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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.
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#### 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 work at Getwell is both pleasant and rewarding. To see folks who love the Lord act in harmony with His will is always to be commended. We are always happy to have our visitors and hope each one will desire to return in the future classes and services. The Word of God is enlightening to all who apply themselves in study (II Tim. 2:15). It will accompany one in his everyday living, give him many spiritual blessings, and preserve his hope for eternity.

Worry sometimes gets in our way of being happy. Paul exhorts, "Be careful [anxious, worried GC] for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, 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" (Phil. 4:6-7).

When we follow these inspired instructions, we will find the peace the Lord intended for us to enjoy. Remember, God hears more than we say, answers more than we ask, gives more than we imagine, all in His own time and in His own way.

## The Divine Basis of Religious Unity

Gary Colley

advertise "Attend the church of your choice." These suggest, and many tell us, that one church is as good as another. To those who are moving into new communities and searching for churches to attend, it may be an impressive building that attracts their attention or a friend might invite them, but most seem to believe that one church is as good as another. If one church is as good as another, then to attend the church of one's choice would be correct, but what saith the Scriptures (Rom. 4:3)?

The Lord said He would build His church (Matt. 16:18). Could a man-built church be as good as the church Christ built? Christ is the foundation of His church (I Cor. 3:11). Could any other foundation be as good as this foundation? Christ established His teaching in His church (Matt. 28:18-20). Could the division and confusion of denominationalism made by the creeds of men be as good as the unity of the Spirit (Eph. 4:1-6; Matt. 15:13)? Christ shed His blood to save man and purchase His church (Heb. 2:9; Acts 20:28). Can any man claim that his blood could purchase his church and cleanse as Christ's blood does? Christ proclaims that

He is the Head of His church (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18).

Now, men claim to be the head of their churches, and one even claims to be the pope of his, but who would claim that a human head is as good as the Divine Head, a position only Jesus Christ holds over His church? The Lord commanded His apostles to teach people who obeyed the Gospel by faith, repentance, confession, and baptism "to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matt. 28:20). This included the commands for His worship. The five items He commanded worship were singing, preaching, giving, partaking of the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day, and praying (Acts 2:42; Acts 20:7).

There are many different kinds of worship in the many man-made churches. Would any be foolish enough to contend that what man has commanded in worship equals what Christ commanded in worship (John 4:24; Matt. 15:9)? No, one church is not as good as another! Let us choose the church of Christ's choice!

# RON'S REMINDERS



The average length of a full term pregnancy is 38 weeks. Below is a time table of the development of the baby in the womb.

Three Weeks—The eyes and spinal cord are visible, and the developing brain has two lobes.

**Four Weeks**—The heart is beating, and a circulatory system is in place. Specific brain components and internal organs, such as the lungs, are beginning to develop and can be identified.

**Seven Weeks**—Muscles and nerves begin working together. When the upper lip is tickled, the arms move backwards. The cerebrum has divided into hemispheres.

Nine Weeks—More than 90% of the body structures found in a full grown human are present. This dividing line was chosen by embryologists because from this point forward, most development involves growth in existing body structures instead of the formation of new ones. The baby moves body parts without any outside stimulation.

**Ten Weeks**—All parts of the brain and spinal cord are formed. The heart pumps blood to every part of the body. The whole body is sensitive to touch except for portions of the head. The baby makes facial expressions.

**Twelve Weeks**—Electrical signals from the nervous system are measurable. After an abortion, efforts to suckle will sometimes be observed.

**Fourteen Weeks**—The baby makes coordinated movements of the arms and legs.

**Sixteen Weeks**—The baby makes eye movements.

**Eighteen Weeks**—The portion of the brain responsible for functions such as reasoning, memory, and language has the same number of nerve cells as a full grown adult. Pain sensory receptors have spread to all portions of the skin and mucous membranes.

**Twenty Weeks**—The baby sleeps, awakes, and can hear sounds.

**Twenty-Four Weeks**—The blink-startle reflex and taste buds are functional. The baby will swallow more amniotic fluid if a sweetener is added to it. The grip is strong enough to hold onto an object that is moving up and down. If born and given specialized care, the survival rate is more than 80%.

Twenty-Eight Weeks—If exposed to an 85 decibel noise while sleeping, the baby will exhibit the motor behaviors that accompany the crying state. If born and given specialized care, the survival rate is more than 95%.

**Thirty-Eight Weeks**—Average point in time when humans are born. At birth, the medical classification changes from a fetus to a neonate.

At any point prior to birth, according to the Supreme Court's rulings in *Roe v. Wade, Doe v. Bolton,* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey,* a pregnant woman can abort to preserve her "health."

Source: *Just Facts – a resource for independent thinkers,* "Abortion," <www.justfacts.com/abortion.asp>.