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SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:20 a.m.
Worship.....5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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

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ON THE HOME FRONT

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One of the things that the elders want, and that we attempt to teach at Getwell, is the growth of individual Christians and the church as a whole. We are interested in numbers. But, more than that, we want to grow as the Lord instructs us (II Tim. 2:15). The brethren here are interested in the Way of Christ and strive to follow it in their lives and in helping others to grow.

All Christians should be interested in growth. The way the world views growth in human churches is much different from the way the Lord prescribes in the Bible. In fact, the world thinks the way of the Lord is foolishness (I Cor. 1:18, 21) and that they know a much superior way. Thus, denominations are formed on man's wisdom. They entertain, seek to please men, and advocate fun and games as a means of growing their churches.

Inspired Peter is ignored by most of these, if not all. He wrote, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (I Pet. 2:2). That appears to men to be so simple that they practice "the Passover" on the subject. Notice the ingredients of growth closely in what is said.

1. The Word of God.
2. The purity of it.
3. The nutrition therein.
4. The appetite necessary for it to work.
5. The growth that thus comes.

All of the plans of men cannot give the growth to the Lord's cause as He desires. Shall we allow Jesus to have all authority in our lives? (Matt. 28:18-20).

Where in the Bible Will I Find . . .

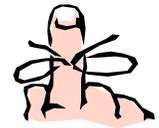
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The Evidence Proving the Bible Is Inspired?

There are irrefutable evidences found for the inspiration of the Bible, both external and internal evidences. In the external field, the archaeological finds have never been in disagreement with the Bible. Rather, each find the archaeologist makes is in complete agreement with the text of the Bible. Scientists often have had their theories, such as evolution, which they claim are in disagreement with the Bible. But it is worthy of note that there has never been one SCIENTIFIC FACT with which the Bible disagrees, and many times the Bible has already spoken of the fact. Concerning internal evidences, please allow the Bible to give its witness to its own validity. We do give this right to a person in court! Should we not be as fair with the Bible? For instance, all of us can see the rainbow. When we do, we should remember the promise made to Noah just after the flood, that God would never again flood the world with water. There are also the changing seasons to consider. God promised Noah, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Gen. 8:22). In the changing seasons we can see God's

faithfulness to His promises. This is also true with the tides of the ocean, by which you can set your watch, and which have certain boundaries to keep it from flooding the earth. And, it is still a fact that every seed produces after its kind, just as God decreed in Genesis. We would point the doubter also to the many prophecies made many hundreds of years before their occurrences, and yet each one occurred in minute detail (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:22-23)! And then, consider the universal endurance and popularity of the Bible. No other book, year after year through the centuries, the world over, has offered to man, and been acknowledged by men, to be the best way of living on this earth! Do you remember the Lord's promise about His Book? He said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:35). And again, the apostle Peter stated, "But the word of the Lord endureth for ever" (I Pet. 1:25). Those who object to the Bible have never been able to offer us a book of better improvement or advantage! They never will! The Bible can be tested for accuracy geographically, scientifically, and historically, and it always passes the test!

RON'S REMINDERS



Recently, the Supreme Court of our land made a misdecision regarding same sex marriage. But we as Christians are guided by the statement of Peter and the apostles found in Acts 5:29: "We ought to obey God rather than men." I thought when I started writing about sodomy that I would list all the scriptures found in the Bible dealing with this sin. There are plenty of pertinent scriptures in both the Old and New Testaments. Instead, I refer you to Matthew 19:4-6 in Jesus' own words: "And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

It is redundant of me to cover ground in my amateurish fashion that has already been examined thoroughly in **THE SPIRITUAL SWORD**, Volume 44, Number 1, "They Parade Their Sin Like Sodom." Let me encourage you to read or to reread that issue. I was particularly struck by the editorial penned by Alan Highers, and I include the introductory paragraph of his editorial in my article:

Homosexuality is defined as a romantic or sexual attraction or behavior between members of the same sex or gender. The word "gay" is widely used to designate homosexual individuals or homosexual activities such as "gay community" or "gay marriage." The term *gay* initially meant "carefree" or "joyful." It developed in some usages to mean "without moral restraint." Beginning in the mid-twentieth century it came to refer to homosexuality in contrast to "straight," which denoted those who were conventional and not "gay." Some observers question whether the term "gay" is appropriate because there is controversy regarding whether the "gay lifestyle" can truly be characterized as "joyful" and "carefree."

One of the privileges I have from time to time is to write about brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone to their reward. One such person was Josephine Noah. To borrow a phrase from Marvel Comics, she was one of the "Fantastic 4." There

were four sisters in Christ who were close friends who chose to make Getwell their church home and to use their talents at Getwell for the cause of Christ. The four were Willene Jackson, Margaret Laquintano, Josephine Noah, and Frankie Yearwood. Miss Josephine Noah was rightly named, carrying the name of two Bible heroes, Joseph and Noah. She served in the Army for two years beginning in 1956 and then with the Reserves. She returned to the Memphis area and began repairing cameras, which led her into photography and going into business with Frankie Yearwood. Through the years, she was closely associated with Bob's Camera Shop and Jimmy Alford Studio. She was faithful to Christ and led sister Laquintano to obey the gospel. Her gentle Christian demeanor influenced all who knew her for the better. I look forward to meeting her on the streets of gold one day.

In the past week we also lost another member of our family with the passing of Leonard Hillis, husband of Fern Hillis, father of Leonard K. and Diane, grandfather of four, and great-grandfather of eleven. Before failing health set in, the Hillises could be counted to be present at every service at Getwell. They were an integral part of the work here.

On a happier note, we rejoice over the restoration of Michelle Watkins Grant, and we also rejoice over the baptism of Byron Hampton, Michelle's son. Be sure to encourage Michelle and congratulate Byron on his decision to obey the gospel and begin his walk with the Lord.

I could not write an article without mentioning the "Shoes for Andrew" drive. Presently, we have collected 456 pairs of shoes at Getwell with the help of Highland Heights. The Covington Church of Christ and the Park Avenue Church of Christ have agreed to join the shoe drive. I was delighted to receive a call from sister Jean Jones of the Nesbit congregation. Sister Jones is a wonderful, energetic Christian lady of 88 years. I have had the privilege of knowing sister Jones for many years. Quite a few members of her family once attended Getwell. Regarding the call from her, she has generously collected 33 pairs of shoes for the drive and plans to bring them to Getwell. I appreciate her zeal and generosity in her work for our Lord.

— Ron Wallace