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Newsletter of the Weatherly Heights Church of Christ

# The Weatherly Weekly

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## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK MARCH 12	NEXT WEEK MARCH 19
<b>Sunday AM</b>		
Announcements	Forest Summers	Forest Summers
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	David Jacks
Opening Prayer	David Jacks	W.D. Patrick
Scripture Reading	Melvin Godette	Wes Caudle
Closing Prayer	Rob Crank	Nick Holland
<b>Sunday PM</b>		
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	David Jacks
Opening Prayer	Collis Terry	Forest Summers
Closing Prayer	Charley Carter	Terry Childress
<b>Wednesday PM</b>	<b>MARCH 15</b>	<b>MARCH 22</b>
Song Leader	Mike Coward	Collis Terry
Invitation	Searcy Hall	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Kirk Hatcher	Phil Furlough
<b>Group Meeting</b>	Group 2	Group 3

## 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

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

## 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>	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Doyle & Janice Wray
Side Door	Charlotte Hagewood
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Hall/Jacks
Communion Prep	Sue Terry
Building Lockup	Murray Castleman

## Attention to Detail

Michael W. McLemore

It is easy to become distracted from the specifics of God’s will, isn’t it? Life has a way of eroding well worn paths of right, by making slow incremental inroads upon the conscience. The proof? What is now commonly accepted by society, was once abhorrent. Our culture is suffering mightily from the consequences.

I once read of a decision to remove the timber wolves from a state park. That action ended up killing all of the trees. How did one action lead to such an unexpected conclusion?

The park ranger said, “We removed the wolves that controlled the deer. The deer population exploded and they soon ate all there was to eat. They began to eat the bark off of the trees which not only killed the trees directly, but allowed the proliferation of a disease which killed even the trees the deer didn’t eat!”

Studies have determined if a neighborhood allows the yard of an abandoned house to grow over, or it’s windows to remain broken, that crime will soon increase. Apparently people with a criminal mindset see the poor maintenance as a sign of apathy and that criminal ac-

tivity will probably be ignored as well. They move in and soon the area has a crime problem.

Everything we do, or fail to do, has a consequence. That is why those who follow Christ must give close attention to detail in the matter of the conduct and influence. Wasn’t it so with Jesus? He was as concerned with the large and important as he was with the struggling individual. Surrounded by thousands of people he often stopped to address the concerns of individuals: one leper, one blind man or one ailing woman.

In the flesh, Jesus was able to give us insight into the Father’s attention detail. He said, “Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered” (Matthew 10:29-30, ESV). We serve a God who tends to the small things, the small details which preserves order in the Universe. It is imperative that we imitate our Master. We must do our best to tend to the details of life (Ecclesiastes 9:10). Isn’t it amazing how rapidly details can catch up with you? ☐

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# Victory Over Our Enemy

Michael W. McLemore

The "last" and the greatest enemy of mankind is "death." For this reason, it is referred to as "the king of terrors." Death brings to nothing and reduces to vanity all things earthly: national or individual; kingly power or peasant servitude; wealth or want; pain or pleasure. Yet, over it, we can be victorious.

In the marvelous repertory of Psalms in the Bible, none is more magnificent than the sixty-eighth. Regardless of its immediate reference in the history of Israel, it is unquestionably Messianic in its ultimate application. Its message is profound. The core of its thrust is: God the great burden-bearer of His faithful people both collectively and individually. It is an anthem of Victory through the strength and power of God.

Moses led Israel in a song of victory on the wilderness side of the Red Sea while the waters overflowed and destroyed her enemies (Exodus 15:1-2). To one far greater than Moses Heaven's "four living creatures, twenty-four elders, and myriads of angels along with the redeemed saints" sing of triumph over sin and death before its throne (Revelation 5:1-10; 14:1-3; 15:1-3).

The psalm of our text is a hymn of victory extolling the goodness and power of God who effected it. Its alpha celebrates Israel's many victories over her enemies through the power of God. However, these victories were only typical of and vindicated by its omega – the final victory of God's faithful people of all ages over sin and death. That victory is through Jesus Christ – God's sacrificial Lamb and he who vindicated by his death on the cross God's right to be called mankind's "burden-bearer" and "God of our salvation" from time to eternity.

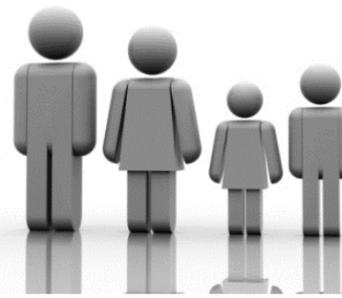
That all of this is relevant to Christians today is assured by Peter's statements regarding the role of God as our burden-bearer. He said, "Be clothes with humility; for God re-

sisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: casting all of your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:5-7).

The three great ordinances of the Lord's church: the Lord's day, the Lord's supper, and baptism for the remission of sins, among other things, all unite to declare, the joy and assurance of the Christian in ultimate victory through Christ over all of the powers of sin and death. Like Moses and Israel on the banks of the Red Sea, Christians today joyfully sing the "song of Moses and the Lamb" in celebration of their victory over sin while they live and in anticipation of that time when they will sing it new before Heaven's throne having conquered the ravages of death through Christ and his atoning blood.

Note likewise the fact that God bears our burden "daily." He never tires and is utterly dependable. However, let us be admonished by Peter's statement that we are to cast our "cares" upon Him, not our duties and responsibilities. This is made clear by Peter when he said, "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: for the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil" (1 Peter 3:10-12).

It has been said, "Man's extremity is God's opportunity." When in our human, sinful experience, we reach the limits of human capability, God through Christ shoulders our burden of sin and will give us ultimately victory over the last enemy death: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God that giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:54-57). □



## Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

### Pray for Those in Need

Mike Coward's most recent visit to the Neurologist has proven encouraging. Shortly, Mike will undergo a spinal tap to insert a die that will allow his doctors to determine how to proceed in his treatment. Your prayers are appreciated.

Glenda Cavender is having good days and bad days. Ken indicates that the physical therapy is helping some. It is just a slow process. We are continuing to pray for her improvement. Your expressions of interest and support of Glenda are very meaningful.

Linda Cuddington, daughter of Edith Turner, has been moved to rehab in Birmingham. Edith traveled there to visit her today. If you would like to send cards to Linda you may do so at the following address:

Linda Cuddington  
c/o Jason Culverhouse  
5029 Wagon Trace  
Birmingham, Alabama 5242

Carolyn Holland's dad, Art Miller, remains an inpatient at Whitesburg Gardens, 105 Teakwood. Your prayers are requested.

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

Surgery for Vicki Stevens went very well. Chemo begins in two weeks. It will be a long journey. Prayers please!



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### Weatherly Family Photos

Brooke Hatcher will be making photos for Weatherly members who do not have a current photo, or who would like a new one. See Brooke today!

### Remember, Services are at 6 p.m.

With the time change, Weatherly returns to meeting at 6 p.m. on Sunday evening. See you all then!

### One Week Away from Spring Study Series

Our Sunday Night Study Series begins next Sunday night, March 19th. We are looking forward to a great series.

A sign up sheet is on the table in the foyer for those men who would like to lead the Sunday evening auditorium class.

### Time Change Next Week

Time "springs forward" next Sunday. Also, we begin meeting at 6 p.m. on Sunday night!

### Group Two Meets Tonight

Group 2, led by Will Starks, will meet following evening services. We hope everyone will attend their group meeting. □

### Weatherly Birthdays

3-12	Stevie Hagewood	3-13	Collis Terry
3-13	Andrea Leshko	3-14	Becky Hill
3-18	Susan Ivey	3-22	Thomas Hill

## "Strait is the Way"

Michael W. McLemore

Jesus said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." (Matthew 7:13-14).

Consider Jesus' word, "strait." While it is akin to the word "straight," it is not the same. It is a doublet to our word "strict," and defines boundaries, while generally suggesting difficulty. In its archaic form it meant narrow or strict. It is the Latin word *stringere*, to draw tight. We have combined the word with *dis* to make "district," and with *re* to make "restrict." All suggestive of certain established bounds. When Jesus said we should walk in the "strait" way, He suggested the difficulty involved in negotiating a law-structured way.

(cf. Mt. 7:21-23) □

## Weekly Walk!