

# Good News

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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

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psa. 133:1). This brings the pleasant "peace" for which we strive at Getwell! Some things are good, but not pleasant, such as medicine or surgery, and some things are considered pleasant, but not good, such as lust and sin! Unity is not only "a nice thing to enjoy" but it is necessary to the continued existence, growth, and development of the Lord's church. When each part of the body or church is seeking to live in harmony with the Word of God, we have "the unity of the Spirit" (Eph. 4:1-6). Let us seek to preserve this unity!

There is one article that has been around for a while, but which also illustrates the point perfectly. It was said of this one young lady that she "knew too much Bible!" It should be true of all! We should have so studied our Bible that we are able to give an answer (defense) of the Truth (II Tim. 2:15; I Pet. 3:15).

A little girl, being asked by a Catholic "priest" to attend religious instruction, refused, saying it was against her father's wishes. The priest said she should obey him, not her father. "Oh! Sir! We are taught in the Bible to 'honor thy father and thy mother,'" she replied. "But you are to call me father," was his answer. To which she replied, "No! The Bible says, 'call no man your father upon the earth for one is your father which is in heaven.'"

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# Where in the Bible Will I Find . . .

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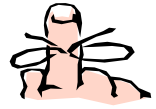
## *The Use of Mechanical Instruments in Worship?*

So far as we know, every religious organization today, except the Greek Catholics and the churches of Christ, uses mechanical instruments of music in their worship. Since all are commanded to have Scriptural authority for what we do in worship and work (Col. 3:16-17; Matt. 28:18-20), and we can find absolutely no authority, surely some of our religious neighbors will offer a New Testament reference for its use in worship. Perhaps some who read this article will want to ask their preacher where the New Testament authority is found for the use of mechanical instruments in worship. The use of mechanical instruments is prohibited by the command to sing (Eph. 5:19), in the same way that Swiss cheese is prohibited on the Lord's table, by the authority to use unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine on the Lord's table. We do have authority to sing, but no authority to play on a mechanical instrument. We are commanded "not to go beyond the things that are written (I Cor. 4:6) and, therefore, cannot, must not, will not use instrumental music in worship if we want to please God in walking by faith (Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:6). The

Word of Christ says sing (I Cor. 14:15), but it does not say to play on a mechanical instrument such as a piano, organ, guitar, or drums. We are commanded not to add to the Word (Rev. 22:18-19). We are informed that if even one of the apostles, or an angel from heaven, teach and practice any other doctrine than what is written in the New Testament, they will be accursed of God (Gal. 1:8-9). In view of these teachings, why would anyone think it makes no difference if mechanical instruments of music are used in the worship services offered to God. Jesus makes it clear that those who add their own teachings to that which He has left us to follow, make their worship vain, empty, and rejected in His sight (Matt. 15:9). Jesus continued in the same chapter of Matthew to say to His disciples, who mentioned to Him that the Pharisees were offended with his teaching, "Every plant (teaching GC) which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch (Matt. 15:12-14). We pray that all will open their eyes before it is too late!



# RON'S REMINDERS



The Smitherman family has a lot to be happy about. Two of their grandchildren have recently been baptized: Russell Barry on June 17<sup>th</sup> and Chase Edge on July 7<sup>th</sup> at summer Bible camp. They each then went right to work in mission efforts. Russ went to Haiti, and Chase helped in a local inner city program. The Smitherman's daughter Shannon has just recently returned from a medical mission trip to Nicaragua. If you see W. T., Tracy, and Brenda, congratulate them on the baptisms and ask about Shannon's trip.

The most recent issue of **THE SPIRITUAL SWORD** has just gone out. The bulk mailing is prepared for mailing at our building. Anita Shepherd and Karen Wallace readied the mailing, and Ransom Reaves transported the issues to the post office. Approximately 12,700 issues are sent in the bulk mailings. Another 12,000 are mailed individually to US address and 2,037 to foreign addresses. Let me encourage every member at Getwell to read and avail yourself of this valuable resource. This is a work of this congregation overseen by our elders and ably edited by Alan Highers.

The theme of this issue of The Spiritual Sword is "A Handy Guide to Final Things." It begins with the editorial titled "The Nature of Man." Other articles in the issue follow:

- "The Meaning and Certainty of Death" by Allen Webster

- "The Reality of the Resurrection" by Glenn Colley
- "The Second Coming of Christ" by Hugh Fulford
- "The Great Day of Judgment" by Gary Colley
- "What the Bible Says about Hell" by Gary Hampton
- "What Will Heaven Be Like?" by Stan Mitchell
- "Will Heaven Be on Earth?" by David Warren
- "The Kingdom of God" by Dan Jenkins
- "Revelation 20 and the Millennium" by Phill Sanders
- "The A.D. 70 Doctrine" by W. Terry Varner
- "Where Are the Dead?" by David Pharr
- "The Significance of Eternity" by Jay Lockhart

All the articles in this issue are most interesting. From a personal point of view I found the article "What Will Heaven Be Like" by Stan Mitchell very uplifting and increased my desire to want to go there some day.

At this writing The Spiritual Sword Lectureship is only three months away. Let me encourage each member to plan on helping with the various tasks that will need to be done in conjunction with the lectureship. We especially will need help this year in preparation for the daily meals.

— Ron Wallace