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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

It seems at times, in our visits with others, that at one time or another in the past years everyone mentions having been a member at the Getwell church of Christ! So many speak of their past experiences, when and while attending the worship services at Getwell. It is amazing how much influence this congregation has enjoyed through the years in the lives of so many! Hopefully, a good influence will continue to be exercised to help as many as possible to go to Heaven after the judgment.

Statements made by others cause us to think and remember our mission and the way we live our lives. The new speaker of the House of Representatives, the honorable Paul Ryan, said recently, "We are not here to be—we are here to do!" We have said before, "If you take the word 'do' out of your Bible, it will fall apart in your hands!" Well, neither are we saying that the statement is an original thought with Mr. Ryan, because the inspired writer James said it more that 2,000 years ago! "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world" (Jas. 1:22-27). Another good statement was heard recently from sister Moriah Moore about disposing of small amounts of good food left over: "Waste not—Want not!"

Where in the Bible Will I Find . . .

Gary Colley

No Personal Vengeance, But National Defense?

Many wonder what is right and what is wrong about us taking a stand for our nation and the Lord's church. It is important to follow the teaching of Jesus at all times, as it is revealed in the New Testament (II Pet. 1:3). To be right in the sight of God, we must follow the authority of Christ (Matt. 28:18-20; Col. 3:16-17). For sure, we are commanded to pray for our President and our nation. Paul by inspiration wrote, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (I Tim. 2:1-2). We are now, in our nation, in a struggle with the forces of evil. The church is to "fight the good fight of faith" and put on the whole armor of God (I Tim. 6:10-12). But the warfare of the Lord's church is a spiritual warfare, while the warfare of our nation is a physical battle. Concerning the spiritual warfare Paul wrote, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6:12). Christians are not to take personal vengeance toward our enemies, but our government is to

protect the innocent and uphold the freedom of those doing good. In the letter to the Roman Christians this is explained, "Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep . . . Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God . . . For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil . . . For he is a minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; FOR HE BEARETH NOT THE SWORD IN VAIN: FOR HE IS A MINISTER OF GOD, A REVENGER TO EXECUTE WRATH UPON HIM THAT DOETH EVIL" (Rom. 12:9-13:4). Capitol punishment is God's will, and so is the defense of our nation against wrong doers.

RON'S REMINDERS



Tribute to Sister Irene Taylor

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life" (Prov. 31:10-12).

I will attempt in my limited way to honor a wonderful lady whom I was privileged to know. As a source of reference I used sister Taylor's own book, *"My Heart Standeth In Awe Of Thy Word,"* a brief biography of Robert R. Taylor, Jr. A side note regarding this book that touched me when I read it was that the book was written with love and admiration of a loving wife toward her husband. I now want to quote from the preface of her book a paragraph penned by the late Curtis Cates titled "They Are A Team."

"Who better to write this biography than sister Irene Crump Taylor, his devoted, supportive, loving companion of fifty-five years? They are a great team in the Lord's work. Sister Irene is a very gracious, precious Christian, a 'worthy woman' (Prov. 31:10-31), a person of warm hospitality. She is also a Bible scholar, a gifted speaker at lectureship and congregations in special ladies' classes, and a talented writer of articles and chapters in many volumes. She is a person of stalwart convictions, standing strong for Christ and His church."

I thought the above quote by brother Cates was much more eloquent than I could pen.

I will conclude my article with an observation made by brother Gary Colley about preachers' wives and will apply it to sister Taylor. He said he believes there is a special corner of Heaven reserved for preachers' wives. I am sure sister Taylor is in that corner.

Following is a poem written by sister Taylor. At her passing she and Robert had been married sixty-four years.

Married Love

There is a very special bond
God grants to man and wife,
A bond which truly cements their love
All through their walk in life.

This bond of love their hearts entwine
And makes their life as one.
It gives much joy and happiness
As the Christians race they run.

This bond includes a language sweet
Spoken between just these two.
It speaks of special tenderness,
Of love forever true.

The special love these two many share
Within the marriage tie
Is a loving gift from God above
And precious in His eye.

The bond is more than physical.
It covers every sphere
Of life together, the spiritual
And daily deeds while here.

The sweetest part of marriage
Is not when it's begun,
But when, in time, the love matures
And life is almost done.

When hand in hand we both shall stand
At Jordan's watery bank
And wait to cross o'er yonder
To join the heavenly rank.

Walk through this life together
While time is granted here,
And let no day slip quickly by
Without saying, "I love you, Dear."

Irene C. Taylor
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From *Pearls Of Poetry*

—Ron Wallace