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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

What impressions do people have about the church of Christ meeting at Getwell and Dunn? We are sure that most have asked this question at one time or another. We are hopeful that all appreciate the wonderful singing which most of the members participate in, the sincere prayers that are offered generally with the utmost reverence, and the lessons from our classes and pulpit which are with great interest taught. Surely, all are impressed with the solemnity with which the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day is served. And, hopefully, impressions are made by the generosity of members of the body of Christ giving cheerfully, bountifully, and proportionally each first day of the week (I Thess. 5:17; II Tim. 4:1-4; Eph. 5:19; I Cor. 11:23-29; Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:1-2). All of these five acts of worship are commanded by the Lord, who has all authority (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:42).

The question often arises, why do some souls study and hear the Word and seemingly are not made better? Is the Word weak? (Rom. 1:16). Is it that the preaching and teaching of the Word are not cutting in the hearts of men? (Heb. 4:12). As strange as it may seem, some under the identical influence of teaching and preaching the Word are made better and fit for Heaven, while others under the same circumstances grow weaker and just wither away! The answer to this puzzle is found in Luke 8:11-15. Please take a moment and read and meditate on these verses. Just as wood shavings burn, wax melts, sand dries up, clay hardens, and meat cooks show different reactions when placed in an oven, so men's hearts have different reactions to hearing the Word. All of our hearts are mentioned in Luke 8:11-15. Which one represents yours and mine?

Where in the Bible Will I Find . . . The Name for the People of God

Gary Colley

This question should engage the serious thinking of every individual, especially since after Peter's confession, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus said, ". . . upon this rock I will build my church" (Matt. 16:16, 18). Once, a man saw a church building being built, on which at the time no name had been placed. He said to the workman, "I will give a \$1,000.00 contribution on this building if you will place over the door a sign reading, 'This is the church of Christ.'" The man responded, "But sir, this is not a church of Christ." After this refusal, the man desiring to give said, "I will then give you \$2,000.00 if you will write over the door, 'This Is Not the church of Christ!'" His offer was refused. The great assortment of NAMES for religions in every city is no doubt confusing to the masses. For years denominations have shown their divisiveness by the NAMES they wear, choosing many NAMES not found in the Bible. The number continues to increase yearly! They have often said, "There is nothing in a NAME." Of course, this is not what the Bible says, but many have not chosen to go by the Bible for a long time. Question: If there is nothing in a NAME, would you be as happy for a man to call you a gentleman as for him to call you a liar or a thief? We think not! What if your wife decided to wear another man's NAME? It would matter to any normal husband! According to the *Tennessean*, Sunday, August 22, 1999, some have removed their NAME, which tells what human creed they follow, because they consider it unattractive to the masses anymore. Of course, the NAME this religious sect has used for identity for years is never used as a proper NAME in the Bible, but it can only be accurately rendered immerser or baptizer. Women or men who do not administer baptism cannot rightfully wear this name. If it were a proper NAME, the only man who ever wore it said, "He [Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease" (Jn. 3:30). When we have all come to the end of our earthly journey, it will certainly matter whether our NAME is written in the book of life (Phil. 4:3; Rev. 20:15; 21:17). Obviously, dear friends, NAMES do have meaning and significance! Before you can wear the Lord's NAME you must have the "marriage ceremony" by hearing, faith, repentance, confession, and baptism into Christ. It is not one of the plans or ways to heaven, but the only way, if an individual wants to go with Christ to the Father (Jn. 14:6). Peter wrote by inspiration, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other NAME under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

NAMES have always had meaning in the Bible. NAMES continue to have great significance daily in the

world. Note some special meanings of NAMES in the Bible. Eden (garden of delight) is where God placed Adam and Eve in the beginning. Adam (red earth) causes us to think of the beginning, where God created man from dust. Eve (life) brings to thought the mother of all living. Abraham (father of a multitude) causes us to think of the promise of salvation through his seed, Jesus Christ (Gal. 3:16; Acts 2:38-39; Gal. 3:26-29). Noah (rest) quickly brings to mind the ark and flood. I s r a e l (the people of the Lord) once represented the Jews as a nation. But since the Old Law has been removed, the NAME is now for those who have entered into the church of Christ (Col. 2:14; Rom. 2:28-29). Jesus (Saviour) brings to our thinking the Saviour of the world; Christ (Anointed of God); Lord (Ruler) as He presides over His church (Matt. 1:21; Lk. 24:47; Eph. 1:22-23). Today, the Lord's church is and should be known as it was in the first century. We should not speak of "MY CHURCH" or "YOUR CHURCH," since it does not belong to us. We did not work to build it, die to purchase it, nor are we able to promise to save it (Eph. 5:23). The NAME Christian (follower of Christ) is not meaningless. It was prophesied to be THE NEW NAME of God's people several hundred years before given (Isa. 62:2; 65:15). After the middle wall (Old Law) was broken down between Jew and Gentile, there had to be a new NAME. We are even told by Isaiah how long that new, meaningful NAME would last (Isa. 66:22; 56:5). When Isaiah's prophecy was complete, about the kings seeing Jesus' glory and the Gentiles seeing His righteous plan, the new NAME "Christian" was given (Acts 11:26). Paul was not trying nor did he ever persuade others to become one of "the sect of the Nazarenes" (Acts 24:5). But he did persuade sinful men to become "Christians" (Acts 26:28; II Cor. 5:11). The apostle Peter said God's people were not to be ashamed of that NAME but were to glorify God in that NAME (I Pet. 4:16). When individual "Christians" are spoken of collectively in the Bible, it is "church of the Lord" (Acts 20:28), "the churches of Christ" (Rom. 16: 16), or "the church of God" (I Cor. 1:1). These are Scriptural designations of the collective body of Christ (Matt. 16:18). NAMES not found in the Bible, but chosen by men, divide religious people into warring sects. We should be satisfied to wear the Lord's NAME, without addition or subtraction. We can unite upon Scriptural designations if we are willing to follow the Bible. It seems all thinking people would agree that we should refuse to belong to any religious organization of which we cannot read one word in the Bible!

Sharpening the Sword

Science Foundation Laid by Creationists

Science is currently defined to exclude the possibility that a personal creator God exists. Those who dare to oppose this view are often insulted and censored. However, just because the majority believe something does not make it true. Science is neither a popularity contest nor a democratic endeavor. Science deals with observation of the physical world in order to understand its operation. Thus, the ultimate purpose of science is to understand reality. The great advances of modern science over the last 100 years have convinced many that because science can explain the operation of the universe, it also defines reality. However, there is a great difference between understanding how something operates and how it originated. It is revealing that many of the very scientists who laid the foundation for “modern” science saw no conflict between God’s supernatural intervention and our ability to understand His creation. Below are quotes from just a few:

<u>Scientist</u>	<u>Accomplishments</u>	<u>Christian Stance</u>
Blaise Pascal (1623 - 1662)	Developer of first mechanical adding machine, developed mathematical basis for theory of probability, laid basis for hydrostatics & hydrodynamics.	How can anyone lose who chooses to become a Christian? If, when he dies, there turns out to be no God, he has lost nothing— in fact, he lived a happier life than non-believing friends. If, however, there is a God, he has gained heaven, while his skeptical friends will have lost everything in hell.”
Sir Isaac Newton (1642 - 1727)	Discovery of universal law of gravity, three fundamental laws of motion, developed calculus into a mathematical science, developed the particle theory of light propagation, and made the first reflecting telescope.	Defended young earth and wrote papers refuting atheism and defending creation and the Bible, believed in a worldwide flood as cause of geologic record, and believed in literal six day creation of universe.
Charles Babbage (1791 - 1871)	Father of modern computing. His design was the forerunner of modern computers. A prolific inventor of hundreds of items including the speedometer, cowcatcher, and ophthalmoscope.	Babbage believed that the scientific method pursued to its utmost limit was entirely compatible with the literal belief in the Bible.
James Joule (1818 - 1889)	Discovered the relationship between heat, electricity, and mechanical work. Founder of the science of thermo-	Joule stood firmly against those scientists of his day who were caught up in the increasing popularity of Darwinism. “The order maintained in the universe . . . works smoothly
	dynamics. First measured velocity of gases and discovered Joule-Thompson effect (basis for modern refrigeration).	and harmoniously . . . the whole being is governed by the sovereign hand of God.”
James Maxwell (1831 - 1879)	Developed the four equations which are the basis for modern electro-magnetic theory. His work ranks with Sir Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein in scientific significance.	Strongly opposed and demonstrated the fallacy of Darwinism. A prayer by Maxwell says it all: “Almighty God, Who hast created man in Thine own image . . . teach us to study the works of Thy hand, that we may believe on Him Whom Thou hast sent to give us a knowledge of salvation and the remission of our sins. All this we ask in the name of Jesus.”
Louis Pasteur (1822 - 1895)	Proved that life comes only from pre-existing life. Developed the process of pasteurization which has saved countless lives. Developed the first vaccination (created the cure for rabies).	Pasteur strongly opposed Darwinism because the theory did not fit scientific evidence (it still doesn’t). He believed, “Science brings men nearer to God,” and he also said, “The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the works of the Creator.”
Werner Von Braun (1912 - 1977)	Led a team of scientists who developed modern rocketry and space flight. Director of NASA flight center from 1958 - 1971. Instrumental in manned space program.	“I find it difficult . . . to understand a scientist who does not acknowledge the presence of a superior rationality behind the existence of the universe.”

—Bruce Malone
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