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### SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY ACTIVITY

### **SUNDAY**

Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Worship	
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TUESDA	ΑΥ
Ladies Bible Class (Sept N	May) 10:00 a.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

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

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## ON THE HOME FRONT

## **Gary Colley**

We have just finished one of the finest Spiritual Sword Lectureships at Getwell in all the 40 years it has been conducted. The audiences came to learn, the speakers came to preach, and they did a fine work in presenting the rich blessings of the Gospel. We are greatly indebted to these great men who have a deep love for the Truth. Their sacrifice in coming to do their work is to be commended. Our theme this year, Great Bible Portraits of the New Testament, has been well explained and received. The lessons have been excellent in content and delivery. We believe all who attended and purchased the books have been richly rewarded.

The members at Getwell are also to be highly commended for their good work. They have helped in every way to the fullest of their ability. It was a joy to see the students from the Memphis School of Preaching and the Brown Trail School of Preaching (from Ft. Worth, TX). They helped greatly with the prayers and singing. The sister congregations in Memphis made their support known by their presence, for which we are grateful. We had visitors from many different states, which is always encouraging. To the elders and deacons, secretaries, printers of the book, song leaders, parking helpers, sound controllers, brother Stanley Wallace for planning the delicious meals, all who helped in serving the food, the welcoming ladies, nursery helpers, and those who prepared the building and grounds for the lectureship, to all of these we extend a LARGE WORD OF THANKS!

Our theme for next year has been chosen by the elders and was announced on Thursday evening, Eternal Security. We look forward to the 41st Annual Spiritual Sword Lectureship with great anticipation. Please mark your calendar for October 16-19, 2016—the third week in October. The Lord willing we will be together in this endeavor.

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

Gary Colley

## The True Way to Religious Unity? (I)

Many among those who profess to be Christians speak favorably about seeking for unity. Even among those who are leaders of religious movements rhetoric is often heard, and even some councils with humanly devised plans for unity are offered. Although these efforts seem to fizzle out quickly, we commend those who at least have the thought in mind. Some even speak of being "Ecumenical," which is a word invented by Protestants to designate a movement to bring all professed Christians together in some kind of unity. Generally these actually speak of "union" instead of real "unity." There is the old illustration of two cats tied together by the tails and thrown over a clothes line . . . It is correctly stated that there is union, but no unity! Some denominational and interdenominational mergers have been accomplished, but generally as soon as the announcement is made the humanly concocted unity scheme has already ruptured! What must be sought for real unity is nondenominational Christianity.

## "All Going to the Same Place?"

Even among those who contend all religious people are going to the same place, there are at great cost (waste) separate buildings, creed books, publishing houses, and differing human plans of salvation, worship, and names. Thousands of dollars are spent in erecting several church buildings in one small community, while one building would be sufficient to meet the needs, if there existed true Bible unity. The popular doctrine of these denominations is that one does not have to be a member of any church to be saved, not even theirs! Teachings foreign to the Bible brings schisms that without a doubt hamper the mission as it is taught by the Lord for His people (Lk. 19:10; Jn. 14:6; Matt. 28:18-20). The very division of these religious people, when viewed by the world, is confusing, contradictory, and deadening to those who otherwise might be seeking the true unity of the New Testament. This is the exact thought which the Lord expressed would be the case when He prayed to His Father! Please read in your own copy of the Bible John 17:20-21.

We have attempted herein to clear our minds of the reasons for religious division, and appeal to the better judgement of our readers to turn back to Bible unity (Eph. 4:1-6). Of course the Lord's plan is always right, plain, and workable. It brings peace and comfort to those who have the proper faith in Him and His authority (Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:17). Though men may submit a thousand paths to religious unity, His way only is always right. There was never a doubt in the minds of the early Christians, nor in the minds of true Christians today, that Jesus meant for His disciples to be united in a fellowship of love and Truth. For this unity Jesus prayed (Jn. 17:20-21). He did not pray for something that is "impossible!" He forbids any man to change, twist, or add to His plan for religious unity! (Rev. 22:18-19; Gal. 1:8-9). We have offered several reasons why division in denominationalism is harmful and wrong. We here offer another.

## **Division Weakens**

Some today are speaking of "Unity in Diversity," "You go your way and I will go mine . . . but we will agree to disagree and have unity." Unity and Diversity are opposite terms that make folly of any hope for unity! These want all to come together but without being agreed to the one standard of Truth (Jn. 17:17). Though some are heard to thank God for religious division, it is a known fact that it weakens Christian influence in all areas of life! (Amos 3:3). When those professing to be Christians follow their own ways instead of the Lord's Way, there is no united front against juvenile crime, or any of the other wicked forces attacking the people of our nation and world, moral or otherwise, whether young or old (Isa. 55:8-9). This "crack in the armour" of what we ought to be as followers of the Lord is inexcusable! Division and disunity makes it impossible to convince the world of the right Way of the Lord when those we are trying to teach see only strife and alienation. This condition poisons all human relations, especially ones of a spiritual or religious nature.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mark 5-8  Daylight Saving Time Ends	2 Mark 9-12	<i>3</i> Mark 13-16	4 Luke 1-4	5 Luke 5-8	6 Luke 9-12	Luke 13-16 *Fern Hillis Comm. Prep. Dewey & Wynona Murray
8 Luke 17-20	9 Luke 21-24	10 John 1-4	John 5-8 VETERANS DAY	12 John 9-12	13 John 13-16	14 John 17-21 Comm. Prep. Dewey & Wynona Murray
15 Acts 1-4	16 Acts 5-8 *Paula Perkins	17 Acts 9-12 *Barbara Boshers *Raymond McCoy	18 Acts 13-16 *Jacob E. Wallace	19 Acts 17-20 *Gary Colley	20 Acts 21-24	21 Acts 25-28 Comm. Prep. Donna Hankins
22 Rom. 1-4	23 Rom. 5-8 *Frances Wallace	24 Rom. 9-12 *Twanda Wallace	25 Rom. 13-16	26 I Cor. 1-4 *Norma McCoy Office Closed  THANKSGIVING	27 I Cor. 5-8 Office Closed	28 I Cor. 9-12 *Ransom Reaves Comm. Prep. Donna Hankins
29 I Cor. 13-16	30 II Cor. 1-4		NOVEMBER COMI Dewey Murray Ed Lyon Thaxter Hodum Buster McGuire Alternate: Ra			*BIRTHDAY **ANNIVERSARY  Please be sure that we have your birth date and anniversary date on file in the church office.