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#### SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY ACTIVITY

#### **SUNDAY**

| Bible Study | 9:30 a.m.  |
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| Worship     | 10:20 a.m. |
| Worship     | 5:00 p.m.  |
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#### 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 once again made sorrowful recently because of two outstanding souls who have gone to their reward. We rejoice in their victory, but we will sorely miss their presence in our lives.

Brother Leonard S. Hillis passed away on August 9 at the age of 89 years. His friendly smile and warm greetings will certainly be missed by the brethren at Getwell, where he had been a member for 58 years. He leaves his wife, Fern, of 68 years, two children, four grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. He was a World War II Army veteran, having served in the European Theater. But greatest of all things that might be said about him, he was a faithful soldier in the Lord's army.

Also, brother Mack Lyon passed to his reward on August 5, after spending almost 94 years on this earth. Few men have accomplished so much for the cause of our Lord as this brother. His work on the television program "In Search of the Lord's Way" has been regularly watched by millions, including many at Getwell. His loving demeanor has been matched by only a few, and his sound Bible lessons have gone all over the world. His lessons were not only presented on TV, but were also sent to all who requested them by the printed page. He was preceded in death by his first wife Golda, and now leaves his wife Lois to mourn his passing. We extend our sincere sympathy, love, and prayers to these families who are sorrowful at this time. May the promises of God be remembered, and leaned on heavily, during this time of sorrow.

## Where in the Bible Will I Find . . .

Gary Colley

## Things Right and Wrong in Religion?

Faithful Christians are always striving to prove by the Bible what is right and what is wrong in religion (I Thess. 5:21). They are not satisfied to swallow anything that man may desire to practice in religion, unless it has proper authority (Col. 3:16-17). Those who are skillful in the use of the Word of God "have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Heb. 5:12-14). When Jesus' authority was questioned by the Jews, He asked them a question concerning the baptism of John: "Whence was it? from heaven, or from men?" (Matt. 21:25). Jesus was teaching that men should be sure of their authority in all religious practices. We should ask the same today! Are our practices from Heaven or from Did God command it, or is it the invention of men? Let us try this principle with some common teachings of our day.

## Is "Faith Only" From Heaven or From Men?

Many today teach that "salvation is by faith only." According to this view, the sinner is saved by trusting in the Lord before he ever obeys a single command of the Lord. Yet, the Scriptures say, "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only" (Jas. 2:24). Hence, this teaching is from men and not from heaven!

## Is Infant Baptism

### From Heaven or From Men?

No one can find one example of infant baptism anywhere in the Bible. It was never commanded by the Lord nor practiced in the early church. Baptism in the New Testament was always preceded by teaching (Matt. 28:19), believing (Mk. 16:16), repenting (Acts 2:38), and confessing the name of Christ (Rom. 10:9-10). To baptize a child too young to believe is contrary to the Scriptures and, therefore, not a teaching from Heaven but from men.

## Is "Salvation Before Baptism" From Heaven or From Men?

Many believe that sinners are saved before and even without baptism. What does the Bible say? Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mk. 16:16). The Scriptures teach that "even baptism doth also now save us" (I Pet. 3:21). Hence, the teaching that salvation comes before baptism is from men and not from Heaven. Following doctrines that are from men and not from Heaven will make our worship vain before God (Matt. 15:9). Also, we will forfeit the approval and eternal blessings of God (II Jn. 9-11).

# RON'S REMINDERS



The large hand-lettered sign in a front yard read simply:

### HOME FOR SALE, BY OWNER.

Unfortunately, many people are selling their homes! There is a difference between a house and a home.

Homes are being sold every day because of moral and spiritual bankruptcy . . . because of social pressures, permissiveness, and materialism . . . because of unfaithfulness, bitterness, and divorce.

The late Batsell Barrett Baxter suggested some ways we can be guilty of selling our homes without realizing it:

**Preoccupied Fathers.** Several surveys indicate that most fathers spend little time with their children.

**Working Mothers.** As more and more mothers have left the home because of economic pressures, social problems with children have increased.

**Disappearance of the Extended Family.** Few young people grow up these days

surrounded by close relatives.

The Invasion of the Home by TV. Television exposes family members to attitudes, philosophies, and lifestyles which undermine the family unit.

A Deluge of Outside-the-Home Activities. Too often, the home has become a motel—a place to eat, sleep, and change clothes before rushing off to the next activity.

A Disregard of Biblical Standards. Families have been traditionally established and maintained by Bible principles such as love, respect, duty, honor, humility, joy, peace, gentleness, kindness, and diligence.

We may need to sell a house at some point, but let's never sell our homes.

Unknown
 via House to House Heart to Heart

## **Beatitudes for Parents**

Blessed are parents who make their peace with mud and spilled milk,
For such is the kingdom of childhood.

Blessed are parents who refuse to compare their children with others, For each is precious in his/her own way.

Blessed are fathers and mothers who have learned to laugh, for this is the music of the child's world.

Blessed are parents who can say no without anger, for comforting to the child is the security of a firm decision.

Blessed are parents who accept the awkwardness of their growing children, letting each progress at his own speed.

Blessed are parents who are still teachable, because knowledge brings understanding and love.

Blessed are parents who love their children in the midst of a hostile world, for love is the greatest of all gifts.

> - Marion E. Kinneman (1895-1985) via House to House Heart to Heart