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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.
TUES	SDAY

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

The faithful brethren at Getwell continue to uphold the light of the Gospel to all who will hear the Truth and apply it to their lives. We are grateful to our benevolent God Who continues to bless us in the work at Getwell. We want the church of Christ to be strong in every place and pray that it may be so!

A negative question is asked by some: "What makes the church weak?" Well, it is the opposite of "What makes the church strong." Jesus built, purchased, and gave the means in the Gospel by which the church should be strong and be maintained (Matt. 16:18; Acts 20:28; Lk. 8:11; I Tim. 4:16; 4:1-4; Eph. 2:19-22). When this plan, given by the Lord, is not followed, the church is weak. Preachers who will not preach sound doctrine, elders who will not discipline, and deacons who do not stand fast-all of this makes the church weak! Since God receives glory through the church, weakness results in our failure before God to carry out His plan and robs Him of glory (Eph. 3:10-11). It also robs the guilty of salvation! Christ intended the church to be a glorious church and a tower of strength to all! The church of Christ is the spiritual realm made by God, over which Christ is head, and in which the Holy Spirit dwells by His teaching. It is to be the body of Christ, composed of members who have been born of water and the Spirit (baptized) (Jn. 3:3-5). When some pervert the Word, the church of Christ is under attack. The opinions, philosophy, or "science" originating with men will not make the church strong.

Where in the Bible Will I Find . . .

Gary Colley

One Must Be Baptized To Be Saved?

Though there are many references to baptism in the New Testament, three verses readily come to mind concerning the necessity of baptism for salvation. Mark 16:15-16 clearly states Jesus' words: "He that believeth and is baptized sha11 be saved." Also, the Holy Spirit through Peter on the beginning day of the church says, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). Peter also says in Peter 3:21, "... baptism doth also now save us" Most religious people have submitted to some kind of baptism, but not always for the purpose taught in the Bible. There is only one purpose for baptism given in the New Testament: FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS. If the Bible taught, "He that believeth and is baptized shall receive \$1,000," no one would misunderstand that baptism would cause one to receive \$1,000! We are not taught to be baptized TO ENTER A DENOMINATION, since there were denominations made by human creeds in the New Testament. We are not taught to be baptized AFTER SALVATION BY "FAITH

ONLY," but rather we are informed that baptism is for or in order to salvation. Baptism is NEVER A SPRINKLING OR POURING of water in the New Testament but rather a burial in water AND A RESURRECTION from water (Matt. 3:16; Acts 8:38-39). There is no "resurrection" from sprinkling or pouring; therefore, this action does not constitute New Testament baptism (Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12). Scriptural baptism requires that one must first be TAUGHT the Gospel (Matt. 28:18-20). Infants, therefore, are not scriptural subjects for baptism. Scriptural baptism requires that one must first BELIEVE (Mk. 16:15-16). Scriptural baptism requires that one first REPENT of their past sins. Without repentance, even immersion is not scriptural baptism. Scriptural baptism requires that one first CONFESS HIS FAITH IN THE CHRIST. Have you really been correctly baptized, for the right purpose, and in the right way? Your salvation depends on your obedience to the Saviour, Jesus Christ! Guided by the Scriptures, one knows he is right. Obey today (II Cor. 6:2).

RON'S REMINDERS





West Tennessee Children's Home **Commodities Drive**

Getwell will be participating in the West Tennessee Children's Home Commodities Drive for the next few weeks. Below is a list of items needed. and a \$10.00 per family donation for perishables is also suggested. The deadline for donating these items is March 27. Your help with this is always greatly appreciated.

BOTTLED 100% APPLE, ORANGE & GRAPE JUICE

SUGAR

VELVEETA CHEESE

CEREAL (SWEETENED)

LITTLE DEBBIE SNACK CAKES

GRANOLA BARS AND CEREAL BARS

RAMEN NOODLES(BEEF)

PEANUT BUTTER AND CHEESE SNACK CRACKERS

HOT SAUCE

GATORADE POWDERED MIX (CANISTERS)

KOOL-AID (CANISTERS)

SALSA AND ROTEL

POP TARTS (FROSTED)

MICROWAVE POPCORN

BROWNIE MIX

PLASTIC FOOD WRAP

PAPER TOWELS

ALUMINUM FOIL

MEN'S SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER

TOOTHPASTE

AUTOMATIC DISHWASHER DETERGENT

FLOOR CLEANER (FABULOSO OR PINESOL)

ALL PURPOSE & KITCHEN CLEANERS

LAUNDRY DETERGENT (HIGH EFFICIENCY LIQUID)

DISINFECTANT SPRAY

39 & 13 GALLON GARBAGE BAGS WITH DRAWSTRINGS