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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

Last Saturday, many of us attended the funeral service for our beloved sister Wanda Barringer. Being there and seeing those in attendance would show you that sister Wanda was truly loved by many. We all hope for a reunion with her, as well as many other loved ones, in Heaven when this life is over. We want to also extend appreciation to the Southaven and Looxahoma congregations for providing a meal for the friends and family afterward.

One aspect that I have enjoyed during my short time at Getwell is the beautiful bulletin boards. Many help out with these, but sister Denise Johnson has been especially active with these in the past several months. She has done an exceptionally good job with the latest bulletin board which is located by the hallway picture board. We appreciate sister Johnson and her excellent work.

Speaking of bulletin boards, I would encourage everyone to look at the hallway bulletin board on which we post flyers for many area events. Right now there is only one event posted, but from time to time there are several. It is always good to support our brethren in the area in their various events.

While most know of our "Verse to Memorize" that is located on the back of the bulletin, I would also like to encourage you to memorize a few crucial verses, or refresh your memory if you already know them. There are many verses which one should memorize. This week, I would like to emphasize Acts 2:38. You may say, "Well everyone should know that verse." You would be correct in saying this, but many may not. This is a verse that we can use in everyday conversation with our friends in the religious world.

Bradley Smith

God's Design for the Home (Pt. 1)

Bradley Smith

The home is one of the first things about which we can read in the book of Genesis. We read in Genesis 2:24 that a man should leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife and they should become one flesh. This was even stated by Jesus. In Matthew 19:5-6 He says this:

And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

This is very plain for us to understand. God's plan is the same as it has been since the beginning. How sad it is to see so many who have departed from God's divine pattern. This week, we will begin to examine some changes that some have tried to make to God's way.

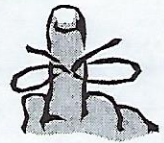
First, some have made the sickening perversion which we see running rampant in the world today. We know this by the commonly used description, homosexuality. If we look back at Genesis 2:24 or even Matthew 19, we see that God's plan is one man and one woman for life. God's plan was never for two men or two women to be in this relationship. Consider these words from 1st Corinthians 6:9-10:

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor **abusers of themselves with mankind**, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Both terms that are in bold and underlined are references to homosexuality. Some would say that this passage is only speaking of abusive relationships, but it does no such thing. Even as far back as Genesis 19, we can read about the evil of homosexuality. God's plan is and always has been for one man to leave his father and mother, cleave to his wife, and them to be one flesh (Gen. 2:24). Without being overly graphic, the command to be fruitful and multiply (Gen. 1:28) could not, and still cannot, be followed by two men or two women.

This has been a brief study of just one perversion that many have made to God's will. Lord willing, we will continue with more next week.

RON'S REMINDERS



Saturday, sister Wanda Barringer's friends and family bade farewell to this faithful servant of Christ.

The service was conducted by Alan E. Highers and Gary McDade with singing led by Michael Gahagan and Pat Phillips. The Chapel and side room were filled to capacity with many standing.

Friday December 27 was the date the farewells and expressions of love began for "Miss" Wanda as she was transferred to hospice care. Her room and the hallway were filled with friends and family. At one point at the hospital when her room was filled and somewhat noisy, the nurse asked "Miss" Wanda was it too noisy? "Miss" Wanda responded that the noise sounded good to her.

When Sandra Highers was visiting, she remarked it reminded her of a reunion. "Miss" Wanda responded as a lady of faith that there would be another reunion one day!

When brother Highers' turn came to see her, he led a prayer thanking God for the life "Miss" Wanda had led. As I overheard the prayer, all I could add was a hearty "amen". It was a life well lived.

She was an attentive daughter to her late mother, Mama Pyland, a loving loyal wife to her late husband, Mr. Bob. She was a loving mother to her four children, Rob, Sarah, Ellen and Bill. An exceptional grandmother, known as "Bombie" to her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren,

It always impressed me the relationship that "Miss" Wanda and June, her daughter-in-law maintained. It reminded me more of a mother-daughter relationship, mutual love and respect. It reminded one of Ruth and Naomi. I am happy to say my own wife and mother have such a relationship.

Unknown to many and "Miss" Wanda could not admit it publicly, she and I were related through the Pyland side. She would sometimes press me to explain our relation. She would question my family tree accuracy. As I spoke to her at her bedside, she admitted we might be cousins. Although I never went to the annual big Pyland reunion. But I look forward to a bigger reunion someday in Heaven.

At her bedside along with others expressed my love and respect for her. I came away from my visit with her and the service Saturday, January 4 with one more reason to want to go to Heaven one day.

Out of concern for family and friends she asked Alan and Gary in their eulogy to mention the terrible place Hell is and how wonderful Heaven is and how to get to Heaven. One of the last statements "Miss" Wanda made was she was looking forward to seeing her mother and her savior.

Goodbye "Miss" Wanda this article was my feeble attempt to pay honor to you.