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Doors of Life

Michael W. McLemore

Doors in life are many. Life is filled with many opportunities and obstacles. Both opportunity and obstacle have a way of becoming either positive or negative depending on how an individual handles them. The greatest door of opportunity with we are presented is the path that leads to life. Jesus challenged His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me" (Luke 9:23). All must choose.

The door we choose will determine what door available to our mortal body into the eternal world: heaven or hell. An eternity in heaven with God is our hope, but we must spend this life pursuing it. Taking up our cross involves dying to that which separates us from fellowship with Him. Taking on hardships, making them opportunities, and accepting His counsel, leadership and correction, in every area of life is

the essential. Jesus calls for self-denial and humility. Christians live in obscurity, under hardship, enduring persecution and dishonor in a world that knows not God. If any of those constitute our cross, then we must take up that cross and bear it with a joy and a peace that only a Christian can know. Each is a door of life.

As Christians move from one door of life to another, whether that door is a school graduation, a life change such as marriage, or having children, or grandchildren, or retirement, or any of a number of significant life changes, each one brings its own cross. It's up to us to bear those crosses in a way that will please Him who bore His for us. His was a physical cross as a sacrifice for all mankind. We must each bear our cross, denying self, living sacrificially and allowing our light shine in a dark world. Take up your cross. Follow Him through every door. □

**Watch us
LIVE!**

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

| | THIS WEEK JANUARY 10 | NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 17 |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sunday AM | | |
| Announcements | Louis Garrett | Louis Garrett |
| Song Leader | Jared Jimison | David Jacks |
| Opening Prayer | Gene Preston | Steve Hagewood |
| Scripture Reading | Bobby Wright | Phil Furlough |
| Closing Prayer | Doyle Wray | Jim Ehl |
| Sunday PM | | |
| Song Leader | Jared Jimison | David Jacks |
| Opening Prayer | Ron Harmon | Bobby Wright |
| Closing Prayer | Melvin Godette | Jim Risner |
| Wednesday PM | JANUARY 13 | JANUARY 20 |
| Song Leader | Mike Coward | Collis Terry |
| Invitation | Mike McLemore | Mike McLemore |
| Closing Prayer | Nick Holland | Jared Jimison |
| Group Meeting | Group 2 | Group 3 |

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

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| 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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Evangelist

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Weatherly's Deacons

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| Steve Hagewood | Ron Harmon | David Jacks |
| Hill Roberts | Will Starks | Forest Summers |
| Collis Terry | Bobby Wright | |

TIMES OF SERVICES

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| 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. |

LIFE'S SOURCE OF BLESSING!

Michael W. McLemore

Look around. The Lord has been good to us, beyond measure. Sure, we are troubled at times. We hurt. We suffer disappointment. But, we are prosperous in the whole. It is hard for us to fathom anyone not honoring God for all that He has provided, whether deserving or not. Can you think of anyone who would not give thanks to God?

Consider the following: The atheist would be hard pressed to be thankful to God. He must first accept that "God is" before he can accept the fact that God has "rewarded" (Hebrews 11:6). The agnostic and skeptic can only be expected to be ungrateful because they are full of doubts about God as a reliable source. Paul warned, "For although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened" (Romans 1:21). Such are filled with foolishness and selfish pride. No room remains for a thankful heart.

But, lest we congratulate ourselves, there is another category for the "unthankful." It is the "forgetful." One who is a forgetful person is unable and unwilling to bless the Lord by giving himself to Him. Why? He has forgotten all of His benefits (Psalms 103:2). Prosperity and pomposity often erode our sense of need and the source of its satisfaction. Once in a while hardships and trials in

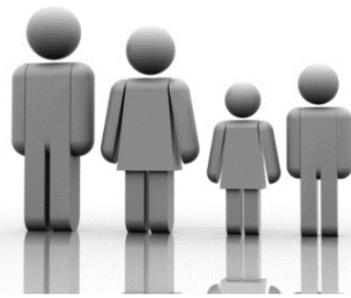
life serve as poignant reminders to re-consider the source of our blessings once again.

A self-sufficient person is incapable of recognizing his dependence upon God. William Earnest Henley reminded, we become the "master of our fate, and the captain of my soul." Our generation needs the desperate reminder that we neither "control" nor "create." God alone is the original source and Lord of all. We remember that "every good gift comes from God" (James 1:17). Paul surely had a society like ours in mind when he admonished, "command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy" (1 Timothy 6:17). God is life's source of blessing.

The greedy or envious man will obsess with what he does not have, or with what others do have. Such "self-interest" will erode faith in God as the source of all and fill life with frenzied pursuits that will never satisfy (1 Timothy 6:10). The ancient, Solomon, enjoined his readers, "A sound heart is life to the body, but enviousness is rottenness to the bones" (Proverbs 14:30).

The child of God must never be found apart from an attitude of gratitude, that can be converted into expressions of thanksgiving and a life of thanks-living. □

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Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Lennie Schrimsher is scheduled to undergo the next in his series of treatments Wednesday. Your prayers on *Lennie & Janice's* behalf are solicited.

Steven Guice had a pretty good week, including his 45th birthday. His appointment on Friday went well and his doctor has formulated a plan for his next Chemo on Wednesday in Birmingham. Please continue to pray for *Steven*.

We are praying for *Kiel & Mandi Adams* and their unborn baby. The indications about the baby at this point are very bleak. We are saddened beyond words. Please pray earnestly for their well being and strength. Also, we are asking everyone to refrain from asking for details. You can well imagine how painful it is.

Collis Terry's mother, *Carlton Terry*, continues in rehab following surgery. The pathology report was good. She appears to be doing well. Your prayers are appreciated.

We continue to rejoice in the improvement of *Searcy Hall* following heart surgery. He says he will be ready for spring gardening. We are praying that it will be so. Please ask the Lord for his care and comfort.

It was great to see part of *The Godette family* Sunday. They are slowly moving toward normalcy. Your thoughts, concern and especially your prayers are appreciated.

We were all happy to have *Edith Turner* back last Lord's Day. It is a day to

day process for her. Say her name to the Lord this week as you pray. Her daughter, *Linda*, was released from the hospital before last Sunday. We are thankful. She has been a great comfort to *Edith*.

Doctors have decided that *Silvia Henderson's* mother, *Rosa Castaneira*, would not be well served to undergo surgery. We are praying that the non-surgical procedure that was performed will suffice.

We are praying for *Bill Moore, June Furlough's* brother, following the loss of his son.

Spring Lectures, May 12-15

Our dates for the Spring Lectures are set for May 12-15. Make your plans.

For Your Consideration

Many in our family have been affected by different illnesses that are about, both bacterial and viral. Though we admire your devotion to the Lord, and your desire to encourage the brethren, please don't attend services if you believe you could be contagious. You can participate in the services on our live stream as an option. The link is found at www.weatherlychurch.com.

Group Two Meets Tonight

Group Two, led by *Will Starksk*, will meet immediately after evening worship. Please plan to participate in your group meeting. □

Weatherly Birthdays



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| 1-11 | Elena Hagewood | 1-11 | Margaret Smith |
| 1-14 | Doyle Wray | 1-8 | Rob Crank |
| 1-20 | Edith Turner | 1-21 | Janice Wray |
| 1-23 | Gordon Dorris | 1-26 | Marissa Hunt |

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Truth Makes Christians

Foy E. Wallace, Jr.

A perverted gospel cannot save. Jesus declared that it is the knowledge of truth, not the belief of error, that makes men free. (John 8:32). Though a perverted gospel may have in it all the elements of the true gospel, its power to save is lost in perversion. Bread is God's power to quell the hunger, but the admixture of a poisonous element — a spoonful of arsenic, for instance, in a loaf of bread — would destroy its power. Water is God's power to quench the thirst, but the admixture of salt will destroy the quenching power of water.

The gospel is God's power to save the soul, but its admixture with error — the doctrines and commandments of men, when heard and believed — destroys its saving power. Hence, Paul's alarm concerning the perverters at Galatia: "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ." (Gal. 1:6-7)

Error preached, error heard, and error believed cannot result in the truth obeyed. No man can accidentally obey God. The truth preached, the truth believed, and the truth obeyed makes a Christian. Nothing else does. How careful then men should be in their handling of it! □

Weekly Walk!