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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

We continue to rejoice in the good work of the members at Getwell. Each week there are reports of those who have visited the sick, sent cards to the shut-ins, taught others, led the singing, watched over the flock, took care of the speaker system, updated our outside sign, prepared the communion, prepared the bulletin and other publications for mailing, watched the parking lot during services, worked to repair the building, kept the lawn beautiful, helped with the radio work, and many other things. These go about their work quietly, but surely make a great difference.

Faithful Christians do have an advantage over the world because of our faith. The beloved John wrote, "... and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (I Jn. 5:4). One of our Texas friends, Kris Groda, wrote recently about the problems of God's people. He said:

"God uses problems to DIRECT us. Problems often point us in a new direction and motivate us to change (Prov. 20:30).

God uses problems to INSPECT us (Jas. 1:2-3).

God uses problems to CORRECT us. Some lessons we learn through pain and failure (Ps. 119:71).

God uses problems to PROTECT us (Gen. 50:20).

God uses problems to PERFECT us (Rom. 5:3-4)."

Let us all put our trust and confidence in the God of our creation through-out the year! Live each day as if it might be your last, and yet plan, living faithfully, as if you might live a thousand years!

Where in the Bible Will I Find . . .

Gary Colley

The Effects of Modernism on the Bible?

Modernism actually has no effect on the Bible. Modernism is the enemy of all men, because it leads men away from the revealed will of God. The Bible is inspired of God (II Tim. 3:16-17)! It has ever been protected by God (II Pet. 1:20-21). It is promised that God's Word will stand forever (Matt. 24:35). Though men may refuse to accept the Bible in this life, they do so to the destruction of their own soul (Matt. 16:26-27). God will have the last word, when He brings judgement on the ungodly and disobedient (Jn. 12:48). Some of the points upheld by Modernism but denied by the Scriptures are:

1. The virgin birth of Christ (Matt. 1:18-25; Lk. 1:26-38).
2. The miracles, wonders, and signs of Christ (Jn. 20:30-31).
3. The death of Christ (Matt. 27:35-38; Mk. 15:24-28; Lk. 23:33-38; Jn. 19:18-24).
4. The resurrection and appearances for forty days after Christ arose (Matt. 28; Mk. 16; Lk. 24; Jn. 20-21).

To deny these facts is to reject the Bible. These teachings also deny and reject Christ as

being who and what He claimed to be, the "Son of God." Modernism seeks to reduce Him to a mere man who was either deceived or dishonest, neither of which is true! The Bible gives an infallible record of the essentials necessary for man to please God (Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:6). THE BIBLE IS NOT A BOOK THAT CAN BE PARTIALLY REJECTED WITHOUT DOING VIOLENCE TO ITS CLAIMS TO INSPIRATION. We must either accept or reject it as it is!

True faith cannot be based on imagination or man's reasoning. True faith must depend on sufficient evidence. That sufficient evidence of the inspiration of the Bible is available to the good and honest heart (Lk. 8:11-15). And, when proper investigation is given, the evidence will force one of honest mind to conclude that the Bible is God's word and that it should be respected and obeyed! Eye had not seen, nor ear heard the things that God prepared for lost mankind, until it was revealed in the Bible (I Cor. 2:9-11). But, without study and acceptance it will not save anyone (II Tim. 2:15).

RON'S REMINDERS



This is my second time to pen this article. In the first article I tended to wander. My son Jacob says I write like I talk. Before I get into the meat of my article, I want to express my appreciation to Brenda Smitherman, the church secretary, who edits my articles, tightens them up, and is one of two people who can decipher my handwriting.

There are three matters I would like to address in this week's article, the first being abortion, the hideous procedure practiced in our nation today. Anytime I write concerning the evils of abortion, I think of the passage found in Proverbs 6:16-17: "These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood." Innocent blood is being shed in our nation every day. I guess what brought this to mind was the poaching and killing of the lion Cecil in Zimbabwe and the subsequent outrage and mourning. The second incident that brought abortion to mind was the revelation that Planned Parenthood has been trafficking in the sale of body parts from aborted babies—a barbaric and ghoulish practice. I have to wonder, where is the outrage and mourning over innocent babies killed every day in our nation? I contacted Karen McNeil at Life Choices for some data regarding abortions. According to Life Choices, every year there are 1,000,000 babies aborted in our nation, 15,000 in Tennessee, and 7,000 in Shelby County. If you do the math, that means that approximately 19,230 babies were killed last week in our nation. I ask, where is the outrage and mourning over the shedding of this innocent blood? According to Life Choices, there are four abortion clinics in Tennessee—two in Memphis, one in Nashville, and one in Knoxville. Let me urge my readers, not as a political issue but as a moral issue, to contact and ask your elected representative to quit giving tax payer money

(your money) to Planned Parenthood to subsidize abortions. I am reminded of a story I heard about the holocaust during the WWII era. There was a church in Germany that backed up to a railroad track. Every Sunday morning during worship a train would rumble by transporting Jews bound for the death camps. As the train passed by, the congregants could hear the wailing and crying of Jews in the freight cars, which was very disruptive to their worship. What made the situation worse is that the congregants knew the destination of the train's occupants. So, the church had a meeting to deal with the noise from the passing trains with the doomed human cargo. They came to an ideal solution in their minds. To mask the noise of the cries and wails from the trains, they would have to sing louder. Today in our nation, there are cries and wailing of unborn babies being put to death. Let us not just choose to sing louder but to get in the fight against abortion. In closing, I want to recognize three ladies who are in the fight and commend them for their courage and zeal: Karen McNeil, Life Choices; Sue Parker, Life Choices; and Heidi Schaefer, County Commissioner.

To finish my article on a positive note, the "Shoes for Andrew" drive is going splendidly. Presently, at the Getwell building we have 378 pairs of shoes collected. The Highland Heights congregation has brought over one load of shoes and plans to bring another load this week. In connection with this, I received a wonderful note from brother Harry Morrow of Picayune, Mississippi. Brother Morrow is the stepfather of our brother Pat Phillips. He is a dedicated Christian gentleman who in his note exhibited a very Barnabas type spirit of commendation and encouragement and plans on sending a dozen pairs of shoes to Getwell for the shoe drive.

—Ron Wallace