

# 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

The longer we live the more important the Bible and the Lord's church become. Though Solomon said that all we do on earth is "vanity," the goal of Heaven is not a vain pursuit! Since God and Christ are not "slack concerning their promises" (II Pet. 3:9), either to punish the wicked or to reward the righteous, our faith and trust are not in vain at all. Of course, not following the teaching of Jesus makes one a "foolish man" (Matt. 7:26) in this present world and the eternity to come (Matt. 25:46). For instance, not worshipping "in spirit and in truth" (Jn. 4:24) makes all the worship the world offers "vain" (Matt. 15:9).

Please take your Bible and read Romans 12:1-2. We would analyze it as follows: "I" = apostolic authority; "beseech" = plead, appeal; "brethren" = all Christians; "by the mercies of God" = riches of mercy, or withholding punishment due; "that ye present" = devote; "your bodies" = all yourself, your tongue, hands, feet, intellect, life; "a living sacrifice" = all your power; "holy" = giving honor and service; "acceptable" = pleasing to God; "your spiritual service" = letting your light shine for the benefit of yourself and others; "be not conformed" = not fashioned, or do not copy the world; "but . . . transformed" = changed, converted to Christ; "by the renewing of your mind" = in thinking and conduct directed by the Gospel, which is laid up in your heart; "acceptable" = well pleasing to God. It would be great if the whole world lived by Paul's teaching!

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# Where in the Bible Will I Find . . .

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## *We Are To Preach Christ, not the Church, for Salvation?*

The church of the Bible is not a denomination. In fact, the only reference to denominationalism in the New Testament condemns division (I Cor. 1:10-13). Many and various are the teachings of denominations concerning their thoughts on God's plan for saving the world. The different plans offered by men do not change God's divine plan in the least. Some teach babies should be baptized" (sprinkled); or, the sinner should pray instead of obey; or, faith alone saves, which is expressly condemned in the Bible (Jas. 2:14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26); or, that Jesus saves and not the church, and one can be saved outside as well as in the church of Christ. None of these are the plan brought to earth by God. God sent His only begotten Son to seek and save the lost (Jn. 3:16; Lk. 19:10). God's plan was that Jesus should seek the lost by establishing the church. The church was planned, prophesied, promised, and predicted for several hundreds of years before its establishment. In Acts 2, the church is an established reality and is represented as being the place prepared by Christ for the saved (Acts 2:41, 47). THE CHURCH IS NOT A PART OF THE PLAN OF SALVATION; IT IS THE PLAN OF GOD UNTO SALVATION. According to the Bible,

men cannot be saved outside of Christ, the church, or body of Christ, all which terms refer to the place of salvation. The plan for entering the church of Christ includes one hearing, believing in Christ with all of his heart, repentance, confession, and being baptized (Acts 8:35-39). Jesus, in carrying out God's will, never promised to save anyone outside the church which He built with His teaching, and purchased with His blood (Matt. 16:18-19; 28:19-20; Acts 20:28). This is the only institution over which He is head (Eph. 1:22-23), and the only one He promised to save eternally (Eph. 5:23). With these thoughts clearly before us, one expresses his ignorance of the Scriptures and talks foolishly who might say, "I am so glad to hear someone preach Jesus as the Savior and not the Church as the Savior." When deadly persecution arose with the stoning of Stephen, the members of the church at Jerusalem were "scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria . . . and went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:1-4). Preaching Christ and preaching the Word are one and the same thing (vv. 4, 5), and the same as preaching the church or kingdom (Acts 8:12). How important it is for us to study to be approved of God (II Tim. 2:15).

# **41<sup>st</sup> Annual Spiritual Sword Lectureship**

## **Theme: *Eternal Security***

### **October 16-19, 2016**

#### **Sunday, October 16**

9:30 A.M.	Eternal Spiritual Security	Gary Colley
10:20 A.M.	Defined in Hope and Promise	Alan E. Highers
6:30 P.M.	Congregational Singing	Daniel P. Phillips
7:00 P.M.	Defined in Virtue (Moral Living)	Willie Alvarenga
8:00 P.M.	Defined in Courage (Rev. 21:8)	Gary Murphy

#### **Monday, October 17**

9:00 A.M.	Defined in Knowledge (II Tim. 2:15)	Mark Teske
10:00 A.M.	Defined in Being Cherished (Eph. 5:29)	Paul Sain
11:00 A.M.	Defined in Brotherly Kindness	Dan Cates
LUNCH		
1:00 P.M.	Defined in Love (I Cor. 13)	Robert Jefferies
2:00 P.M.	Defined in Living for God and Heaven	John Scaggs, Jr.
3:00 P.M.	Defined in Faith (Heb. 11:6)	Billy Bland
6:30 P.M.	Congregational Singing	Daniel P. Phillips
7:00 P.M.	Defined in Comfort (I Thess. 4:18)	Glenn Colley
8:00 P.M.	Defined in Heavenly Treasures (Matt. 6:19-21)	David Powell

#### **Tuesday, October 18**

9:00 A.M.	Defined in Jesus, the Author (Heb. 5:8-9)	John DeBerry
10:00 A.M.	Defined in Drawing Power of God (Jn. 6:44-45)	Ronnie Hayes
11:00 A.M.	Defined in the Church—Refuge (Matt. 11:28-30)	Randy Kea
LUNCH		
1:00 P.M.	Defined in Conviction	Victor Eskew
2:00 P.M.	Defined in Being a Christian	Keith Mosher, Sr.
3:00 P.M.	Defined in God's Plan of Salvation (Rom. 10:1-3)	Jeff Jenkins
6:30 P.M.	Congregational Singing	Daniel P. Phillips
7:00 P.M.	Defined in Faithfulness (Rev. 2:10)	Tommy Hicks
8:00 P.M.	Defined in Promise (I Jn. 2:25)	Jim Waldron

#### **Wednesday, October 19**

9:00 A.M.	Defined in Temperance (Retaining Our Youth)	Bobby Liddell
10:00 A.M.	Defined in Conversion (Acts 8)	Cameron Freeman
11:00 A.M.	Defined in Patience (Jas. 1:4)	Mike Hixson
LUNCH		
1:00 P.M.	Defined in the Peace of God (Phil. 4:6-7)	Jason Hilburn
2:00 P.M.	Defined in Contending for the Faith (Jude 3)	Tony Lawrence
3:00 P.M.	Defined in Prayer (I Thess. 5:17)	Mike McDaniel
6:30 P.M.	Congregational Singing	Daniel P. Phillips
7:00 P.M.	Defined in Being Sober (I Pet. 5:8)	B. J. Clarke
8:00 P.M.	Defined in Life in the Son	Robert R. Taylor, Jr.