.'

Ronald Reagan: 'Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face.' "

Does Obedience Matter? (I)

Gary Colley

God has demanded obedience from the very beginning of time and in every subsequent dispensation. All nature testifies that there is a God in Heaven who has supreme authority. All nature must act in accordance with the laws of God. Only humans have the power of choice to obey or not to obey God. To be obedient and willing to respect authority in the home, the school, and the church is basic to success in life. Love is the bottom line in obedience, if Heaven is to be our home (Jn. 14:15). Authority has become a bad word today in many churches, homes, schools, and with some in daily living. "Obedience" is an important word in our world, and should be a part of everyone's life and character. Sadly, authority and obedience are ignored by many parents, children, governments, and often in the church of our Lord. It is defined as "the state or fact of being obedient; doing what is ordered; submission" (*Webster's New World Dictionary*, College Edition, p. 1011). It means to obey, or to be willing to obey orders or instruction of one in authority. All today are under obligation to obey the authority of the New Testament of Jesus Christ. We must also respect the silence of the Scriptures to please God (I Pet. 4:11; I Cor. 4:6; II Jn. 9-11).

Obedience Is Beneficial

Basic obedience must be taught. This must be true in all areas of life in order to have the joys and blessings desired and needed for our welfare. Children do not come into the world knowing how to obey. Parents must begin to teach obedience in the play pen in order to find real success in raising their children. As parents, we should be careful to exercise discipline so as to retain the love, respect, and confidence of the child. One has said, "If children do not learn obedience in the play pen, they will have to learn it in the state pen!" Surely, no parent would desire for their children to have to learn obedience in the penitentiary! A public speaker was speaking in New York City on the subject of discipline. Afterwards, a lady approached him with a question. She asked, "How old should my child be when I begin to discipline him?" He answered, "How old is your child?" She responded, "Five years old." He then said, "Hurry home, lady; you have already missed the best five years!"

Happiness comes to those children who are taught discipline and who learn to obey their parents. When taught proper obedience, children will also learn to honor their parents. Life is better, richer, and fuller

to the obedient child. This is connected with the promise to parents and children, in Paul's letter to the Ephesians: "Children! obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest live long on the earth" (Eph. 6:1-3). Long life, prosperity, and happiness are generally assured to those who obey his or her parents. The wise man Solomon wrote, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). We are not to "tell up a child in the way he should go" but "TRAIN up a child in the way he should go."

The Powers of Government

Like the home, government was originated with God. Those who are subject to and obey the higher powers of the government find that "rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil." Therefore, we are to "do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same" (Rom. 13:1-3). Crime and corruption seem to be out of control in our nation, and in the world, because of disobedience. New prisons are being built rapidly and still there is over crowding because of lawbreakers. Riots of protest and destruction are seen today in every quarter of the world, and it is usually being committed by young people. Those who have not learned discipline and respect for God and government in the home will not live right when they get away from home. Parents who never say "no" while their children are in their formative years will not likely enjoy children being restrained from wrong when they enter the work place or go to college. We need to teach them that liberty and freedom are only enjoyed where laws and standards are upheld. Students in liberal schools and citizens on their own will not know there is a difference between right and wrong in teaching and in action. Obedience is evidently a new word to many parents and children! For this reason, when our children leave for college, where some are going to sit at the feet of humanists, atheists, and liberals, they are often lost to the Lord's church. They are taught by these apostates to question everything they have been taught at home, and even whether God exists! Their doubts weigh them down, and they begin to see nothing wrong with instrumental music in worship, women taking a leading part in the church, even homosexuality, which are against the authority of Christ. (To be continued.)

February 2015

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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Lev. 4-6

*Mary Hardwick

*BIRTHDAY
**ANNIVERSARY
Please be sure
that we have your
birth date and
anniversary date
on file in the
church office.

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Lev. 7-9

*Mary White



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Lev. 10-12

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Lev. 13-15

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Lev. 16-18

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Lev. 19-21

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Lev. 22-24

*Susan Oakley
Comm. Prep.
Jacob & Becky
Wallace

FEBRUARY COMMUNION SERVICE

Dewey Murray
Ed Lyon
Thaxter Hodum
Buster McGuire
Alternate: Raymond McCoy
Ransom Reaves
Jack Smith
Lenwood Luttrell
Doug Miller

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Lev. 25-27

*Prema Kundeti

**Larry &
Brenda Pike

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Num. 1-3

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Num. 4-7

*Maggie Colley

**Norma &
Raymond
McCoy (51)

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Num. 8-10

*McArthur Frison

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Num. 11-13

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Num. 14-16

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Num. 17-19

Comm. Prep.
Thaxter &
Martha Hodum



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Num. 20-22

SWEETHEART
LUNCHEON

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Num. 23-25



President's Day

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Num. 26-28

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Num. 29-31

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Num. 32-34

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Num. 35-Deut. 1

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Deut. 2-4

*Jack Thomas
Comm. Prep.
Thaxter &
Martha Hodum

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Deut. 5-7

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Deut. 8-10

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Deut. 11-13

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Deut. 14-16

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Deut. 17-19

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Deut. 20-22

*Patricia Phillips
*Becky Wallace

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Deut. 23-25

Comm. Prep.
Dewey/Wynona
Murray