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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 Study.....10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

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ON THE HOME FRONT

Gary Colley

We always extend a warm welcome to all of our visitors at Getwell, as well as an invitation to "come again." It encourages us when others come to be with us in the worship of God. Our intent is to simply stand in the old paths of Truth and to carry out the Lord's will in our lives. Aims and goals are necessary in the life of every successful Christian. Our lessons in Bible study periods and sermons are aimed at the hearts of men, and our goal is to save as many as possible.

Christians should not be like boxers who practice their skill by "shadow boxing." They are doing what Paul denied doing, called "beating the air" (I Cor. 9:26). The opponent is not there for them to fight. He is, therefore, not defeated by their energy expended. Paul did not want to spend his life in vain, by boxing with no object in mind. He knew his opponent was Satan, and that he had to defeat him in his life (I Jn. 2:15-17). He was ever on guard against this formidable enemy (I Pet. 5:8). Many Christians do not seem to have their eye on Heaven as their goal. They exert a great deal of action, but without a plan taken from God's word it is ineffective (II Tim. 3:16-17). Doing the Lord's will should always be our aim (Jn. 14:15). Without this aim ever being in our hearts, we will waste our time by just "beating the air." Yet living by the teaching of the Holy Spirit revealed in the Word, we will be seeing the fruits of the Spirit bloom in our lives (Rom. 8:1-2; Gal. 5:22-24). Let us not waste our efforts and spend our strength for nothing and miss our ultimate goal of Heaven. Let us seek out the Lord's will and put forth our very best effort to please Him with our lives (I Jn. 2:3-6).

Have You Placed Membership?

Gary Colley

Wherever a Christian lives, his “membership” in the Lord’s church (or responsibility to Christ) goes with him. Some honestly question whether it is needful, necessary, and scriptural for Christians to make known where they intend to worship and work in the locality where they live. Some drift in and out of various congregations and feel no obligation to God’s order, thereby spurning responsibility and reward. This type of irresponsible action nullifies the God-given order of elders overseeing the flock among them (I Pet. 5:1-2).

By the examples of the New Testament, we realize that it is scriptural and, therefore, in harmony with God’s desire and order for each Christian to be identified with a local congregation (Acts 9:6; 18:27; Rom. 16:1-2). Some have never been made aware of this and, therefore, have not “placed their membership” or been “identified” with any local body. A few facts to study will no doubt help those who have been hesitant along this line. We are sure that with understanding will come the correct result. We are sure that with understanding will come the desire to meet with God’s approval.

1. The local congregation (flock together) is the only unit of organization known in the New Testament for carrying forth God’s work (I Cor. 1 :2; Rev. 2: 1, 8, 12, 18; 3:1, 7, 14).
2. God has ordained that qualified men (elders) should oversee, feed, and protect this flock from error (Acts 20:28-31; I Pet. 5:1-4).
3. Since there are to be overseers, it is necessary that the flock submit to and make known their submission to this oversight (Heb. 13:15-17).
4. In respect for God’s order or will, the overseen submit or make known their willingness to be under the oversight, discipline, and watch care of the elders. There could be no divine organization otherwise (I Tim. 5:17, 19).
5. There are no such people found in the New Testament as “members at large” or “floaters” who do not want to be responsible in a locality.
6. Therefore, it is necessary IN SOME WAY, when we move into a community and decide

where we will worship, to make known to all that our “membership” is with a certain local congregation.

7. To make known that desire to be identified as a part of the chosen congregation, you may choose to go forward at the appropriate time of response, to speak to an elder or the preacher so that it can be announced, or to indicate your desire on a registration form or program of worship.

There is no doubt that for our safety and strength, the full use of our talents, the provoking of others to “love and good works” (Heb. 10:23-25), as well as the spread of the Kingdom, God desires that we make known our intentions to be a part of one of the local congregations of His people.

Have you placed membership?

SOMETIME!

Sometime, when you’re feeling important,
Sometime, when your ego’s in bloom,
Sometime, when you take it for granted,
You’re the best qualified in the room;

Sometime when you feel like your going
Would leave an unfillable hole,
Just follow this simple instruction
And see how it humbles your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Put your hand in it, up to the wrist;
Pull it out; and the hole that’s remaining,
Is a measure of how you’ll be missed.

You may splash all you please when you enter,
You can stir up the water galore,
But stop and you’ll find in a minute,
That it looks quite the same as before.

The moral in this quaint example,
Is do just the best that you can,
Be proud of yourself, but remember,
There’s no indispensable man!

– Unknown

March 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Num. 23-25 Mark 7:1-37	2 Num. 26-27 Mark 8:1-21 *John Chaney	3 Num. 28-30 Mark 8:22-38	4 Num. 31-33 Mark 9:1-29	5 Num. 34-36 Mark 9:30-50 *Ed Hagstrom	6 Deut. 1-2 Mark 10:1-31	7 Deut. 3-4 Mark 10:32-52 Comm. Prep. Frances Wallace
8 Deut. 5-7 Mark 11:1-18 **George & Nell Barber (62) 	9 Deut. 8-10 Mark 11:19-33 *Martha Jo Hagstrom	10 Deut. 11-13 Mark 12:1-27 *George Barber	11 Deut. 14-16 Mark 12:28-44	12 Deut. 17-19 Mark 13:1-20	13 Deut. 20-22 Mark 13:21-37	14 Deut. 23-25 Mark 14:1-26 *Lillian Luttrell Comm. Prep. Tom Harris
15 Deut. 26-27 Mark 14:27-53 Newcomers' Luncheon	16 Deut. 28-29 Mark 14:54-72	17 Deut. 30-31 Mark 15:1-25 *Walter Nelms	18 Deut. 32-34 Mark 15:26-47	19 Josh. 1-3 Mark 16	20 Josh. 4-6 Luke 1:1-20 *Josephine Noah 	21 Josh. 7-9 Luke 1:21-38 Comm. Prep. Tom Harris
22 Josh. 10-12 Luke 1:39-56	23 Josh. 13-15 Luke 1:57-80	24 Josh. 16-18 Luke 2:1-24 Ladies Bible Class Luncheon	25 Josh. 19-21 Luke 2:25-52	26 Josh. 22-24 Luke 3	27 Judg. 1-3 Luke 4:1-30 *Margaret Laquintano *W. T. Hardwick	28 Judg. 4-6 Luke 4:31-44 *Charles Nelms Comm. Prep. Wanda Barringer & Maxine Ward
29 Judg. 7-8 Luke 5:1-16	30 Judg. 9-10 Luke 5:17-39	31 Judg. 11-12 Luke 6:1-26 *Sam Kundeti	 Pictures will be made in the large meeting room each Sunday in March to update our hallway picture board.		*BIRTHDAY **ANNIVERSARY Please advise us of your birthday and anniversary if they do not appear on our calendar.	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> MARCH COMMUNION SERVICE Tom Harris John Watkins Raymond McCoy Jack Thomas Billy Collins Larry Pike John Chaney Stanley Wallace Alternate: Ron Wallace </div>						

FAMILY NEWS AND NOTES



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

At Methodist Hospital Germantown **Paula Perkins** is in Room 332 West, and **Donnie Scott** (former Getwell member) is in Room 311 West. **Addie Nelms** is in Room 4211 at Baptist Hospital Memphis. Lillian Luttrell requests prayers for her niece **Angie Johnston**, who has a mass in her lung and is in Baptist Hospital Desoto.

Please also 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; **Buddy Brandon**, 11714 Macon, Eads, TN 38028, 853-4720; **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.

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SPIRITUAL SWORD GIFTS

Donations for THE SPIRITUAL SWORD have been received from Mac Ballard (AR) and from Michael Book (OH).

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 1, 2009

Welcome: George Cloys
Lead Singing: Pat Phillips
Opening Prayer: George Cloys (a.m.)
Lenwood Luttrell (p.m.)
Bible Reading: Doug Miller
Sermon: Gary Colley
Closing Prayer: Charles Shappley (a.m.)
Rob Barringer (p.m.)

OUR ATTITUDE

February 22, 2009

Bible Study	88
Morning Worship	96
Evening Worship	48
Wednesday (2/18)	66
Contribution	\$4,147.25
Weekly Budget	\$3,706.00

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