Weekly Opportunities

	This Week April 23	Next Week April 30
Sunday AM		
Announcements	*Louis Garrett*	*Louis Garrett*
Song Leader	*Charles Hill*	*Jared Jimison*
Opening Prayer	*Louis Garrett*	*Will Starks*
Scripture Reading	*Philip Dill*	*Terry Childress*
Closing Prayer	*Jim Ehl*	*Riley Monroe*
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	*Charles Hill*	*Jared Jimison*
Opening Prayer	*Ed Dill*	*W.D. Patrick*
Closing Prayer	*Bobby Wright*	*Phil Furlough*
Wednesday PM	**April 26**	**May 3**
Song Leader	*Mike Coward*	*Phil Furlough*
Invitation	*Mike McLemore*	*Louis Garrett*
Closing Prayer	*Terry Barnett*	*Carley Carter*
Group Meeting	*Group 4*	

Monthly Opportunities

April

Serving on the Lord's Table AM
Kiel Adams
Ken Cavender
Nick Holland
Forest Summers **
Terry Barnett
Kirk Hatcher
Jonathan Matlock
John Patrick

** Overseer*

Lord's Supper PM
Gene Preston **
Terry Childress

Visitor Greeting

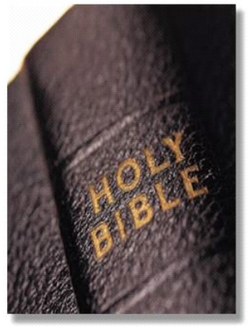
Sunday AM
Rear Door — *Terry & Kim Barnett*
Side Door — *W.D. & LaNelle Patrick*

Sunday PM
Rear Door/ Side Door — *Harmon/Starks*

Communion Prep — *Petra Carter*
Building Lockup — *Terry Barnett*

Quarterly Bible Classes
April – June 2017

Auditorium Sunday
Various Lessons
Louis Garrett & Mike McLemore



Aditorium Wednesday
Building Up One Another
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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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.

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A Lesson in Trust

Michael W. McLemore

Our response to the commands of the Lord reveals much about both our view of obedience and our opinion of the Lord. We are unable to foresee the importance of what the Lord has in mind for our future when He commands our action in any area of endeavor, thus acting in accord with His will requires implicit trust that His will is for our good. When Jesus calls us to act, our immediate obedient response in a fundamental way says two things: "I love You!" and "I trust You!"

When Jesus asked Peter to use his boat to preach to the crowd on the shores of Galilee, Peter immediately complied (Luke 5:1-3). He had been up all night with no fish to show for the effort. He was tired, discouraged and had much net cleaning to do. But, without complaint, he complied. Lending his boat for a platform from which to preach was an incidental need with little consequence in the grand scheme. But, when the sermon was over, Peter, again complied with the Lord's curious charge, "put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch" (Luke 5:4-5). Again, he did. The result of Peter's obedience yielded both a lesson in trust and a blessing from the Lord.

Jesus had more in mind than just a one-time use of Peter's vessel. Peter stepped into a life of service that resulted in both opportunity and blessing. Peter became a "chosen vessel" for the Gospel – "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men" (Luke 5:10).

Too often, because men cannot see the immediately benefit of obedience to His implicit commands, they tend to modify the request to suit themselves, to delay until a more convenient time, or just to skip them all together. Such constitutes neither love, nor trust.

Christ graced Peter and his fishing companions with service in His kingdom. He will you also, if you will love Him and trust Him. ❑

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The Right Church

Mark Roberts

The purpose of this little piece is to present what the Bible says on the subject of differing churches. You will not find quotes from men's creed books or the opinions of well-schooled theologians and scholars here. Instead what God has to say about this matter will be clearly presented by His word, and by His word only. If you will take your own Bible and follow along as you read this material you will be able to easily understand what the Bible teaches. Isn't that what really matters -- what the Bible says?

There are so many different churches in our community, all claiming to be teaching and practicing what is right that it is very difficult to decide where one ought to go each Sunday. Is it possible for all these varying churches to be right? Does God care which church one attends? What about "going to the church of your choice?"

Let's begin by understanding that the Bible condemns dividing up into various churches or denominations. "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10).

Jesus prayed that His disciples would be united, not fragmented into hundreds of different religious groups (John 17:21). Denominational division is not God's plan!

The Bible teaches that there is only supposed to be one church, Jesus' church. Christ claimed that He would build His church (Matthew 16:18), and this is the church that the Bible recognizes. "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:4-6). How many churches does the Bible say there should be? Just as many churches as there is faiths, hopes, or Gods! Since there is "one hope... one Lord, one faith" we can easily understand how many bodies there are: ONE (just as verse 4 so states). The body of Christ is the church (compare Ephesians 4:4 and Ephesians 1:22-23), and there is only one body. So, all this "go to the church of your choice" business falls by the wayside when we see that the Bible is teaching us to go the church of Jesus' choice! How do we identify that church?

First, Jesus' church will respect His Headship. Christ is the head of His church (Ephesians 1:22-23). There is simply nothing stated in the Bible about anyone else assuming that rule, on heaven or on earth. Jesus has all authority (Matthew 28;18), and is therefore the absolute head of His Body, the church.

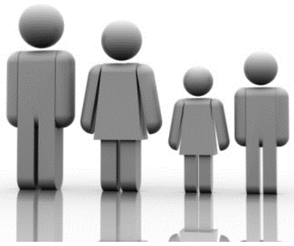
Secondly, Jesus' church will respect His authority. Authority is the right to rule, or command. A church that is truly the Lord's will recognize His absolute right to rule because He is the head of the church. This means that Jesus' church will do what He orders or tells them to do, rather than doing what men want to do. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:17). Christ's church will obey Him!

Thirdly, Jesus' church will obey His Word, the Bible. The Bible is the revealed Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17) and as such instructs us in all that we should do to please the Lord (2 Peter 1:3). When men substitute their creed books, decrees, and institutes for what the Bible says they are showing disrespect for the Head of the church and not pleasing Him. How can we be "doing all in the name of the Lord Jesus" if He has not instructed us to do a thing? All such additions and subtractions to the Bible are expressly condemned in Galatians 1:8-9.

Many churches claim Jesus as their Head (though some denominations have emerged with human heads over them), and still others even claim to respect His authority and obey the Bible. The "acid test" is to see if a church is teaching what Jesus taught about salvation.

Jesus' church will teach what Christ taught about salvation. In Mark 16:16 Jesus Himself said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). Far too many churches want to say "He that believeth shall be saved" but that is not what the Lord said. Obviously, a lack of belief alone is enough to cause one to be lost (if one doesn't believe he will never want to be baptized), but both belief and baptism are necessary to be saved, according to Jesus' own words. Jesus' church will teach the truth about salvation.

You have used your own Bible to see what Christ's church will believe and practice. Continue your studying in the New Testament to find out more about what Jesus wants His church to be like. Can we help you in that search? ❑



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Jason Henderson

Saturday, April 15th, ***Jason Henderson*** and ***Rosita Turati*** were joined in marriage. We rejoice with them and their families in the monumental occasion. We pray the Lord's blessings be upon their union and that their lifelong years will be many and happy.

Pray for Those in Need

Caryl Ehl, Betty Dubose and ***Jenny Jacks*** are all back to worship and healing. We are thankful for their progress and are praying they will be back to normal soon.

Sheila's mom, ***Pat Gamble,*** is doing a little better everyday

Glenda Cavender had hoped to be back last Sunday night, but wasn't able after all. Your daily prayers for her are so important. We are all looking forward to seeing her.

Melvin Godette continues to need our prayers. Pray for him.

Denny Freeman is doing well after his procedure to implant a cochlear implant to improve his hearing.

Art Miller, Mike Gore, Steve Gittings, and ***Vicki Stevens*** remain on our prayer list.

Latest on Steve Guice

Steve Guice just got the report from his 9 month checkup with oncologists at UBA—all clear! Surely this is cause for prayers of thanksgiving. ***The Guices*** are out of town for a few days. ***Julie*** is finalizing arrangements in sale of her parent's home in Grenada, Mississippi.

Sunday Night Study Series

Spring Study Series is in full swing. It has been most encouraging. Let's all make an extra effort to be present tonight.

Weatherly Lectures

Magnify the Lord with Me begins May 4th. ***Tim Stevens, Lowell Sallee, David Banning & Jonathan Reeder,*** are all set to preach. Make your plans to be at every meeting.

Group Four Meets Today

Group 4, led by ***Ron Hamron,*** will meet today following worship for a covered dish at the ***Harmon's***. ❑

Weatherly Birthdays

4-20	Peggy Monroe	4-20	John Stokes
4-21	Charley Carter	4-21	Diane Dill
4-21	Maria Hunt	4-23	David Jacks
4-25	Sue Terry	5-2	Cathy Preston

Take Your Stand

Michael W. McLemore

Our battle as Christians is continual against our adversary, the devil. He is intent on wreaking havoc, derailing our trek with God. He prowls unnoticed to us like prey waiting until we are vulnerable, then attacks. Peter warned, "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8-9).

Satan is not only the "father of lies" (John 8:44), he is the "father of discouragement." It was at the heart of his deception of Eve, leading her to believe that she was deprived and missing out. He perpetually attempts to keep us from believing we will ever walk in triumph. It's all a lie.

What do we do? Peter continues, "Resist him, firm in your faith." Push back! Stand your ground. Trust in what God has said; it doesn't matter what the circumstances look like and what the devil says. "Hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering" (Hebrew 10:23).

We are in battle against strongholds of the mind, imaginations, thoughts, reasoning, and theories that do not agree with what God has revealed (2 Corinthians 10:4-5). The Word of God is offensive-it chases the enemy, driving him back.

Jesus looked the Devil in the eye and said, "Be gone, Satan!" (Mat. 4:10). Take your stand! ❑

Weekly Walk!