

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK DECEMBER 18	NEXT WEEK DECEMBER 25
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Louis Garrett	Louis Garrett
Song Leader	David Jacks	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Ron Harmon	Searcy Hall
Scripture Reading	Marty Hunt	Gene Preston
Closing Prayer	Bobby Wright	Doyle Wray
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	David Jacks	SINGING
Opening Prayer	Tommy Hill	Will Starks
Closing Prayer	Collis Terry	Ken Cavender
Wednesday PM	DECEMBER 21	DECEMBER 28
Song Leader	Mike Coward	Phil Furlough
Invitation	Mike McLemore	Jared Jimison
Closing Prayer	Forest Summers	Terry Barnett
Group Meeting	Group 2	Group 3

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

December	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Adam Hagewood Mike Holt Nick Holland Tommy Hill ** Phil Furlough Marty Hunt Dwight Ivey Jerry Mitchell
** Overseer	
Lord's Supper PM	Will Starks ** Doyle Wray
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Ann Summers & Susan Hand
Side Door	Mike & Gwyn McLemore
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Jimison/Ehl
Communion Prep	Hilda Wright & Sarah Starks
Building Lockup	Phil Furlough

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

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.

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Fixing Our Hope

Michael W. McLemore

"Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

We are often and rightly exhorted to exercise faith, particularly trusting in the person of Jesus Christ and in His Word. Peter affirmed faith as absolutely vital. Peter looked upon faith as something which began with God (1 Peter 1:1-3), and which is being proven and promoted by the trials and tests God sovereignly brings our way (1:6-9).

While the focus of Peter's first epistle is suffering, he asserts the "hope of glory" as the sustaining reality which enables suffering saints to rejoice with "joy inexpressible and full of glory" (1:8). Those whose faith would be proven and prompted by suffering and trials are those who have fixed their hope completely on the grace to be brought by our Lord Jesus Christ at His second coming. If we have fixed our hope on the grace to come, then our pre-

sent sufferings pale in light of the glory to come. Paul called it a "momentary, light affliction" that produces "for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison" (2 Corinthians 4:17-18).

The cares of this world compete strongly for our heavenly hope (Matthew 13:21-22). By way of illustration, if giving our money to further His kingdom inclines our hearts toward heaven, it is a wise and eternal investment. If debt weighs heavy on our hearts and keeps our focus on earthly things, we have acted unwisely; we must refocus our hearts and minds. Whatever draws our desires and affections away from Christ and His kingdom must be set aside so that our devotion is undivided and undiminished.

Hope can only be found in the person of Jesus Christ. Without Him, we are without hope. For those who have placed their trust in Him, our hope remains certain and secure. ☐

BELIEVING IN OTHERS

by Robert Turner

An early Greek school of philosophers taught that virtue is the only good, and that its essence lies in self-control and independence. But their "second" or "third" generation became violent critics of social customs and current philosophies; so the name "cynic" came to mean a snarler, one who believes human conduct is motivated wholly by self-interest. Cynical implies a sneering disbelief in sincerity, a distrust of others.

I am not unaware of society's immorality, nor of the need to be on one's guard lest one be "taken." Good business practice demands investigation, analysis, and the records that protect the innocent and widows. But there is something inherently wrong with an attitude of general distrust. When we can no longer believe in any one else, it may be we have too highly appraised ourselves. Extensive distrust suggests our own familiarity with the "temptation." (It takes a thief to catch a thief.)

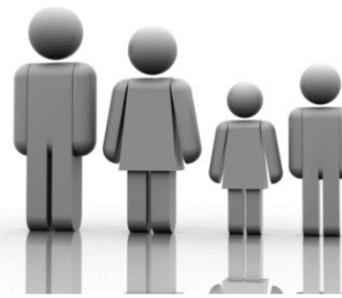
Some may call it "gullible" "simple" or "naive," but we find much to admire in that person who believes in his neighbor, who lives

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in trust, who is optimistic about the future. Love "thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things" (1 Corinthians 13:5-7).

Trust in others tends to gender an honest response — to bring out the best in them. Optimism opens doors forever closed to the pessimist. The cynic sours in his own juice, while the optimist improves qualitatively, even if there were no other credits. Of course I refer to genuine optimism, not a "policy" of "positive thinking" to be adopted for personal gains.

Self-esteem, confidence, and what some Kentuckians call "pride," spring from our belief we are "God's children," and "God don't make no trash!" While we believe others are O.K., we can believe in ourselves without harm. But watch out for the attitude that "others are Baalites, and I am left alone." Righteous judgment does not condemn until fruits demand it; and even then, encouragement may correct what snarling will only drive away. □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Riley Monroe is continuing his recovery at home. On Thursday he went into the ER but was able to return home a few hours later. Please pray for **Riley**. This has proven a difficult period for him and his lovely **Peggy**.

Will Starks has been diagnosed with *walking pneumonia*. **Will** was not able to attend on Wednesday evening. Please say his name to the Lord this week as you pray. We are trusting the Lord for his care.

Carolyn Holland's father, **Art Miller**, remains on our prayer list. Your daily petitions on his behalf are much appreciated by **Art** and his family.

Joe Pellegrini's surgery last Wednesday went very well. He is doing fine.

Phil Furlough will be off of his foot for some time following surgery to remove an extra bone and repair the tendon. In the meantime, he has a small mobility device to help him get around. Your prayers on his behalf are cherished by both he and June. Thank you!

Betty Dubose is progressing as expected. We are grateful for our Lord's watchful care of her. Pray for **Betty's** complete recovery.

Joanne Abernathy's brother-in-law, **Steve Gittings**, remains on our prayer list.



Weatherly Birthdays

12-23 Charles Hill	12-24 Jack Barr
12-26 Phil Furlough	12-27 Searcy Hall
12-29 Gene Preston	12-19 Peggy Coward
12-31 Emily McLemore	1-1 Sharon Dubose
	1-1 Carol Risner

Ordination of Elders Sunday, January 1st

The process of selecting additional elders at Weatherly is now complete. Formal appointment of **Will Starks** and **Forest Summers** will take place during our Sunday morning worship period on January 1st. We hope every Weatherly member will be present for this solemn event.

We would like to thank each and every member of the Weatherly congregation for your participation. It has indeed been a privilege to observe the recommendation and loving consideration of men to serve as Elders of this local church. Each and every one of you are a blessing from God. Our prayer is that God will endorse our faithful effort carried out under the direction of His Divine authority.

Sunday Skills Class Tonight

Remember our Sunday Night Skills Class will begin at 5 p.m. We hope all of our children will gather at the front. We are blessed to have so many young families and children. Your interest in spiritual things is apparent and appreciated by our whole Weatherly family.

Group 3 Meets Tonight

Group 3, led by **Murray Castleman**, meets this evening immediately following worship. We hope you can attend your group meeting. □

Riches & Their Lack

Michael W. McLemore

It is as old as man: Poor people want to be rich; Rich people are thankful they aren't poor! May I be so bold as to inform you that God wishes a different frame of mind for both: "Two things I ask of you... give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God (Proverbs 30:7-9).

Think that the rich have it easy? No. Hardships show no respect for socioeconomics. God warned Israel not to forget him when they became rich (Deut. 8:10-17). They did! (cf. Judges, 1-2 Kings, 1-2 Chronicles, Hosea). Job's wife tempted him to curse God when they lost their wealth and fell into poverty (Job 2:9). It's not easy to be poor OR rich.

The Lord's brother said, "Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, and the rich in his humiliation" (James 1:9). Isn't it true that the gospel message is more readily and eagerly accepted by those deemed poor in this world's goods? But, James goes further affirming that the rich also have reason to rejoice in that they have been humbled (James 1:10). Why? Riches mean nothing in the kingdom of God, they are both fleeting and temporary (James 1:11). You can't take them with you. The rich in Christ can rejoice knowing that they found out about the facts of riches before it was too late for them. □

Weekly Walk!