

# The Weatherly Weekly

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*I Bring You  
Good News*

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When an angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds in the field, he gave them good news of great joy for all people: The long-awaited Savior was born! Then the angel was suddenly joined by "a multitude of the heavenly host praising God" (Luke 2:13).

Today, Christmas Day, the world has stopped to notice this event. But, while neither join them in celebrating a date fixed in orthodoxy, nor a "holy day" humanly devised as a memorial, we do embrace the opportunity to affirm the event itself and all it anticipates. The good news those angels proclaimed that day had to do with much more than Jesus' birth. It anticipated His sinless life, which qualified Him to be God's sacrificial lamb. It looked ahead to His crucifixion on our behalf and His resurrection, which signaled the Father's acceptance of Christ's payment for our sins.

The announcement also encompassed the idea of His ascension into heaven (Psalm

110:1). It envisioned the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit of truth would come (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17), as well as the time Jesus would return as King. The angels rejoiced because the day of salvation was here (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Jesus spoke about spiritual joy because He wanted His followers to experience the deep satisfaction that derives from a relationship with God. Such divine contentment is not dependent upon outward circumstances but overflows from Christ living in us. Earthly happiness is externally produced and temporary. Divine joy is internally generated through the power of God living and working in His people.

The angels in heaven rejoiced at the announcement of Jesus' birth, and the shepherds praised God. Have you thanked the Lord today for your salvation? Are you experiencing the divine joy that overflows from the life of Christ in you? ☐

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK DECEMBER 25	NEXT WEEK JANUARY 1
<b>Sunday AM</b>		
Announcements	Louis Garrett	Tommy Hill
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	David Jacks
Opening Prayer	Searcy Hall	Louis Garrett
Scripture Reading	Gene Preston	Charley Carter
Closing Prayer	Doyle Wray	Marty Hunt
<b>Sunday PM</b>		
Song Leader	SINGING	David Jacks
Opening Prayer	Will Starks	Collis Terry
Closing Prayer	Ken Cavender	Nick Holland
<b>Wednesday PM</b>	DECEMBER 28	JANUARY 4
Song Leader	Phil Furlough	Collis Terry
Invitation	Jared Jimison	Louis Garrett
Closing Prayer	Terry Barnett	Ron Harmon
<b>Group Meeting</b>	Group 3	Group 1

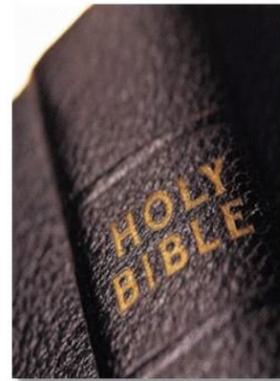
## QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2016

### 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

## MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

<b>January</b>	
<b>Serving on the Lord's Table AM</b>	Ken Cavender Melvin Godette Terry Barnett Steve Hagewood ** Forest Summers
** Overseer	Gene Preston Kirk Hatcher Kiel Adams
<b>Lord's Supper PM</b>	W. D. Patrick ** Will Patrick
<b>Visitor Greeting</b>	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Louis Garrett
Side Door	Forest & Dot Summers
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Cavender/T. Hill
Communion Prep	Hilda Wright
Building Lockup	Bobby Wright

## Weatherly's Shepherds

Louis Garrett	(256) 883-7785
Tommy Hill	(256) 883-0010

## Evangelist

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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.



By Michael W. McLemore

# Sharing in the Atonement

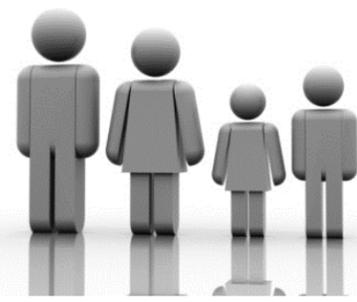
*"God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ."*  
Galatians 6:14

The gospel of Jesus Christ always forces a decision of our will. Have I accepted God's verdict on sin as judged by the cross of Christ? Do I have even the slightest interest in the death of Jesus? Do I want to be identified with His death – to be completely dead to all interest in sin, worldliness, and self? Do I long to be so closely identified with Jesus that I am of no value for anything except Him and His purposes? The great privilege of discipleship is that I can commit myself to Christ and through His atoning sacrifice, I can die to sin and its consequence. In Him I can live again, and I will do so at any cost.

When you act in confident faith in what our Lord did on the cross you can bask in the redemptive benefits that are His children's alone. That life

is not easy, nor predetermined as some claim, but it offers hope beyond this world. In Christ you are "crucified" to this world and the world unto you. Your aspirations are higher, goals refreshed.

Every once in a while our Lord gives us a glimpse of what we would be like if it were not for Him. This is a confirmation of what He said – ". . . without Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). That is why the underlying foundation of Christianity is personal, passionate devotion to the Lord Jesus. We often mistake the joy of our first introduction into God's kingdom as His purpose for getting us there. Yet, God's purpose in getting us into His kingdom is that we may realize all that identification with Jesus Christ means. □



## Family matters

News and Notes of Interest  
To Weatherly Members

### Pray for Those in Need

Jean Carter, Kim Barnett's mother, was laid to rest on Saturday afternoon. Terry & Kim had taken Mrs. Carter out for dinner Wednesday evening, the way they always did, evening running into Forest & Dot Summers. They dropped her off and helped her settle in for the evening. On Thursday morning, the caretaker found Mrs. Carter still sitting on the sofa. Though she had not been in good health for some time, it is still a shocking loss.

Please remember Kim, Terry, Travis and the entire family in prayer.

Carolyn Holland's father, Art Miller, is home from rehab. We are continuing to pray for his strength.

It was great to see Riley Monroe Wednesday night at Bible study. His recovery has proven challenging. Say his name to the Lord as you pray.

Will Starks was also able to be at Bible study Wednesday night. We are thankful that he is much improved.

Joe Pellegrini was able to return to work last week. We are thankful for his successful surgery.

Phil Furlough received another temporary cast. He will wear this cast for two weeks, then get another hard cast. Right now he is off of his foot. Pray for his foot to heal properly.

Steve Gittings, Joanne's bother-in-law, will begin treatments again shortly. His improvement has led to

this this decision. We are asking our folks to please continue to pray for Steve.

### New Elders to Be Ordained Next Sunday

Will Starks and Forest Summers will be officially ordained as Elders of the congregation next Sunday morning. Our hope is that every Weatherly member will be present for this occasion. It is a great blessing to have men of such character willing to serve as leaders of our family. Pray for these men and for this fellowship of God's people as we strive to serve Him.



### Sunday Skills Class Tonight

Sunday Night Skills Class will begin at 5 p.m. 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 4 Meets Tonight

Group 4, led by Ron Harmon, meets this evening immediately following worship. We hope you can attend your group meeting. □

### Weatherly Birthdays



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	1-3	Linzy Riggs
		1-4	Isabella Hatcher

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## LOGIC

James W. Adams

Some brethren in our day are worshippers of "logic," so much so that they justify their religious practices (cooperative benevolence and evangelism, etc., mwm) by it rather than by a "thus saith the Lord." "The whole is equal to the sum if all its parts" seems to have become as vital to many as "God hath spoken." All of which reminds us of Aesop's observation on "Mathematical logic":

"A widow woman kept a hen that laid an egg every morning. Thought the woman to herself, 'If I double my hen's allowance of barley she will lay twice a day.' So she tried her plan, and the hen became so fat and sleek that she left off lay altogether."

Brother J.D. Tant had a favorite story that I have often heard him tell. It had to do with two country girls in the state of Arkansas who planned an ice-cream party for Friday night. They had only one cow that gave a gallon of milk per day. They would need five gallons to supply the freezers; it was summer, and there was no ice available each day to preserve the milk. Ice would be brought out from town on Friday with which to freeze the cream. The girls decided not to milk the cow from Monday to Friday and get the accumulated milk fresh from the cow on that day. To their surprise, instead of five gallons, the cow gave barely a teacupful on Friday evening. In this case, the whole did not equal the sum of all its parts.

Logic properly employed is indispensable. Let it not be thought, however, that is will suffice in religion in the absence of a "thus saith the Lord." □

## Weekly Walk!