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SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY ACTIVITY

SUNDAY

Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Worship	
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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

We continue to appreciate those who use their talents in serving the Lord regularly. This is the case with most of the members meeting at Getwell and Dunn. We commend them for their interest and concern for the work of the Lord! These, unlike some, seem to never be "too busy" when a need arises to show themselves faithful. They can be counted on to show their obedience and good example by being present for all the classes and worship services.

One unknown author wrote the following about the lazy and idle when work needs to be done: He correctly said that God always chose from those who were already busy! "Moses was busy with his flock at Horeb. Gideon was busy threshing wheat by the winepress. Saul was busy searching for his father's lost donkeys. David was busy caring for his father's sheep. Elisha was busy plowing. Nehemiah was busy serving the king. Amos was busy tending his flock. James and John were busy mending their nets. Matthew was busy collecting taxes." When Jesus comes to call us into account, will we answer, "Sorry Lord, but I have just been too busy?

Where in the Bible Will I Find . . . The Importance of the Cross?

Gary Colley

The golden thread of God's love and redemption for sinful man is found throughout the Bible. The blood sacrifices of the Old Testament were typical of the blood Christ shed on the cross. The command to Abraham to offer Isaac, the child of promise, typically expresses God's love and offering of His own Son (Gen. 22). Jesus' blood ratified the New Covenant by which all can be redeemed (Mt. 26:28; Heb. 5:8-9). His blood was shed "for" (in order to) the remission of sins, just as baptism now is "for" (in order to) the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). The "preaching of the cross" is, to many, foolishness today, but it is still the only power of God for salvation (I Cor. 1:18; Rom. 1:16; Mk. 16:15-16).

PARADOXES

We find the greatest of all paradoxes in the Cross of Christ! "Paradox" means something seemingly self-contradictory but really founded on Truth. THE CROSS IS:

- 1. The most tragic murder in the history of the world, YET the most wonderful event that ever happened!
- 2. The saddest spectacle man ever beheld, YET out of it came the greatest joy!
- 3. Satan's greatest victory and Christ's most humiliating defeat, YET the most stunning defeat Satan ever suffered and the most glorious victory Christ ever won!
- 4. The greatest exhibition of divine justice in condemning sin, YET the most wonderful demonstration of divine mercy in pardoning sin.
- 5. God's greatest manifestation of hatred for sin, YET God's supreme proof of love for the sinner!
- 6. The means by which God's justice condemned sin, YET the exhibition of His mercy in forgiving sin!
- 7. The darkest hour in history, YET the time of greatest light to the world!
- 8. The greatest hatred of man for Christ, YET we see Christ's love for man!
- 9. The cross portrays man's sinfulness, YET God's holiness!
- 10. Man's human weakness, YET God's Divine strength.
- 11. Man's inability to save himself by his own plan, YET God's ability and power, by grace, to do this for obedient man!
- 12. The cross from the human standpoint is foolishness, YET it is a revelation of the highest wisdom of God.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*BIRTHDAY **ANNIVERSARY If your birthday or anniversary does not appear on our calendar, please contact the church office.	SEPTEMBER COMMUNION SERVICE Thaxter Hodum Carl Allen Ron Wallace Arthur Winbush Jesse Mathews McArthur Frison Melvin Hammond Stanley Wallace Alternate: Ed Lyon		n inbush Frison	Pictures will be made in the large meeting room each Sunday in September to update our hallway picture board.		Jer. 22-24 Comm. Prep. Raymond McCoy
2 Jer. 25-27 Bridal Shower for June Wallace, Bride-Elect of Carter Ashby 2-4 p.m. at Getwell Church	3 Jer. 28-30 *Tracy Smitherman LABOR DAY Office Closed	4 Jer. 31-33 Ladies Bible Class Resumes 10:00 a.m. Each Tuesday	5 Jer. 34-36 *Jack Smith	6 Jer. 37-39	7 Jer. 40-42	S Jer. 43-45 Comm. Prep. Jesse/Shirley Matthews
9 Jer. 46-48 *Alma Jackson Happy Grandparents Day!	10 Jer. 49-52	11 Lam. 1-3	12 Lam. 4-Ezek. 1 *Loraine Fowler	13 Ezek. 2-4	14 Ezek. 5-7	15 Ezek. 8-10 **Gary & Maggie Colley (63) Comm. Prep. Jesse/Shirley Matthews
16 Ezek. 11-13 **Ransom & Virginia Reaves (57)	17 Ezek. 14-16	18 Ezek. 17-19	19 Ezek. 20-22	20 Ezek. 23-25 **Carl & Christine Allen (15)	21 Ezek. 26-28	22 Ezek. 29-31 Comm. Prep. Betty Taylor AUTUMN BEGINS
23 Ezek. 32-34 *Betty Taylor	24 Ezek. 35-37	25 Ezek. 38-40 *Michelle Watkins	26 Ezek. 41-43	27 Ezek. 44-46	28 Ezek. 47-48	29 Dan. 1-3 Comm. Prep. Betty Taylor
30 Dan. 4-7 *Martha Scaife						