

# 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

### Ransom Reaves

Getwell officially welcomed Bradley Michael Smith as its new pulpit minister Sunday. Brother Smith, a 2019 graduate of the Memphis School of Preaching, hails from Murray, Kentucky.

Brother Smith comes to Getwell with the highest of recommendations. Tom Wacaster, dean of admissions for the Memphis School of Preaching, gave these accolades during his own June 2 and June 9 sermons at Getwell.

*"He is an exceptional student with great grades. I have watched Bradley Smith develop from one 'desiring' to preach the gospel to one who 'knows how' to preach the gospel. He has wisdom beyond his years; don't discount his youth."*

The congregation heeded Brother Wacaster's suggestion to "encourage him by sitting in the middle section of the auditorium." Even our most senior members moved to fill the front row seats on Sunday.

Since the February retirement of our beloved Gary Colley, students from the Memphis School of Preaching volunteered to teach Bible class and present Sunday morning and evening sermons. These first- and second-year student preachers included Carlton Graham, Hatton Allen, Charles Cordon, Bradley Smith, Britton Bidigare, Daniel McMillin, Scott Broughton, Daniel A. Webster, Adam Barcroft, Zak Diallo, and Daniel T. Webster.

Brother Smith accepted the pulpit position with his May 5<sup>th</sup> sermon which he entitled "Times of Transition", It is recorded on our Web site. He is ready and prepared "to preach the Word."

The congregation now was also encouraged by Brother Wacaster to "think Big and Daring when Bradley arrives!" The challenge is before us all.

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# Why Do We Have the Old Testament?

## Bradley Smith

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As Christians, we are familiar with the fact that we are bound by the New Testament system (Heb. 9:15-17). The New Testament is a better system in every way (Heb. 10:1-4). Since we are no longer under the Old Testament system, why is it necessary for us to have and study the Old Testament? We will examine a few reasons for such.

### It Was Written for Our Learning (Rom. 15:4)

“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written **for our learning**, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope” (Rom. 15:4, emp. BMS). In the context, the apostle Paul, by inspiration, is speaking of the Old Testament. We can learn from the things which are written in the Old Testament. We can learn that God cares about the details (Gen. 4, Gen. 6, Exo. 12, etc.). We can learn about the consequences of disobedience (Gen. 3, Lev. 10:1-2, etc.). We can learn that God has always had a plan (Gen. 3:15). We can learn how all things came to be (Gen. 1-2). We could go on and on with examples of things we can learn from the Old Testament, but these will suffice.

### It Was Written for Our Admonition (1 Cor. 10:11)

“Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written **for our admonition**, upon whom the ends of the world are come” (1 Cor. 10:11, emp. BMS). Admonition is defined as a mild rebuke or reproof (Webster). If we look back to the previous verses, beginning at verse 5, there is a warning given. Paul, by inspiration, points back to the negative examples of the Israelites, and consequences for such. They all had equal opportunity (1 Cor. 10:1-4), but some chose to rebel (1 Cor. 10:5-10). Think of an elementary school class. The teacher tells her students, “Be careful when you are on the monkey bars or you could fall and get hurt.” Inevitably, a child falls off of the monkey bars and has some sort of injury. When the child is in the nurse’s office and the other students are in the classroom, the teacher asks, “Do you see what happens when you are not careful on the monkey bars?” That is similar to what is going on in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10. Paul is essentially saying, “Do you see what happens when you do not obey God?” We can look and see the consequences which were received because of disobedience. The accounts of these events are located in the Old Testament, which gives us a better understanding of the consequences of our actions.

Lord willing we will continue with Part 2 of this study next week.

# JULY 2019

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<p><b>*BIRTHDAY</b> <b>**ANNIVERSARY</b></p> <p>If your birthday or anniversary does not appear on our calendar, please contact the church office and give us the dates.</p>	<p><b>1</b> Psa. 103-105 <i>*Brittany Watkins</i></p>	<p><b>2</b> Psa. 106-107</p>	<p><b>3</b> Psa. 108-110 <i>*Wynona Murray</i> <i>*Donna Murray-Hankins</i> <i>*Karen Taylor</i></p> <p>SUMMER SERIES HEROES-Moses Mike Hixson</p>	<p><b>4</b> Psa. 111-114</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED INDEPENDENCE DAY</p> 	<p><b>5</b> Psa. 115-118 <i>*Alan E. Highers</i></p>	<p><b>6</b> Psa. 119</p> <p>Comm. Prep. Thaxter/Martha Hodum</p>										
<p><b>7</b> Psa. 120-122 <i>*Thaxter Hodum</i></p>	<p><b>8</b> Psa. 123-126 <i>*Carolyn Smith</i></p>	<p><b>9</b> Psa. 127-129 <i>*Larry Pike</i></p>	<p><b>10</b> Psa. 130-132</p> <p>SUMMER SERIES HEROES-David Ray Peters</p>	<p><b>11</b> Psa. 133-135 <i>**Michael &amp; Carolyn Taylor (1)</i></p>	<p><b>12</b> Psa. 136-138 <i>*Ed Lyon</i></p>	<p><b>13</b> Psa. 139-141</p> <p>Comm. Prep. Dewey/Wynona Murray</p>										
<p><b>14</b> Psa. 142-144</p>	<p><b>15</b> Psa. 145-147 <i>*Maxine Ward</i> <i>**Tracy &amp; Brenda Smitherman (47)</i></p>	<p><b>16</b> Psa. 148-150</p>	<p><b>17</b> Pro. 1-3</p> <p>SUMMER SERIES HEROES-Joseph Robert Jeffries</p>	<p><b>18</b> Pro. 4-6</p>	<p><b>19</b> Pro. 7-9 <i>*Melissa Watkins</i></p>	<p><b>20</b> Pro. 10-12</p> <p>Ladies Sack Lunch Fellowship 11:30-1 pm</p> <p>Comm. Prep. Dewey/Wynona Murray</p>										
<p><b>21</b> Pro. 13-15</p>	<p><b>22</b> Pro. 16-18</p>	<p><b>23</b> Pro. 19-21</p>	<p><b>24</b> Pro. 22-24 <i>**Scott &amp; Anita Shepherd (34)</i></p> <p>SUMMER SERIES HEROES-Joshua Jarod Rhodes</p>	<p><b>25</b> Pro. 25-27</p>	<p><b>26</b> Pro. 28-31 <i>*Leslie Costin</i></p>	<p><b>27</b> Eccl. 1-3</p> <p>Comm. Prep. Donna Hankins</p>										
<p><b>28</b> Eccl. 4-6</p>	<p><b>29</b> Eccl. 7-9</p>	<p><b>30</b> Eccl. 10-12</p>	<p><b>31</b> Song of Sol. 1-3</p> <p>SUMMER SERIES HEROES-Daniel Noah Icenhour</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p align="center"><b>JULY COMMUNION SERVICE</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Thaxter Hodum</td> <td>Ron Wallace</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Woodrow Porter</td> <td>Bobby Bouie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Melvin Hammond</td> <td>Michael Taylor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jason Smith</td> <td>Larry Pike</td> </tr> <tr> <td align="center" colspan="2">Alternate: Carl Allen</td> </tr> </table> </div>			Thaxter Hodum	Ron Wallace	Woodrow Porter	Bobby Bouie	Melvin Hammond	Michael Taylor	Jason Smith	Larry Pike	Alternate: Carl Allen	
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