

The Weatherly Weekly

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK NOVEMBER 20	NEXT WEEK NOVEMBER 27
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Tommy Hill	Tommy Hill
Song Leader	David Jacks	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Terry Barnett	Louis Garrett
Scripture Reading	Bobby Wright	Ken Cavender
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Leshko	Steve Hagewood
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	David Jacks	SINGING
Opening Prayer	Will Starks	Gene Preston
Closing Prayer	Doyle Wray	Kirk Hatcher
Wednesday PM	NOVEMBER 23	NOVEMBER 30
Song Leader	Phil Furlough	Mike Coward
Invitation	Searcy Hall	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Ron Harmon	Bobby Wright
Group Meeting	Group 3	Group 4

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 you calendar
May 4th—7th, 2017

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

November
Serving on the
Lord's Table AM

Wes Caudle
Jim Risner
Bobby Wright
Jim Ehl **
Collis Terry
Kirk Hatcher
Jeremy Leshko
Ryan Patrick

** Overseer

Lord's Supper PM

Forest Summers **
John Stokes

Visitor Greeting
Sunday AM

Rear Door Terry & Kim Barnett

Side Door W. D. & LaNelle Patrick

Sunday PM
Rear Door/ Side Door

Harmon/Starks

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Dot Summers
Forest Summers

Weatherly's Shepherds

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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.

Fix Our Eyes on Him

Michael W. McLemore

Paul wrote his letter to the Philippians while under house arrest. He couldn't travel, but the apostle could receive visitors. More than likely, though in a private residence that he was responsible to provide, he was chained to a Roman soldier of Caesar's elite Praetorian Guard in four six hour courses day and night. His case was on Caesar's docket, but he knew that a trial was years away. These were his living conditions for the foreseeable future.

Paul wrote to the Philippians church, not complaining but rejoicing in the opportunity (Philippians 1:12-13). One might have expected Paul under such circumstances to ask God for his release. Hadn't the Lord Jesus called him to preach to the Gentiles? Yet, now opportunities are diminished, he was stuck in Rome, unable to fulfill the shared apostolic commission, "Go preach." Instead an unjust imprisonment was hindering him from important work. How would one blame Paul for complaining in the

face of persecution? Yet, he doesn't. He writes rejoicing that God let him live above his circumstances (Philippians 4:8).

Our response to adversity is often to complain about the situation. Does the circumstance improve from the exercise? No, never. It only make it look worse, until the problem looms larger in our mind than does our faith. On the other hand, when one takes his challenges straight to God, it brings a new perspective - "I'm not alone. God knows and cares. He is providing strength." Our God is bigger than any hardship. Through His strength, we rise above the difficulty (1 John 4:4).

Our challenges can loom so large and unmanageable that they distort our narrow human perspective. The Lord invites us to live above our conditions by fixing our eyes on Him. The trials of this life shrink when compared to our loving, powerful Lord, who exercises His might in defense of His people. □

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Salvation

By Michael W. McLemore

What really matters to God? The theme of the Bible is our first clue – Salvation. It's no wonder that New Testament writers over and over relate elements of what salvation entails for the sinner. The great salvation offered in Jesus Christ is cleansing from sin. It is offered in love. It spans the crevasse from death to life. Salvation is made available through faith in Christ. It is the precursor to good works. It is God's divine purpose.

While the New Testament is bursting with

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hopeful tones, it's ironic that the “Good News” includes some really bad news. “All have sinned” (Romans 3:23). You have walked the wrong path, “the course of this world” (Ephesians 2:2). You have strayed from your Creator! You have broken fellowship with God! We live in a world that begs for a “safe space,” that rejects and avoids hearing bad news, or messages that conflict with their choic-

es or doctrines. Jesus told His religious critics, “The world is sick and needs a physician” (Matthew 9:12). Salvation is for sinners. Jesus came to the world for that end (Luke 19:10). We all need to be made alive because we're dead (Ephesians 2:1-3).

Our choices have brought about our own spiritual death. We are still living, yes, but we are “dead while we live” (1 Timothy 5:6). “We are alienated” from the One that can deliver us from our “hopeless state” (Ephesians 2:12, 4:18). The Holy Spirit of God calls us to an awareness of our condition before a Holy God. Why? Not to tyrannically shatter self-esteem, but to prepare us to accept His hand-up and out of a life that offers no hope (Matthew 11:28-30).

The “Good News” of Jesus Christ is for sinners. It is for those lost in sin (Hebrews 5:9). In this state of hopelessness and helplessness we desperately need the salvation that only Jesus Christ offers. Thus Paul wrote, “And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.” Ephesians 2:1-3

God takes people who are spiritually dead and makes them alive again. Paul was writing to people about their past, what you and I were before “salvation in Christ.” But, if you have not obeyed the “Good News” he is describing your present, calling you to leave it in favor of a new hope. Receive the salvation that can take you from the hopelessly lost condition of sin and restore you to right standing before your Creator. Allow it to remove the burden and guilt of sin. Won't you receive the saving grace of Jesus Christ? ☐



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Joanne Abernathy's brother-in-law, *Steve Gittings*, is now home from the rehab facility. *Joanne* sent an update yesterday:

“*Steve's* spirits are high and he is trying to do as much as he can for himself. Home health comes daily and is managing his pain level very well. Thank you all for keeping him and my sister, *Kris*, in your prayers. I miss you all, but am grateful to be able to spend this time with my “other” family.”

Carolyn Holland's father, *Art Miller*, continues his rehab. We are asking our family to pray for *Art & Cecelia*. His recent decline is of great concern. Also remember the *Hollands* as they fill the daily support role.

After a long battle with his traumatic brain injury *Blake Wood* passed from this life and was laid to rest. His young family is left to mourn his loss. It is a great tragedy for this family. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

Joe Pellegrini will see a surgeon on December 2nd. He is suffering from an umbilical hernia. A quick fix and he will be as good as new. Remember *Joe* in prayer.

Mike McLemore's mother, *Jimmie*, received good news at the cardiologist on Thursday. The doctors do not believe her shortness of breath is due to any heart issue. They are looking at a potential pul-

monary infection. Thank you for your prayers on her behalf.

Please continue to pray for *Gladys Howard* as her health fades.

Jerry Shelton, dear friend of *Collis & Sue Terry*, is not well. The treatments have ultimately only served to prolong his life briefly. Please pray for *the Sheltons* as they face the difficult days ahead.

Thank You, Brethren

The process of selecting new elders continues. Thank you for participating by returning your nomination booklets. The elders will be addressing the congregation regarding our next step.

Study Series Finale

Tonight is the series finale for this installment of Sunday Night Study Series. We hope everyone will be present for this evening's service.

Tonight's series finale we will be followed by an abbreviated worship service.

Group 3 Meets Tonight

Group 3, led by *Murray Castleman*, meets tonight immediately following worship. Please plan to attend your group meeting.

Also, *Mike McLemore* and *Forest Summers* need to meet with all four group leaders today, before morning worship. ☐

Weatherly Birthdays

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| 11-20 | Riley Monroe | 11-21 | Miles Ibarra |
| 11-22 | Ina Carter | 11-23 | Trey Curtis |
| 11-24 | Carolyn Holland | 12-2 | Ryan Patrick |



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Handling Aright the Word of Truth!

Adapted

An accidental discovery led to the solution of a widespread problem in dentistry during WWI. Physicians examining draftees were regularly seeing teeth in which dental fillings had crumbled and fallen out. In those days dentists routinely filled teeth with an amalgam containing zinc which was prepared by rubbing the zinc compound between the palms. When the filling material combined with the moisture and salt from a dentist's hands, hydrogen gas was generated, which caused the filling to disintegrate after only a short time in a patient's mouth. Discovering this problem, dentistry changed its procedure of mixing the amalgam. It simply could not be touched by human hands, or else it would be contaminated.

Have you considered the distinct possibility of contaminating the Word of God by human handling? God intends that we "handle" His word, but we are cautioned to handle it properly (2 Timothy 2:15, NASB). God's word has often been subjected to mishandling. The teaching of the Lord has frequently felt the contaminating touch of human hands. Sometimes human hands have handled the word of God roughly - blatantly disregarding its precepts and promises. At other times, however, human handling has been much more subtle, yet just as dangerous.

Through improper handling of the word of God men have been convinced to corrupt the Bible's teaching regarding the sanctity of marriage; control of the tongue; necessity of congregational worship; and differing roles of men and women, to name a few. When matters as these are handled by human reasoning the tragic result is that the Scriptures are perverted (2 Peter 3:16). Human handling can contaminate more than the food we eat or our dental work. Corrupt handling of the word of God will destroy our souls. ☐

Weekly Walk!