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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

At this time of the year, as in all times of the year, the members at the Getwell church of Christ are busy practicing the Golden Rule (Matt. 7:12). Although we do not observe religiously the birth of Christ, which some call Christmas, we do rejoice that He was born, but we extol in worship rather His death, burial, and resurrection for the sin of the world (I Jn. 2:2). No man knows at what time of year Jesus was born, nor does the Bible teach anyone to observe His birth. We do know that all who will obey Him may have the forgiveness of sins (Heb. 5:8-9; Acts 2:38). It is a joy to see families happy and children excited about the presents they are about to receive. Christians enjoy a national holiday, but not a Holy Day, at this time of the year. We should have a giving spirit throughout the year!

One recently said of the term "be glad" that it was found 800 times in the Bible! We have not been able to confirm this but would not doubt that it is true. No one can be glad or happy more than one who practices the principles the Lord has taught to His disciples (Matt. 28:20). The life of a Christian is a happy life, a positive life, and an eternal life! We would exhort all to consider being a faithful Christian so that this gladness can be theirs. Why not start off the New Year with the resolution to walk or live in the Truth? You will not be sorry now, nor at the close of life.

Where in the Bible Will I Find . . .

Gary Colley

A Second Chance To Be Saved?

Just as there must have been those who cried out to Noah after the door of the Ark was shut and the water began to rise, no doubt, also, there will be those who will desire just one more day, or hour, or minute, when the Judgement Day arrives! Things of importance should be taken care of immediately when we know the right course. Procrastination, or putting off, our obeying the Gospel will be of eternal consequences (Mk. 16:15-16; II Thess. 1:7-9)! All men have a choice to make between the Lord's church and the world, right and wrong, good and evil, the "narrow way" and the "broad way" (Matt. 7:13-14). Yes, all men have a choice, but none will have a second chance! "Now is the day of salvation" is the message, while, also, Paul exhorts all to not "receive the grace of God in vain" (II Cor. 6:1-2). The Hebrew writer said, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him SHALL HE APPEAR THE SECOND TIME without sin unto salvation" (Heb. 9:27-28). Peter writes to give the events of the

sudden, unexpected appearance of Christ in these words: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (II Pet. 3:9-10). Jesus said, "And these [the wicked, GC] shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" (Matt. 25:46). All of these verses emphasize the importance of preparation "in this life." There is no indication in the Bible that there will be a second chance, a place called purgatory, or that after death we can escape from Hell into Heaven. Paul wrote, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly IN THIS PRESENT WORLD (Tit. 2:11-12). Obey today (Heb. 5:8-9)!

RON'S REMINDERS



Well, here it is, my last article of the year. It seems like this year has flown by.

As is my custom, I like to pause and look back at 2016 and the happenings at Getwell this past year. We started the year with a luncheon in February honoring the widows and widowers and being entertained by a very talented barbershop quartet. These widows and widowers are a very treasured group here at Getwell.

In March we had our annual Newcomers Luncheon recognizing those who have been baptized and/or placed membership here. Getwell continues to be blessed by talented people who choose to make Getwell their church home. We also rejoice over those who have been baptized into Christ in 2016. We pray that they will continue to grow in Christ, and we as their brothers and sisters will encourage them and be there for them.

In May we had our Spring Gospel Meeting conducted by Cameron Freeman from the Easthaven congregation. Brother Freeman taught the truth, and all who heard the message from God's Word came away edified and more determined to live for Christ.

Starting in June and running for six weeks on Wednesday nights we had our Summer Series. Our theme was taken from Philippians 4:8: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Our speakers for the summer were Cameron Freeman, Mike Hixson, Robert Jefferies, David Looney, Stan Mitchell, and Billy Sasser. It was a profitable series.

In October we had our 41st Annual Spiritual Sword Lectureship. The theme was "Eternal Security" with messages from twenty-

eight speakers. One of the reasons for the success of the lectureship was the hard work from each Getwell member performing needed chores. I am always impressed with the spirit of cooperation that is exhibited during the lectureship. A special word of appreciation goes to Gary Colley, the director of the lectureship, and to our elders, W. T. Hardwick, Dewey Murray, and Ransom Reaves, who oversee the lectureship and THE SPIRITUAL SWORD journal, which is edited by Alan E. Highers. An important feature of the 2016 lectureship book is that it is dedicated to W. T. Hardwick, one of our elders. Brother Hardwick has been an elder for 47 years. The theme for the 2017 Spiritual Sword Lectureship is "Pressing Toward the Mark."

This past Lord's day we had our annual Children's Holiday Luncheon. It was a fun gathering, and the jolly round man in the red suit paid a visit and handed out gifts to the children.

This coming Lord's day, December 18, we are looking forward to hearing Robert R. Taylor present some fine lessons from God's Word.

Our God has truly blessed Getwell in 2016. As we have looked back, it is appropriate that we look forward and resolve to do more for the Lord in 2017. Two resolutions worth consideration are reading the Bible through in 2017 and leading a soul to Christ. Regarding the Bible reading, we print a reading chart each month on the calendar in our bulletin, and we also have reading charts available in our tract racks. Regarding leading someone to Christ, we have materials in our tract racks that could prove helpful.

Happy New Year!
Ron Wallace