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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

We were delighted to have brother Alan E. Highers with us this past Sunday morning. After our lesson, he gave us a lengthy history of the Getwell congregation and the Spiritual Sword. Brother Highers has been associated with the congregation here for 61 years. He became the minister in July of 1959, then in following years he became the editor of the Spiritual Sword. He mentioned the good influence of the Spiritual Sword, as it is sent to 96 countries.

I have heard a story concerning the Spiritual Sword that you may find interesting. There was a man who was studying to become a Catholic priest. There happened to be some members of the Lord's church who were handing out copies of the Spiritual Sword on the topic of Catholicism. This man was handed a copy. As he sat in class, he read the Spiritual Sword and realized that he was in error. This man later obeyed the Gospel and became a Gospel preacher. The Spiritual Sword truly does have a great impact. There are many other stories similar to this that illustrate how much good is done by this congregation by way of the Spiritual Sword.

Along with this goes the Spiritual Sword Lectureship. Much work is being done to prepare for the lectureship. At the time of this writing, five manuscripts for sermons have already been turned in to us. Everyone to whom I have spoken has told me that this is the earliest they can remember manuscripts being sent. After the manuscripts are turned in, they go through the process of proofreading. This involved reading them for accuracy in scripture references, accuracy in content, and accuracy in grammar and punctuation. After this, they are sent to a typesetter who gets everything in order. Then, they are sent to Paul Sain for printing. We have had postcards prepared with the theme and dates for this year's lectureship. Please pick these up and share them with your friends and family.

Our extra verse to memorize this week is Hebrews 4:12. In this verse, we can read about the power of the word of God. Hebrews 4:12 reads, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Bradley Smith

God's Plan for the Home (Pt. 4)

Bradley Smith

Throughout the month of January, we have been studying God's design for the home and some perversions that have been made to such. This week, we will be studying the widely practiced act known as cohabitation. In an effort to make this definition more appropriate for a mixed audience, we will define cohabitation as a man and a woman who are unmarried which live together and participate in activities reserved for marriage. In years gone by, this has been called "shacking up" or other terms that mean the same thing. Is this part of God's plan? Consider the following verse.

Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge (Heb. 13:4).

Without being overly graphic, we realize that there are certain things that are reserved only for marriage (Gen. 4:1, etc.). Notice the formula given in Genesis 4:1, this was an act between husband and wife. Not live-in boyfriend and girlfriend. These acts outside of marriage are the very definition of adultery. We would read a number of passages concerning adultery:

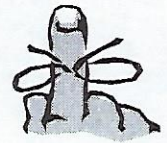
Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness (Gal. 5:19).

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 (1 Cor. 6:9).

No matter what kind of new designations man may decide to use for this, there is no getting around it. Adultery is adultery. Many people move in together before they are married to give it a "trial run." It is very popular, but popularity is not the deciding factor of morality. God has designated that these things are reserved for marriage, regardless of what man has to say on the issue.

We appreciate each one taking time to read and study this material. Please remember that it is not our intent to put anyone down, only to speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15). We hope to continue our study next week, Lord willing. Also, if anyone has any questions, you are welcome to submit them to be answered in the bulletin, your name will not be shared publicly.

RON'S REMINDERS



We have a lot going on at Getwell. Presently we are involved in a pantry drive. February has been set aside for refilling our pantry. From time to time we are called upon to help the needy in our community who have a need for food items. So keep this in mind when doing your shopping. We have collection baskets in the foyers.

At this writing, we are twenty seven days into the year. I hope we are all being successful in carrying out our New Year resolutions and possibly decade resolutions. Especially spiritual resolutions, daily Bible study, not missing worship services and leading someone to Christ. May God bless your efforts this year.

Also coming up in two weeks we have our annual "Sweetheart" luncheon that honors our widows and widowers who are a treasured asset to the congregation. Make plans now to attend this potluck event. The date is February 9 following morning services.

The Freed-Hardeman lectureship begins on February 2 and runs through February 6. The theme of this lectureship is "Our Place In History, Remembering the Past, Anticipating The Future" There is a workshop on the following Friday and Saturday. The theme of the workshop is "Church Leadership Workshop" The speakers are David Shannon, Kevin Moore, Aubrey Johnson, Kirk Brothers, Cathy Powell, Jerri Barber, Anthony Rex, Brett Pharr, Rick Brumback and John Law. The whole week has tremendous lectures to offer in your spiritual growth. Tuesday is always a special day geared toward the youth. That day's speakers include Mike Hixson, Tim Alsup, B.J. Clarke, Paul Helton and Mason Wade. Make plans to attend one of the lectures.

The January issue has just come out. The theme of this issue is "Follow The Pattern". Below are the articles found in this issue:

- Editorial - The New Testament Church - Alan E. Highers
- Prophecies of a Falling Away - Phil Sanders
- Changes in Church Government - Glenn Colley
- Corruption of Worship - Jason Jackson
- Transition of Baptism - Gary Hampton
- Development of Division - Alan E. Highers
- Reformation or Restoration? - Dan Jenkins
- What Is The Restoration Plea? - Hugh Fulford
- Can We Be New Testament Christian Today? - David Pharr
- Are You Part of the Apostasy, the Reformation or the Restoration? - Allen Webster
- Follow the Pattern - Gary Colley
- From The Woodland - Alan E. Highers

I can't wait to read this issue. I think you will gain a great deal from treading this issue. On a side note I heard recently Bro. Highers speak and he pointed out that the Spiritual Sword goes into 96 countries.