

Weatherly @ work

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

THIS WEEK
OCTOBER 2

NEXT WEEK
OCTOBER 9

Sunday AM

Announcements
Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Closing Prayer

Louis Garrett
Charles Hill
Marty Hunt
Searcy Hall
Ken Cavender

Sunday PM

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Closing Prayer

Charles Hill
Tommy Hill
Kirk Hatcher

Wednesday PM

Song Leader
Invitation
Closing Prayer

OCTOBER 5
Collis Terry
Louis Garrett
Ron Harmon

OCTOBER 12
Mike Coward
Louis Garrett
Murray Castleman

Group Meeting

Group 1

Group 2

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

October

Serving on the Lord's Table AM

Ken Cavender
Melvin Godette
Mike Holt
W.D. Patrick **
Gene Preston
Marty Hunt
Terry Barnett
Kiel Adams

** Overseer

Lord's Supper PM

Phil Furlough **
Doyle Wray

Visitor Greeting Sunday AM

Rear Door

Terry & Kim Barnett

Side Door

W. D. & LaNelle Patrick

Sunday PM

Rear Door/ Side Door

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

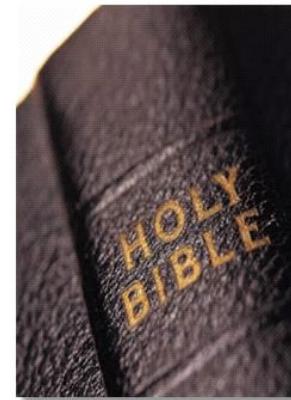
Harmon/Starks

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QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2016

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Acts of Apostles Survey
Nick Holland



ADITORIUM WEDNESDAY

The Book of Daniel
Mike McLemore

2017 WEATHERLY HEIGHTS LECTURES

Mark your calendar
May 4th—7th, 2017

Weatherly's Shepherds

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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	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.

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Unhappy with the Church?

Michael W. McLemore

I read a story of a rich man who wanted to help a poor carpenter. The rich man hired the carpenter to build a house on the hillside, then took a long journey. The poor carpenter said to himself, "my boss is away and I can use cheap materials for the parts of the house which will not show. The house will be weak and undesirable, but nobody will know except me."

But, when the rich man returned he said, "The house isn't for me – it's for you!" The carpenter accepted the key in astonishment. Instead of a first class home he now had a fourth-class home.

Increasingly Christians are heard to complain about this and that when it comes the local church. Our consumer oriented society has infiltrated the kingdom. We need better classes, better singing, more thoughtful prayer

leaders, more involved service, ad infinitum. But, when calls are made for assistance in these areas, those same critics are no where to be found. It seems to me to be unhappy with the church is to be with one's self. After all, said the Lord, "the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21).

God gives us a job, a life to build, a kingdom to perpetuate. We have to live in the house we build! If we do a shoddy job, we cheat one person, ourselves. Diligence in our own personal service has a way of humbling the critic. It squelches disparagement and opens the eyes to personal responsibility.

Unhappy with the church? Look inside. You might just find shoddy workmanship that needs correction. □

The Kingdom of God is WITHIN YOU!

Michael W. McLemore

Christ, in replying to the Pharisees' misunderstanding of the nature of the kingdom, said, "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, lo, here! or, there! for lo, the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21).

It is obvious that the nature of the kingdom is misunderstood by the religious world today. It is likewise abundantly obvious that many within the kingdom have no clear conception as to what it is all about – verily, some think it is "eating and drinking", unsuitably called *fellowship*. We can further narrow the view and find "faithful" members of "faithful" churches who do not seem to have the foggiest notion of what it means to "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly," and who seem totally unaware of the importance of Hebrews 8:10: "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and on their heart also will I write them: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people." I was asked some time ago about the meaning of this passage, thus this piece arose from my deeper consideration of it.

The Savior expressed it in these words to the woman at the well: "...

whosoever drinketh of the water that, I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up unto eternal life" (John 4:14). Paul's words in Ephesians 6:6 also have a bearing upon the subject as he urged Christians to serve their employers "not... as men-pleasers; but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart..."

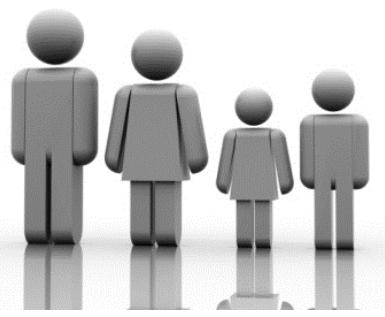
It is admitted that not all of these passages are dealing with the same subject in their context. But, I want us to notice that whatever subject is discussed, the innermost feelings and motives of man are considered. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." How sorely needed is the disposition of members of the church to have the kingdom of God within them, and to have God's commandments in their hearts. How superficial and shallow is the kingdom in the lives of so many. We must understand, the kingdom of Christ is a "kingdom of souls."

Consider the person who absents himself from the assembling together of the saints to go fishing, to entertain company, or to voluntarily work for a little more money. Is the kingdom of God really within that person? Does the word of Christ

dwell so richly within him that his every thought and deed is regulated by the will of the one who gave His own life for us? Is this the joyful expression of that well of water springing up within him unto eternal life? Is this the result of the fervent desire within that person to do the will of God from the heart? We know that it is not!

It is hard to express the thought that came to me that very day as I contemplated what it would be like if all the members of the kingdom really and truly had the kingdom of God within them. Think of the tremendous saving of time, energy, and effort that could then be put to use toward those who have not the gospel, and who have absolutely no hope of everlasting life!

Consider it seriously, brethren. Does the word of Christ dwell richly in your hearts? Is the kingdom of God really with you? Do you love the Lord, or are you creating more work for others to do? Are you helping to solve problems, or are you a part of the problem? Are you working to save others, or are you helping them to be lost because time has to be taken from teaching them in order to keep you on the track? Consider it well, for your eternity depends upon it. □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Blake Wood, nephew of *Ron & Phyllis Harmon*, has been in ICU for several days. His family hopes that we will be well enough to move to a regular room tomorrow. *Ron & Phyllis* have been doing their best to relieve *Blake's* family so they can rest. Please remember this family to the Lord as you pray.

Verbo Jones, *Tommy Hill's* brother-in-law, has been in the hospital in Florence suffering from several small blood clots in his lungs. We are praying for the Lord's watchful care of our brother. *Pam & Verbo Jones* are members of the Collegeview church in Florence.

We are continuing to remember *Jerry Shelton* in our daily prayers as he battles cancer.

This is the week of Fall Break for many area schools. Please pray for those in our family who may elect to take advantage of the break and travel this week.

I Sought for a Man Series

Today *Mike McLemore* continues with Week 3 of his series on the Eldership. Again, we are asking our membership to give very careful consideration to these matters. Please take these things to heart. In relatively short order we may be asked to suggest the names of those men we believe to be qualified to serve as Elders of this church. These lessons should serve



Weatherly Birthdays

10-6 Henry Frazier

10-12 Mike Holt

10-22 Abbey Crank

10-11 Caryl Ehl

10-14 Janeth Hagewood

10-24 Amanda Jimison

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Lean on the Lord

Michael W. McLemore

From his early boyhood, John Paton wanted to be a preacher. Before studying theology and medicine, Paton served for ten years as a Glasgow City Missionary. After graduation, he was ordained and set sail for the New Hebrides as a Presbyterian missionary. Three months after arriving on the island of Tanna, Paton's young wife died, followed by their five-week-old son. For three more years, Paton labored alone among the hostile islanders, ignoring their threats, seeking to teach the natives Christianity, before escaping with his life.

It is said that Paton was working one day in his home on the translation of John's Gospel – puzzling over John's favorite expression *pisteuo eis*, to "believe in" or to "trust in" Jesus Christ, a phrase which occurs first in John 1:12. "How can I translate it?" Paton wondered. The islanders were cannibals; nobody trusted anybody else. There was no word for "trust" in their language. His native servant came in. "What am I doing?" Paton asked him. "Sitting at your desk," the man replied. Paton then raised both feet off the floor and sat back on his chair. "What am I doing now?" In reply, Paton's servant used a verb which means "to lean your whole weight upon." That's the phrase Paton used throughout John's Gospel to translate to "believe in."

Can we be said to have leaned upon Christ – "believed"? For salvation is no other, said Peter. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). If our soul is to be redeemed, it is upon him we must lean! □

Weekly Walk!



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