

The Weatherly Weekly

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK JANUARY 24	NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 31
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Louis Garrett	Louis Garrett
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Will Starks	Forest Summers
Scripture Reading	Mike Coward	Jim Ehl
Closing Prayer	Terry Barnett	Kirk Hatcher
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Charles Hill	SINGING
Opening Prayer	Phil Furlough	Louis Garrett
Closing Prayer	Mike Holt	Murray Castleman
Wednesday PM		
	JANUARY 27	FEBRUARY 3
Song Leader	Phil Furlough	Mike Coward
Invitation	Mike McLemore	Louis Garrett
Closing Prayer	Marty Hunt	Melvin Godette
Group Meeting	Group 4	

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JANUARY – MARCH 2016

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Effective Leadership
Nick Holland

ADITORIUM WEDNESDAY

The Christian's view of 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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Weatherly's Deacons

Steve Hagewood	Ron Harmon	David Jacks
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.

SAVE HIM FIRST

Adapted

At least 25 people died in November 2010 when relentless rains pounded the eastern state of Queensland, Australia. But, out of the devastation that the floods caused, a hero arose.

Donna Rice's car was engulfed by water. In the car with her were her two sons: Jordan, 13 and Blake, 10. Warren McErlean and two others stopped to help the family. With great difficulty, McErlean, a hero himself, was able to reach the car and he began trying to pull Jordan out. But the teenager stopped him and insisted, "Save my brother first." Jordan, who was petrified of the water, made the courageous decision to risk his own life so that his younger brother and mother could be saved.

McErlean was able to get Blake to safety, but before he could return to the car to rescue Jordan and his mother, a rope he was clinging to snapped. He watched helplessly as the car flipped over and the rushing water carried Jor-

dan and his mother away. They both drowned.

John Tyson, Jordan's father, said he was heartbroken but proud. "I can only imagine what was going on inside to give up his life to save his brother, even though he was petrified of water. He is our little hero." Jordan was hailed as a hero by all of Australia because of his courageous, selfless actions.

Jordan gives us a glimpse of the love that Christ has for us and the price that He paid for our salvation. When we were being "swept to destruction" by sin, Jesus came to our rescue. With great effort and determination, He navigated His way through the floodwaters of wickedness, intent upon saving drowning victims such as you and me. This mission led Him to the cross where He paid the ultimate price for our sins so that we might have forgiveness and the hope of eternal life (Ephesians 1:7). It cost His life but He willingly gave it to redeem us. □

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2 Kings 17 and Women in the Pulpit

Matthew W. Bassford

“They rejected His statutes and His covenant which He made with their fathers and His warnings with which He warned them. And they followed vanity and became vain, and went after the nations which surrounded them, concerning which the LORD had commanded them not to do like them” (2 Kings 17:15, NASB)

This event comes fairly late in the decline that the chapter chronicles. By this point in time, the Israelites no longer sought to add to or evade the law of God. They flatly rejected it because they wanted to be like the nations around them.

When I read this text, I cannot help but be reminded of the trend among churches of Christ today toward inviting women to preach. I certainly find myself on the more conservative side of our religious tradition. I have many disagreements with my brethren in the Restoration movement about the restrictive nature of the silence of the Scripture, in areas as diverse as the use of instrumental music in worship and cooperation among churches. I believe that we honor the silence of God by not presuming to act; they disagree.

This is something different. This is taking a plain statement in Scripture (in 1 Timothy 2:11-12, which reads, “A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.”) and rejecting it entirely. This is outright rebellion against the expressed will of God.

Defenders of women’s right to appear in the pulpit attempt to justify their position using the Bible. In particular, they like to employ the old false-teacher trick of pitting the Scripture against itself. Their passage of choice here is Galatians 3:28, which observes, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

I have always understood this text to mean that all Christians are of equal worth, even if they find themselves in different positions and have different roles. They argue that it means that in Christ, those positions and roles have been abolished. A woman can take the pulpit because,

after all, we are all one in Christ Jesus.

I think this argument proves more than its proponents intend (or maybe not). After all, if the distinctions between male and female have been erased in Christ, then no obstacle remains to Christian men marrying Christian women, or Christian women marrying Christian men. “Let the marriage bed be held in honor among all!” they might well exclaim. Just as this reading of Galatians 3:28 cancels out 1 Timothy 2:11-12, so too it can cancel out 1 Corinthians 6:9-10. If, on the other hand, God-given gender roles remain important in marriage, what basis do we have for denying that they remain important in the church?

In reality, though, everyone knows that the real motivation behind women in the pulpit is not Galatians 3:28. It is “the nations which surround us”. The secularist elite in America is determined to erase all distinction between men and women, even in areas where it is plainly foolish to do so. Take, for instance, the recent decision that women in the U.S. military should serve in combat roles. It’s biological fact that women as a whole are physically weaker and less capable than men. The average woman pitted against the average man in combat is going to lose. All sorts of horrible things are going to happen to women who are placed on the front lines. This is as inevitable as sunrise. And yet, the leaders of our society are so bent on following their ideology that they close their eyes to reality.

I will admit that to my own human wisdom, women in the pulpit is not as obviously a bad idea. My own wife, for instance, says that if she had been born a man, she would be a preacher. I believe that if God allowed her in the pulpit, she’d make a fine preacher indeed. She’s intelligent. She’s good with people. She’s well educated. In

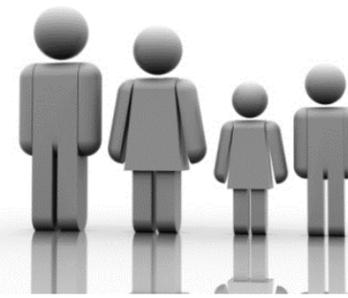
high school and college, she was a champion debater. Most of all, she loves the Lord with all her heart. Free Lauren! Let her preach! Why not?

*Because of 1 Timothy 2:11-12.
That’s why not.*

We do not reveal our faithfulness to the wisdom of God in the areas where His wisdom and ours agree. When that’s the case, we have no trouble “obeying” Him, because obedience coincides with what we wanted to do anyway. Instead, we show our true colors when we must choose between following His wisdom and following ours. If we were really following ourselves all along, that’s where God’s path and ours will diverge.

It’s not as though God’s refusal to allow women to teach or exercise authority over a man is irrational. 1 Timothy 2 lays out the logic quite clearly, and it goes all the way back to Genesis. However, it doesn’t line up with the received wisdom of our time, and to all too many Christians, the latter is more important.

Every Christian will affirm that Christ is Lord. That is, after all, one of the requirements for becoming a Christian in the first place. However, we prove His Lordship over us not by what we say, but by what we do, not only when obedience is easy, but also when it’s hard. 1 Timothy 2:11-12 is part of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. It’s up to us whether we’re going to listen. □



Family matters
News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Lennie Schrimsher had his latest Chemotherapy on Wednesday. We are asking everyone to please say his name to the Lord every day. Ask for his health and for his strength through this ordeal. Also, remember to pray for *Janice* as she supports him without condition.

Steven Guice was only able to have two of his scheduled three Chemo treatments. Once again he became disoriented and the treatment had to be stopped. He is better now. He and *Julie* should have arrived back in Huntsville yesterday. *Steve* is scheduled for a scan on Friday to determine where he goes from here. We are praying for a significant reduction of the tumors.

Carolyn Johnston’s aunt Inez passed away on Thursday afternoon at Huntsville Hospital. Our prayers are with *Carolyn*, who was her caretaker, along with their family.

It was great to see *Kiel, Mandi & Kaelyn Adams* on Sunday. We are praying for them.

Dwight Ivey’s life-long friend, *Mike Bates*, is to undergo brain surgery to remove one of two tumors. Please remember *Mike* and his family in prayer.

Collis Terry’s mother, *Carlton Terry*, continues to improve. Pray for her.

Searcy Hall remains on our prayer list. We have missed him, but are rejoicing in his improvement and are looking forward to having him back very soon.

We are praying for *Bill Moore, June Furlough’s* brother, as he battles his on-



Weatherly Birthdays

1-26	Marissa Hunt	1-29	Jim Risner
1-29	Will Starks	1-30	Jenny Jacks
2-8	Travis Barnett	2-11	Aaron Gore
2-13	Julie Guice		

going illness.

A Special Need

Nick Holland has made us aware of a special need. *Nick’s* dad’s neighbor and family lost everything last week when fire destroyed their home in Morgan county. As soon as we have information available about their immediate needs we will pass those along to the congregation. I know there are many who would be interested in helping these folks.

Wes Caudle Baptized

We are rejoicing with the angels in heaven in the baptism of *Wes Caudle* last Monday evening. A small gathering of people was on hand to witness the immersion of *Wes* into Christ for the remission of his sins. *Wes* has been attending Weatherly for more than a year and is beloved by many. *Wes & Megan* now begin a new chapter in their life together. Please take a moment to congratulate *the Caudles*. We are thrilled and are looking forward to watching *Wes* grow in Christ.

Group Four Meets Today at Dot & Forest’s Home

Group Four, led by *Ron Harmon*, will meet immediately after morning worship at the home of *Dot & Forest Summers* for a pot luck and group meeting. Plan to attend your group meeting. □