

# Weatherly @ work



## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK FEBRUARY 26	NEXT WEEK MARCH 5
<b>Sunday AM</b>		
Announcements	Will Starks	Forest Summers
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Louis Garrett	Searcy Hall
Scripture Reading	Phillip Dill	Ken Cavender
Closing Prayer	Jim Ehl	Mike Coward
<b>Sunday PM</b>		
Song Leader	SINGING	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Will Starks	Ed Dill
Closing Prayer	Bobby Wright	Jim Risner
<b>Wednesday PM</b>		
Song Leader	MARCH 1	MARCH 8
Invitation	Collis Terry	Phil Furlough
Closing Prayer	Louis Garrett	L
	Ron Harmon	Tommy Hill
<b>Group Meeting</b>	Group 4	Group 1

## MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

<b>March</b>	
<b>Serving on the Lord's Table AM</b>	Adam Hagewood Riley Monroe Bobby Wright Tommy Hill ** Jim Ehl
** Overseer	W.D. Patrick Jeremy Leshko Will Patrick
<b>Lord's Supper PM</b>	Will Starks ** Doyle Wray
<b>Visitor Greeting</b>	
<b>Sunday AM</b>	
Rear Door	Doyle & Janice Wray
Side Door	Charlotte Hagewood
<b>Sunday PM</b>	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Hall/Jacks
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Sue Terry
<b>Building Lockup</b>	Murray Castleman

## QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JANUARY – MARCH 2017

### AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Galatians  
Gene Preston

### ADITORIUM WEDNESDAY

New Testament Worship  
Michael McLemore



## 2017 WEATHERLY HEIGHTS LECTURES

“Magnify the Lord with ME”  
David Banning, Jonathan Reeder, Tim Stevens  
and Lowell Sallee, May 4th—7th, 2017

## Weatherly's Shepherds

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## Weatherly's Deacons

Steve Hagewood	Ron Harmon	David Jacks
Hill Roberts	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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# The Weatherly Weekly

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## One by One

Michael W. McLemore

We can be assured of one truth, the Lord doesn't arrange His plans to suit human purposes. Rather, He calls upon His followers "one by one" to align our lives with His Divine will.

When Peter, Andrew, James, and John were fishing, before they became Jesus' disciples, their lives revolved around that occupation. They were concerned with weather conditions, repairing sails, mending nets, and of course catching fish. It was a business and they all were seeking to make a living. Then Jesus came into their region and called them, "Follow me, I'll make you fishers of men." Suddenly and willingly the men made a dramatic lifestyle change.

Sadly, in stark contrast, a young rich ruler refused this difficult change and walked away sad. He realized what he would have to exchange to follow Christ (Matthew 19:21-22). The Lord's invitation to be His disciple means modifying our way of living. Switching jobs and altering habits, was common place for many of Jesus followers. Even now God is calling us to adapt to His plan.

Before Jesus' invitation to travel in His company, James and John worked in their family's business alongside their father. Accepting the call of Christ for them meant spending far less time with friends and relatives. Following Christ meant a change in their relationships. It is the same for us today.

The call of Christ changes our goals and it changes our relationships. But the eternal return on any sacrifice we make in service to Him, Christ assures, surpasses our ability to comprehend (Matthew 19:29).

Our Father's plans are based upon His mercy, justice and goodness. His perfect character assures that we can trust the path that He outlines for us. Melding to God's design by accepting His word and making the necessary changes in our lifestyles and relationships is always the course to choose - "Trust in the Lord will all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6). □

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# God's End Product



Dan S. Shipley

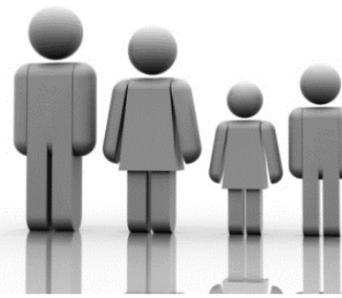
**M**ost everyone soon learns about the relationship between cause and effect, even if by another name. To the cook, for instance, it may be the relationship between the recipe and the pie. That special apple pie is the result (effect) of mixing certain ingredients in certain proportions and baking according to instructions. Only that recipe makes that pie. Even the most conscientious cook could not produce an apple pie by following a hushpuppy recipe – or, even by partly using the right recipe. Any alteration of the recipe necessarily alters the end product. The same is true with the seamstress who knows cause and effect as pattern and dress or with the builder who knows it as blueprint and house. They all well understand that personal preferences and options cannot be substituted for explicit instructions in making that pie, dress, or house. At least, we hope they understand it when we engage them to do work for us!

Accordingly, in the spiritual realm we see cause and effect in the gospel and the Christian. This important and fundamental truth is set forth in the Bible under several different figures. First, in the parable of the sower (Luke 8), the seed is identified as the word of God (v.11), which, when received into the honest and good heart, achieves its God-intended purpose. Only the pure word of God can produce that fruit-bearing child of God; that kind of character God wants in man. The sowing determines the reaping. Mixing the creeds and opinions of uninspired men with God's pure gospel is bound to result in less than that man God wants.

In another sense, God's word is a pat-

tern for men to live by. As Moses was admonished to "make all things according to the pattern" (Hebrews 8:5), so must God's will be the pattern for our spiritual service. All that God says about how men are to be saved, for instance, is God's pattern for saving men. That pattern includes faith, repentance, confession and baptism (Mark 16:15,16; Acts 2:38; 8:36,37; 22:16). Following this divine pattern produces saved men. Changing the pattern changes the result, just as with the recipe and the blueprint. Further, all that men can know about what pleases God in worship is found on the pages of the New Testament – and all the New Testament says on the subject comprises the divine pattern for worship, nothing more and nothing less. That pattern includes preaching, singing, praying, giving and partaking of the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7; Ephesians 5:19; 1 Timothy 2:1,2; 1 Corinthians 16:1,2). This is God's blueprint for worship and must be followed if God is to be truly honored.

When Paul writes of the Romans being obedient to "that form of teaching whereunto ye were delivered," he pictures the gospel (teaching) as the mold or cast (tupos) into which the obedient is "poured" by submission to be shaped into a Christ-like character. Thus, following God's pattern conforms men to His Son's image (Romans 8:29) and makes them to be partakers of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4). The honest and good-hearted man knows that he cannot direct his own steps (Jeremiah 10:23) and so yields himself to walk by faith and in so doing becomes the fruition of God's eternal purpose, complete in Christ. □



## Family matters

News and Notes of Interest  
To Weatherly Members

### Pray for Those in Need

*Mike Coward* was released from Huntsville Hospital late Friday. Tests have not revealed any cause for his poor balance. While that is good news, it leaves *Mike* and family somewhat at a loss as to why he feels as he does. Further tests are planned for *Mike* as an outpatient. Your prayers are what he needs the most. Please ask for Lord's care of *Mike & Peggy*.

*Little Olivia Holland* is doing very well. Mom, *Carolyn*, is also. We are rejoicing in her birth and look forward to seeing her at worship.



*Art Miller, Carolyn Holland's* father, is undergoing rehab at the facility on Teakwood. Your prayers are requested.

*Glenda Cavender* remains about the same. We are continuing to pray for her improvement. Your expressions of interest and support of *Glenda* are very meaningful.

*Carolyn Barr* was at worship last Lord's Day in spite of the extensive surgery. We are awaiting word on the pathology. Your prayers are im-

portant.

*Linda Cuddington*, daughter of *Edith Turner*, continues on our prayer list. We are glad to report that *Linda* was able to come off of the ventilator last weekend. Your prayers are solicited. We are also asking you to continue to remember *Edith's* name to the Lord.

The entire *Dill family* was home Wednesday evening with the Flu.

*Mike Gore, Sandra's* husband and *Steve Gittings, Joanne Abernathy's* bother-in-law, are in our prayers as they undergo treatments.

### Weatherly Family Photos

*Brooke Hatcher* will be making "new member photos" again today! Make sure to get your photo made today. Next Sunday *Brooke* will begin making photos for current members that do not have a photo in our directory. We will publish a list to give you an opportunity to sign up. Thanks *Brooke!*

### Spring Study Series

Remember our Sunday Night Study Series begins March 19th.

### Group Four Meets Today

Group 4, led by *Ron Harmon*, will meet today following morning services for covered dish and group meeting. Please attend your group meeting. □

### Weatherly Birthdays



2-27	Penny Hill	3-5	Gina Curtis
3-6	Harold Smith	3-11	Evelyn Hall
3-12	Stevie Hagewood	3-13	Collis Terry
3-14	Becky Hill		

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## Is My Child Safe?

Michael W. McLemore

Absalom, the son of King David, led a rebellion against his father. In spite of this David had ordered his men to deal gently with him (2 Samuel 18:5,12). When Absalom was found caught by his hair in a tree, Joab ignored David's orders. He killed Absalom.

Messengers rushed with the news about the death of the rebel. David asked, "Is the young man safe?" The answer, "May all of the King's enemies to be" as that young man is," David knew. He went to his chamber, crying out, "O my son Absalom...would God I had died for thee."

It was too late for Absalom! But, it isn't too late for our children. How many parents do not check on their children until it is too late? How many would die for our children's safety? Too many parents are hoping they're ok, instead of actively guiding and monitoring our children spiritually.

The disapproval God placed upon Eli was not for personal wickedness, but for not restraining his sons (1 Samuel 3:13). He talked to them, but by the time it was too late (1 Samuel 2:22-25). We should appreciate all Bible class teachers who work with our children in guiding them toward worthwhile lives. But, there is no substitute for parental involvement. Parents should set proper examples. Don't just tell children what is right; show them! Don't just send them to class. Become a participant in their growth.

Parents, probe their attitudes and spiritual values. Bridge the "generation gap" with the eternal truths of God; your children will know you love them for it. □

## Weekly Walk!