

# Good News

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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.

##### **WEDNESDAY**

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

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## **ON THE HOME FRONT**

**Gary Colley**

The great interest in the work at Getwell has been impressed exceedingly on this writer in the past few weeks! We have had calls from several states with kind words about our beginning work with this congregation. There have also been a number of notes and encouragements by word of mouth from many different ones here in Memphis. These have all been interested in the continuance of the work here and have been a commendation to this church and a blessing to the Colleys as we continue our work.

It should impress every member at Getwell with the far-reaching good that has been done in the past by the members here under the oversight of our elders. But, it should also impress us with the present obligation in the work that is to be done. It will demand our very best as we continue to shine forth as "light" to those whom we may influence. In addition to our responsibility to attend all of the services of the church, the bulletin work and the radio work go into many homes each week, and these reach many miles beyond our locality. Many correspondence courses are requested, and we appreciate the good work of those who grade and answer the questions accompanying this teaching tool. THE SPIRITUAL SWORD, edited by brother Alan E. Highers, has done untold good and continues to reach into not only these United States but into many foreign countries.

We want all to know that the Getwell church of Christ is well, happy, and going forward in the work of the Lord. We solicit the prayers of all.

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# Impossible To Renew Them Again (I)

Gary Colley

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**O**ne of the most moving and powerful scriptures in the Bible reads,

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame (Heb. 6:4-6).

Many have been the questions about this reference because of the false doctrines of Calvinism which deny that the saved person can fall from grace or apostatize. Unless one has the colored glasses of error blocking his view, we believe this passage along with many others on this question to be crystal clear: the once sincere, faithful, truly converted Christian who departs from following the Lord and His Word will be eternally lost. Since God's powerful means to save is the Gospel (Rom. 1:16) and the Gospel is the only means which was brought to bear on any lost soul to bring salvation (Jas. 1:21), if that power is now neglected and rejected, there is no other power promised nor to be expected which will be exerted upon the heart to benefit our eternal welfare.

## **Paul's Pleadings**

Most consider Paul to be the writer of the book of Hebrews and that the book was written for the purpose of preserving from apostasy the Jewish Christians to whom he wrote. The key word in the book is the word "better," mentioned some thirteen times to show the superiority of Christianity over Judaism in the priesthood, law, benefits, promises, etc. These

to whom Paul wrote were exposed to the dangers of apostasy because of the sticklers for the Law of Moses who desired and worked diligently to return those who followed Christ to the yoke of bondage from which they had been delivered (Gal. 5:1).

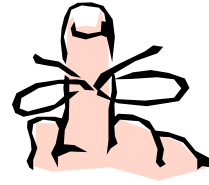
Paul had written to the Galatian Christians that, if they returned to the tenets of the Old Law, "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace" (Gal. 5:4). The foreign teachings of men, then and now, have often departed from the true teaching of God's revelation. Therefore, proper living and understanding of the grace of God found in the Gospel plan of salvation have not been followed. Some now contend there is nothing we can do in obedience to effect God's grace toward ourselves; or, some say that grace covers unrepented sins; and even some say, in further accord with Calvinism and not the Bible, that once one is saved by the grace of God he cannot fall so as to be lost. Some seem to cast away the scriptures that do not suit them and finally decide in favor of universal salvation.

## **We Can Fall Away**

Paul's description of the blessings enjoyed in Christ by the faithful (Heb. 6:4-6) whose hearts no longer love and practice sin but are alive unto righteousness (Rom. 6:14, 19) are very vivid. He is clearly not referring to those who have remained in the world of sin and out of Christ, but he refers to those who through faith, repentance, confession and baptism have entered Christ. But, something has happened since then. They have fallen away! Hence, he shows the former blessings enjoyed by Christians have now been lost by neglect in the hardened heart of the apostate.

*(to be continued next week)*

# RON'S REMINDERS



## Creation Fact #55 Evidence from Microbiology

Even the "lowest" forms of life, such as bacteria, have built-in abilities and intelligence. Some bacteria can move toward the food they like and away from environments which are harmful to them. The E. coli bacterium is so tiny that it has difficulty moving through water in the same way a human would have trouble swimming through molasses. Therefore, E. coli was designed with whiplike hairs called flagella which allow it to move.

E. coli can only move when its flagella are rotating. When rotated counterclockwise, its six to eight flagella wind together, forming a propeller that rotates at a fantastic 18,000 revolutions per minute. This allows the bacterium to move in a straight line. Sometimes the E.coli reverses its propeller, causing the whiplike hairs to unwrap and spin the bacterium into a tumble.

Microbiologists have yet to figure out how a bacterium knows where it wants to go in order to find food. The bacterium must have both sensors and a memory in order to know whether or not the location it is traveling to is better than where it came from. These remarkable abilities of even a tiny bacterium should cause anyone to question how it could possibly have evolved by random-chance mutations.

## Creation Fact #56 Evidence from Biology

The spider and its silk are exquisitely designed engineering marvels. The spider has the ability to produce a variety of different kinds of silk strands for its web. **These different kinds of silk, woven into the spider's web, serve remarkably different functions.** Some lines are sticky to catch prey, while other strands are non-sticky so that the spider can approach its prey without becoming stuck to its own web. The drag line is a third kind

of silk that the spider uses to lower itself from its web to the ground.

Scientists report that spider silk is made from a combination of crystalline and amorphous (randomly arranged) materials which combine the best characteristics of wire and rubber. Usually when you make something stronger, it becomes more brittle and resistant to being elongated. Yet spider silk is just the opposite—as the threads become stronger, they also become more elastic.

The complexity of the spider and its ability to produce marvelously designed webs could not have happened by random-chance; they point to their Designer.

## Creation Fact #57 Evidence from Archaeology

**Archaeological discoveries show that ancient man was both highly intelligent and skilled.** In France fifty years ago, the Lascaux Cave paintings that are thousands of years old were discovered. Researchers have found *scaffolding* and *stone lamps* used to light the work area. They have also discovered the original *palettes* used by the artists with *dried paint* intact. This has allowed researchers to study the pigments used by the ancient artists. Using scanning electron microscopes and other high-tech equipment, researchers learned that the artists collected local minerals to make their paints. Within 15 kilometers from the cave, mineral deposits were found which were able to provide the full range of colors.

These **ancient artists had the technology** necessary for *obtaining* the minerals, *grinding* them into fine powders, and *mixing* them to create pigments that hold their color and beauty to this day. Evolutionary thinking has led many to assume that just because man lived in caves, he was primitive. The actual evidence indicates otherwise.

— *A Closer Look at the Evidence* by Richard & Tina Kleiss

# FAMILY NEWS AND NOTES



**I WAS SICK AND  
YE VISITED ME  
(MATT. 25:36)**

Please remember with your cards, calls, and prayers those of our number who are confined at home or in nursing homes: **Hazel Bizzell**, 356 Calle Escada, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459-3698; **Nell Brandon**, Quince Nursing and Rehab Center, 6733 Quince Rd., Room 2006A, 38119; **Emma Brotherton**, Landmark of DeSoto, 3068 Nail Rd. W., Room 310B, Horn Lake, MS 38637; **Frances Collins**, 4779 Amboy Rd., 38117, 682-6917; **Mary Haynes**, 274 S. Highland, Apt. 808, 38111, 327-2127; **Addie Nelms**, 4007 Dunn Ave., 38111, 743-7554; **Skipper Schulz**, 139 Magnolia Dr., 38117, 683-3049; and **Minnie Wayne**,

Gallaway Healthcare Center, Room 106, 435 Old Brownsville Rd., Gallaway, TN 38036, 317-4590.

## SPIRITUAL SWORD GIFTS

Spiritual Sword donations have been received from Wendell Hutchins (TX), M/M Darvin Mitchell (TX), Mrs. Cleda Knight (TX), M/M Doyce Shumate (AR), James Brown (GA), Lina Abbott (PA), David Boucher (TX), M/M Doyle Schmidt (ID), Wells Kirby (TN), Elvis Denney (MO), Marcus Dugger (GA), and Mark Parsons (FPO AP).

## REMINDER

The office will be closed on November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Psalm 29:2

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 23, 2008

Welcome: George Cloys  
Lead Singing: Pat Phillips  
Opening Prayer: Tom Harris (a.m.)  
Doug Miller (p.m.)  
Sermon: Gary Colley  
Closing Prayer: Tracy Smitherman (a.m.)  
Leonard Hillis (p.m.)

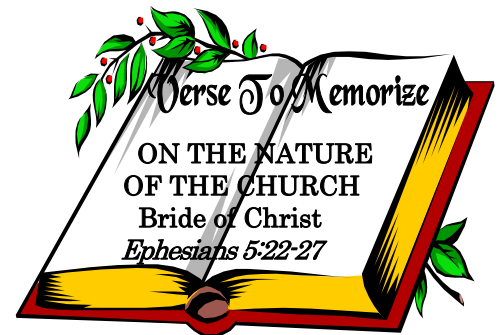
## OUR ATTITUDE

November 16, 2008

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|-------------------|------------|
| Bible Study       | 90         |
| Morning Worship   | 109        |
| Evening Worship   | 68         |
| Wednesday (11/12) | 47         |
| Contribution      | \$3,931.50 |
| Weekly Budget     | \$3,665.00 |

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Beef Stew



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