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SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:20 a.m.
Worship.....5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

Gary Colley

The elders have decided that I will continue the work of teaching and preaching at Getwell until after the SPIRITUAL SWORD LECTURESHIP, October 16-18, 2017, or perhaps longer. This I am happy to do and trust that it will meet the approval of the membership in general. Our work continues to enjoy many visitors and good interest on the part of all the members meeting at Getwell. May God ever have the glory in all that we seek to accomplish.

One of the worst and most dreaded of all words in the English language is the word *Hell*. Some in the world have strongly objected to such a place and at times even tried to "read it out of the Bible"! But like it or not, it remains in place just as God has ordained it for the disobedient, the unfaithful, the wicked and evil citizens of the world! The Lord has also declared that it is a place of *eternal habitation* for the unrighteous (Matt. 25:46). There is no excuse sufficiently given for anyone to go to Hell! But sadly, many have rejected the Lord and His Word and are living a life calculated to take them to this place of suffering (Take your Bible: Rev. 20:11-15; 21:8; Matt. 8:12). But the good news is that there is a way to miss Hell: it is by having our name written in the Lamb's Book of Life through our obedience to the Gospel (Acts 2:38-41, 47). Please be reminded that there is no way to get out of Hell once one is there!

The Clockwork of the Eclipse

Mike McDaniel

On August 21, 2017, I traveled with my daughter, Kayla, and her friend, Maria, to Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, to conduct some business and to watch the solar eclipse. Leaving them on campus with their friend, Cheyenne, I ate lunch with my son, Ryan, and then went back to his apartment and visited with our friends, Grant and Joey. Together, the four of us watched the eclipse. I must say that it surpassed my expectations. Just as had been predicted, an incredibly hot day with heat indexes of 105-110 suddenly became cool and pleasant. It shocked me. In referring to the sun, Psalm 19:5-6 says, "Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof." In hiding the sun, the moon gave us a merciful respite from the heat. Street lights came on. Locusts and crickets began to chirp. I pointed out the planet Venus as being visible in the sky. To my amazement, I also noticed the shadow of the eclipse on a concrete step leading down to the apartment. The sun was shining through a hole in the metal steps above. It reminded of when I was boy in the 1970s during a solar eclipse. Having no special glasses, we used shoeboxes in which we made a hole and saw the sun's shadow on the paper.

Taking off our special glasses and viewing the total eclipse was an awe inspiring sight. My nephew, Eric Carlson, is a skilled photographer and took some amazing photographs of it in Nashville, TN. He described it as, "definitely the most incredible thing I have ever experienced."

Upon returning home later that evening, I watched some of Nasa's coverage around the country. They interviewed former NASA astronaut, Mike Massimino, who is an American professor of mechanical engineering at Columbia University. Mike talked about the amazing clockwork involved in a total solar eclipse and how it is unique to our planet.

The moon is about 400 times smaller than the sun in diameter. However, the moon is also about 400 times closer to us than the sun. As a result, the sun and moon have the same apparent size in the sky, and are able to exactly eclipse each other from the point of view of an observer on earth within the path of totality as I was on August 21st. Computer studies show that this phenomenon is unique among

the known moons of the solar system. In their amazing book, *Our Created Moon*, Dr. Don DeYoung and Dr. John Whitcomb point out: "This fortuitous size distance balance between our moon and the sun is usually described as a 'surprising coincidence' or a 'lucky accident' in nature. However, this phenomenon actually points to yet another detail of design in the moon's creation for man's benefit and God's glory." In speaking of a total eclipse of the sun, Dr. Henry Morris wrote, "The exact reason why God designed it this way is not yet evident, but the relationship is too precise to be accidental."

Once on the island of Jamaica, Columbus threatened non-cooperative natives, "that, should they persist in their enmity, the moon would lose its light." Columbus used his knowledge of astronomy and of a coming eclipse of the moon to gain control over them. He knew from the Astronomic Calendar of Regiomontanus that a total lunar eclipse was due on February 29, 1504, and used that knowledge to his advantage. If not for the mathematical precision of the universe, how could astronomers predict eclipses? Who was the great Mathematician who designed all of this? How did all of this "clockwork" come about?

In Job 38:33, God asked Job, "Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven?" The word ordinances means laws. God's heavenly bodies are operated to His finely-tuned celestial laws created by His wisdom. Friends, if the celestial bodies operate according to laws, there must be a Divine lawgiver!

The Psalmist said in Psalm 33:6, 8, 9: "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth . . . Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast." We can look at the heavens and know that they were created by the breath of the mouth of the Lord, by the power of the word of God.

Dr. Arthur M. Harding, Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy at the University of Arkansas, described our solar system by saying, "Surely here is a gigantic machine which makes us stand in awe and wonder at the power of the Creator who could design such a machine and put it into operation."

Astronaut Mike Massimino was right when he said that the total solar eclipse was just like clockwork. I stood in awe and wonder!

RON'S REMINDERS



This week we have an addendum to our special graduate issue we ran a few weeks ago. The young man we will profile is Bernard (BJ) Nelson, son of Angelia Nelson and grandson of Gwyn Watkins. He graduated from Ridgeway High School. While at school he played football for the Ridgeway Road Runners as a tight end for the four years he attended the school. As of this writing he has started school at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee. His major is Sports Rehabilitation Athletic Training. We ask God's blessing on B. J. as he begins a new chapter in his life. I know his family is proud of him.

Looking at other students, Deadrick Mayberry is beginning his final semester at Tennessee State University majoring in physical therapy. Noah Wallace has begun his final year at Freed-Hardeman University; he is working on a double major, Bible and Communications.

Following is a listing of where our kids at Getwell are attending school:

LaTerika Johnson—Colonial Middle School
Raven Johnson—Colonial Middle School
Tamyra Johnson—South Park Elementary
Kennedy Wilson—Star Academy Charter School
Kameryn Sumerall—Star Academy Charter School
Shannon Williams—Preschool
Chase Allen—DuBois Elementary School of
Entrepreneurship
Byron Hampton—Hickory Ridge Middle School
Jaquan Smith—Bon Lin Middle School

Sunday, September 3, is an important day here at Getwell. It is promotion Sunday. Various kids will be moving into the next grade. This affords an excellent opportunity to bring a child to church. Perhaps you know of a friend or relative you could start bringing to Bible class.

Following is a listing of our classes and teachers.

4 & 5 year olds—Christine Allen, Shirley Matthews
Grades 1-3—Karen Wallace
Grades 4-6—Connie Ferrell, Frances Wallace,
June Wallace
Grades 7-12—Ron Wallace

I want to take this opportunity to thank Pat Smith for teaching the 4-6 grade class on Wednesday nights, but, unfortunately, she is stepping down. June Wallace has agreed to step up and help teach the class.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the congregation for donating school supplies for Getwell Elementary. Getwell Elementary is the school we adopted. Also, remember that Sunday, September 3, is the last day to bring commodities for the Potter Children's Home.

At this writing it is less than two months until the 42nd Annual Spiritual Sword Lectureship, October 15-18. This year's theme is "Pressing Toward the Mark." We have brochures available for distribution. Apart from attending the lectures, we need plenty of helping hands to make the lectureship a success. Stanley Wallace has agreed again this year to use his culinary skills as our chef. Martha Barch and Frances Wallace have agreed to run the coffee and donut room.

In closing, I have spoken to several who attended the Polishing the Pulpit lectures. As usual, they came back with glowing reports of the speakers and their subjects. Of particular interest to Getwell, brother Alan E. Highers, editor of **THE SPIRITUAL SWORD** spoke in the opening lectures on the weeping prophet and the fire shut up in his bones, a reference to Jeremiah 20:9.