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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

As of this writing we are less than two weeks from the start of the Spiritual Sword Lectureship. This will be the last lectureship under the directorship of Gary Colley. The theme of the lectureship is "Opening The Windows of Heaven". The dates of the lectureship are October 20 - 23. It is well worth attending.

Here at Getwell we are preparing for the lectureship. Michael Taylor and Stanley Wallace are planning the menu and coordinating the preparation of the food. Sunday afternoon we had a meeting of the kitchen helpers for the lectureship. Everyone that attended is eager to help and has a positive attitude.

On Sunday, October 13 we are having a zone captains meeting. The congregation is divided into three geographical areas or zones. Each zone has a captain and we use these zones to coordinate food distribution and collection. It is very much utilized during the lectureship to supply food for our guests.

Getwell has recently appointed a new deacon. Guy N. Woods gives an excellent treatment on the subject in his "Questions Answers" Volume 2.

"Are deacons required to have children to serve?"

There is but little specifically said in the New Testament regarding deacons or their qualifications. First Timothy 3:8-13 is the only detailed passage dealing with subject; and when to this is added such information as we are able to obtain from the etymology of the Greek word *diakonos*, and its usage, we have exhausted our sources insofar as inspired affirmation is concerned. No doubt obtains, however, regardless the nature of the work of deacons, since the original term so translated clearly designates a servant. Deacons are thus servants of the church. The only reference to family relationships of deacons appears in I Timothy 3:12: "Let the deacons be husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well." The word "Let", when used by an apostle has all the force of a command, and means, "The deacons must be husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well," thus making it obligatory upon the deacon to be both married and to have children. It has often been argued that such was to characterize deacons if they had families. The saintly Lipscomb express this view of the matter: "We do not think that language intended to require they be married and have children; but as that was the common state of man, directions were given as to what kind of wives and children they should have." Such is, course, possible; however it is my view that it is safer to take the words in their common and ordinary import and to conclude that a deacon (a) must be a married man and (b) have a family, although it is not affirmed of their children they are to be believers as is the case of children of elders. This enables men to serve as deacons who are younger than men qualified to be elders (Titus 1:6). The diaconate is a proving ground for the eldership (I Timothy 3:13.)

Is The church of Christ a Denomination? (Pt. 2)

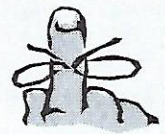
Bradley Smith

Last week we began this study, examining a few reasons why the church is not, and cannot be, a denomination. This week, we will continue with more reasons.

1. The church of Christ has a Biblical name. One could look at Romans 16:16 and see congregations of the Lord's church referred to as churches of Christ. Thinking logically, the church belongs to Christ (Eph. 5:25-27), so should we not bear His name? Nowhere in Scripture do we find the church identified as the Baptist Church, the Methodist Church, the Catholic Church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, or any name which is contrary to Scripture. Yes, the Bible does authorize other names (such as the church of God, Acts 20:28), and a congregation could be sound while using any such authorized names, however there are denominational group which use these names, so one should be careful with these groups.
2. The church of Christ has Scriptural organization. If you were to examine the church which belongs to Christ, you would see no hierarchy of priests, bishops, cardinals, and a pope, nor would you see eighteen-year-old, unmarried, childless elders. Why not? The answer is that this is not how the Bible says that things are to be done. God's Word clearly states the qualifications of elders (1 Tim. 3:1-7). You may find a congregation of the Lord's church that does not have elders. This is because it is better to be scripturally unorganized rather than unscripturally organized. If a given congregation has no men qualified to be elders, then no men should be serving in this capacity. Why is there no bishop that oversees entire regions of a state with a pope to oversee all of them? The Bible teaches that congregations of the Lord's church are autonomous, meaning independent, meaning that each congregation has its own overseers (Titus 1:5). A pope is not needed, because our Leader is in Heaven, not on this Earth (Mat. 23:9).

These have been just a few reasons why the church which Christ established, and of which Christ is the Head, is not a denomination. Lord willing, we will continue with more reasons next week.

RON'S REMINDERS



44th Annual Spiritual Sword Lectureship
Opening the Windows of Heaven
Director: Gary Colley
October 20-23, 2019

Sunday, October 20

9:30 A.M. Opened To See God
10:20 A.M. Opened To See Change Agents
6:30 P.M. Congregational Singing
7:00 P.M. Opened To See Christ
8:00 P.M. Opened To See the Holy Spirit

Gary Colley
Alan E. Highers
Daniel P. Phillips
Jim Laws
Gary McDade

Monday, October 21

9:00 A.M. Opened for Earthly Blessings
10:00 A.M. Opened for Spiritual Blessings
11:00 A.M. Opened for Eternal Blessings
1:00 P.M. Opened for Edification
2:00 P.M. Opened for Faith
2:00 P.M. *Ladies Only!*
3:00 P.M. Opened for Repentance
6:30 P.M. Congregational Singing
7:00 P.M. Opened for Confession of Faith
8:00 P.M. Opened for Baptism into Christ

Keith Mosher, Sr.
Mark Teske
Aaron Cozart
Mike McDaniel
Bobby Liddell
Cindy Colley
Stan Crowley
Daniel P. Phillips
Caleb Colley
Glenn Colley

Tuesday, October 22

9:00 A.M. Opened for Blessed Assurance
10:00 A.M. Opened for a Sound Church
11:00 A.M. Opened for Courage
1:00 P.M. Opened for a Pure Life
2:00 P.M. Opened for Correct Worship
2:00 P.M. *Ladies Only/*Opened for a Transformed Life
3:00 P.M. Opened for Right Choices
6:30 P.M. Congregational Singing
7:00 P.M. Opened for Our Hope
8:00 P.M. Opened for Our Encouragement

Billy Bland
Mike Hixson
David Powell
Michael Clarke
Tom Wacaster
Denise Johnson
R. W. McAllister
Daniel P. Phillips
Jared Scaggs
Ronnie Hayes

Wednesday, October 23

9:00 A.M. Opened for Previewing Heaven
10:00 A.M. Opened that All May Know Truth
11:00 A.M. Opened for Teaching Others
1:00 P.M. Opened for Crushing Liberalism
2:00 P.M. Opened for Defeating Satan
2:00 P.M. *Ladies Only/*Heavenly Sunlight
3:00 P.M. Opened for Opposing Evolution
6:30 P.M. Congregational Singing
7:00 P.M. Opened for Overcoming Modernism
8:00 P.M. Opened for a Faithful Christian Life

David Looney
Ryan Manning
Clifton Angel
B. J. Clarke
Dan Cates
Tish Clarke
Larry Acuff
Daniel P. Phillips
Victor Eskew
Robert R. Taylor