

The **Weatherly** Weekly 2016

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK JANUARY 3	NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 10
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Louis Garrett	Louis Garrett
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Mike Coward	Gene Preston
Scripture Reading	Neil Hagewood	Bobby Wright
Closing Prayer	Collis Terry	Doyle Wray
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Ken Cavender	Ron Harmon
Closing Prayer	Neil Hagewood	Melvin Godette
Wednesday PM		
	JANUARY 6	JANUARY 13
Song Leader	Phil Furlough	Mike Coward
Invitation	Louis Garrett	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Tommy Hill	Nick Holland
Group Meeting	Group 1	Group 2

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2015

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Effective Leadership
Nick Holland

ADITORIUM WEDNESDAY

A Look at Islam
Mike McLemore



WEATHERLY HEIGHTS ANNUAL LECTURES

2016 Weatherly Lectures, May 12—15
Steve Klien, Jeff May,
Lawrence Kelly & Paul Earnhart

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

January	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Kyle Adams Ken Cavender Marty Hunt W.D. Patrick ** Phil Furlough Ryan Patrick Jim Risner Nick Holland
** Overseer	
Lord's Supper PM	Jim Ehl ** Kirk Hatcher
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	Louis Garrett
Rear Door	Mike & McLemore
Side Door	Forest & Dot Summers
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Cavenders & Tommy & Becky Hill
Communion Prep	Sarah Starks & Charlotte Hagewood
Building Lockup	Bobby Wright

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Hill Roberts	Will Starks	Forest Summers
Collis Terry	Bobby Wright	

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Assembly	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Assembly	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.

Our God is a God of beginnings. As we bring in this new year, we say goodbye to the old. This caused me to think, God is not only the God of beginnings, but He is the God of endings, as well.

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). God is the God of beginnings, but the Psalmist asked, "What is man that you are mindful of him?" (Psa. 8:1-4).

Consider this. Paul wrote to the Corinthians "Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you" (2 Corinthians 13:11). These believers in Christ had struggled with unity. The first letter to the Corinthians demonstrates that struggle. It was hard to be in Corinth and to be a Christian. Second Corinthians reveals Paul's heart for the people that he has grown to love and cherish as his family in faith. Paul knew that not only was God the God behind every beginning, but God was also the God who is

present when chapters throughout life close.

Paul says, "Aim for restoration." In Christ there is hope for a new start, a new beginning. The word restore means "to mend" as in repair a "breach" in a net, or to "set a broken bone." Paul loved the Corinthians and wanted them to be faithful to the Lord." He called for an end of the former life, and the beginning of a new.

The apostle then urged, "comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace." He knew they needed each other "side by side." Our God uses the fellowship of our family to help us through to the end. With God's people encouraging, we will never be alone.

Finally, Paul reminded, "the God of love and peace" will be with us to the end. It was our Savior's assurance to His band of apostles in Matthew 28:20, "I am with you always, to the end of the age." His admonition to the ancient church of Corinth is His resident promise today - "Live faithfully, side by side." He will be with us to "THE END!"

Watch us
LIVE!

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"The Perfect Blade"

Michael W. McLemore

Henry Ward Beecher, nineteenth century reformer, once wrote, "A man in old age is like a sword in a shop window. Men that look

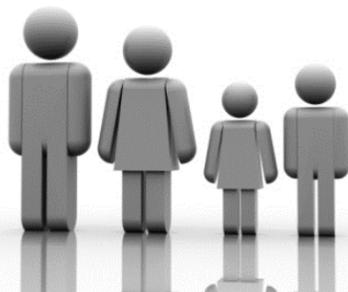
upon the perfect blade do not imagine the process by which it was completed." A pitiful commentary upon any society is its lack of respect for the aged. If that community be a local church, it's utterly pathetic. The wise man said and those in his tribe believe, "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in righteousness" (Proverbs 16:31).

From cover to cover, those righteous who are advanced in years are becoming of our respect, yea our admiration, says the Bible. Heaven's wisdom on the subject is observed in the New Testament blueprint for the organization of local church-

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es — "they... ordained them elders in every church" (Acts 14:23). Our term "elder" is from the Greek word presbuteros, "of a person advanced in life, a senior." The term does not in and of itself necessarily indicate an official position as it is here used by Luke. But, Deity's obvious official application of this term to "duly appointed overseers of the local church" demands regard. The Lord places an inescapable condition at the gateway of the highest official position among the people of the Lord, the earthly overseers of our souls. The condition is the righteous man's lifetime of experience.

As young men observe the aged righteous man, like the perfect blade, they cannot fathom a lifetime of events that have so molded, sharpened and engraved him. We can and should admire his worthy place counting and esteeming it an honorable thing to do. □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Kiel & Mandi Adams are asking for our prayers. A problem with their unborn baby has come to light following Mandi's 20 week checkup. At present they have little or no information to share, but they need our prayers.

This will be a rest week for Lennie Schrimsher. We are praying for both the effectiveness of the Chemo and for the side-effects to be minimal. Pray for Lennie's strength and comfort. Also, remember Janice in your daily prayers.

Steven Guice spent the last few days in the hospital in Birmingham. He became very confused after his last treatment. It took several days for him to regain his awareness. They arrived home about 3 p.m. yesterday. It made for a very long week. Please pray for Steve and for the whole family as they unite behind him to get him well.

Collis Terry's mother, Carlton Terry, has been moved to rehab following surgery for Colon Cancer. She is doing much better than the family had expected. We are pleased to know of her progress. Your continued prayers are solicited.

Searcy Hall is recovering at home. He is doing very well considering all that he has been through. Evelyn has been sick and is working to regain her own strength. Please pray for the Halls.

The Godette family has really struggled since before Christmas. The entire family contracted Keria's virus. Donna was able to return to work late last week. It's been a real strain for the whole fami-

ly. Your prayers have been appreciated.

Edith Turner is understandably still very emotional following the loss of Gerry. She is most appreciative of all the care and support that she received from her family at Weatherly. Please remember her to the Lord as you pray.

Incidentally, Edith's daughter, Linda, from Georgia, was hospitalized for a respiratory infection. She has spent the last several days at Crestwood Hospital. Please pray for Linda.

Silvia Henderson's mother, Rosa Castaneira, is still anticipating surgery. Remember her daily in your prayers.

June Furlough related to us yesterday that her brother Bill Moore's 55 year old son took his own life on Friday. We've been praying in recent weeks for Bill's health. Say the name of this family in prayer in the coming days.

The McLemore's daughter, Jennie Garlock, has been diagnosed with the flu. Please remember her in prayer. We are praying her children don't get it.

Devotion Postponed

Our scheduled devo for tonight has been postponed. The next meeting will be held at the home of Tommy & Becky Hill on the evening of January 17th.

Group One Meets Tonight

Group One, led by W.D. Patrick, will meet immediately after evening worship. Please plan to participate in your group meeting. □



Weatherly Birthdays

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| 1-3 | Linzy Riggs | 1-4 | Isabella Hatcher |
| 1-6 | Keria Godette | 1-7 | Bobby Wright |
| 1-9 | Wes Caudle | 1-9 | Jacob Frazier |
| 1-11 | Elena Hagewood | 1-11 | Margaret Smith |
| | | 1-14 | Doyle Wray |

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Deeds Follow You

Adapted

You can't take it with you. That's what we've always said about money. No matter how much we have, it cannot guarantee, or even encourage, a heavenly home. We'll find our pockets empty if we want to bribe the heavenly gatekeeper.

But Revelation 14:13 tells us that we can take a different form of currency with us — one that will have dramatic influence in the halls of heaven:

"And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, 'Write, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!" ' 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them.'"

I love the story of the unrighteous steward in Luke 16. This scoundrel cheated his master left and right, evidently, and then feathered his post-dismissal pillow by cheating him even more. The Lord Himself does not commend the behavior of this rascal; He commends the foresight he demonstrated in taking care of imminent and severe problems in his life. Truly, as He tells us at the end of verse 8, worldly people often show more interest in taking care of their physical future than (allegedly) spiritual people show regarding their eternal future.

The Lord expects and requires us to abound in spiritual good deeds (Galatians 6:10). They won't "earn" us salvation, but they will testify to our degree of commitment in this life. How full will our knapsack be on that day? □

Weekly Walk!