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Newsletter of the Weatherly Heights Church of Christ

# The Weatherly Weekly

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## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

|                     | THIS WEEK<br>APRIL 30 | NEXT WEEK<br>MAY 7 |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Sunday AM</b>    |                       |                    |
| Announcements       | Louis Garrett         | Tommy Hill         |
| Song Leader         | Jared Jimison         | Jared Jimison      |
| Opening Prayer      | Will Starks           | W.D. Patrick       |
| Scripture Reading   | Terry Childress       | Kirk Hatcher       |
| Closing Prayer      | Riley Monroe          | Marty Hunt         |
| <b>Sunday PM</b>    |                       |                    |
| Song Leader         | Jared Jimison         |                    |
| Opening Prayer      | W.D. Patrick          |                    |
| Closing Prayer      | Phil Furlough         |                    |
| <b>Wednesday PM</b> | <b>MAY 3</b>          | <b>MAY 10</b>      |
| Song Leader         | Phil Furlough         | Collis Terry       |
| Invitation          | Louis Garrett         | Mike McLemore      |
| Closing Prayer      | Carley Carter         | Bobby Wright       |
| Group Meeting       |                       | Group 1            |

## 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

## MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>May</b>                            |  |
| <b>Serving on the Lord's Table AM</b> | Wes Caudle<br>Dwight Ivey<br>Ed Dill<br>Phil Furlough **<br>Collis Terry<br>Marty Hunt<br>Ryan Patrick<br>Jerry Mitchell |
| ** Overseer                           |  |
| <b>Lord's Supper PM</b>               | Jim Ehl **<br>John Stokes  |
| <b>Visitor Greeting</b>               |  |
| <b>Sunday AM</b>                      | Murray & Wanda Castleman   |
| <b>Rear Door</b>                      | John Stokes  |
| <b>Side Door</b>                      | Mike & Peggy Coward  |
| <b>Sunday PM</b>                      |  |
| <b>Rear Door/ Side Door</b>           | Terry/Wright   |
| <b>Communion Prep</b>                 | Cathy Preston  |
| <b>Building Lockup</b>                | Hill Roberts   |

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

## Worth the Risk

**Michael W. McLemore**

Esther reached a point in her life when standing for Jehovah became risky and dangerous. The Lord placed her in a position of influence, but using that power could cost the young woman her life.

Few are called to be kings or queens, but we have all been given places of influence to one degree or another. The children of God have to believe that serving Christ in whatever circumstance we find ourselves is His will for our life in this generation. As long as you are breathing you have work to do!

How will you respond to that duty? It seems there are only two options: cooperate by submitting to His will, or resist. Trying to avoid or ignore the opportunities He presents is a form of resistance. Maybe the cost of obedi-

ence seems too high, but what about the cost of disobedience?

Eventually, every Christian is going to encounter a situation that tests his or her willingness to obey God. When that time comes, remember the lesson from Esther. If you refuse, the Lord will use someone else, and you will lose the opportunity. Maybe you have come to this place “for such a time as this.” Be an influence for Christ in our dark world!

Serving God is not always easy, but it is always worth the risk! Each step will reveal the faithfulness of our Lord, encouraging us to trust Him in the next opportunity He provides. As our faith grows, His perfect timing will become evident, and we'll look with joy and expectation for what awaits us. □

Watch us  
LIVE!

# 5 WAYS to Improve Your Life

Edwin Crozier

If there is one thing consistent among almost every Christian I have ever talked to, preached to, studied with, no matter what level of maturity, no matter how long we've been a Christian, most of us think we need to do better at prayer. Either by praying more, praying longer, praying deeper. I say "almost every Christian" because I did poll one congregation during a sermon and one brother raised his hand to say his prayer life was good enough. But I think my polling now ranks in the thousands. One in thousands is not too inspiring. So, what can we do to improve our prayers lives? I'd like to share 5 things that have improved my prayer life. I hope they may help you as well.

## #1: Schedule an appointment with God.

Don't just intend to pray. Schedule it. Mark it in your day-planner. Put it on the calendar. If you wanted to meet with your boss, you'd schedule it. If you wanted to go on a date, you'd schedule it. When you want to meet with God, schedule it. When someone asks you to have coffee during that time, politely explain you already have an appointment with someone far more important.

## #2: Have a place of prayer.

Obviously you can pray anywhere at any time. I encourage you to pray everywhere. But I have also found that having a place dedicated to my specific and purposeful prayer time has been very powerful. Why? When I have a place dedicated to praying, every time I even pass by it, I start thinking about prayer. Sometimes it prompts prayer even when I wasn't planning it

(As an aside, don't make your place of prayer your bed or easy chair. One complaint I've often heard among those who pray is, "I want to pray more, better, longer, but every time I start praying, I fall asleep." I ask, "Where are you praying?" The response, "Oh, in bed." I agree with many who say, "What better way to fall asleep." However, I also agree with those who say, "If you fell asleep every time you talked to me, I'd start to get offended." I have a place dedicated for sleep. I try not to confuse the issue by also making that my place dedicated to prayer.)

## #3: Pray out loud.

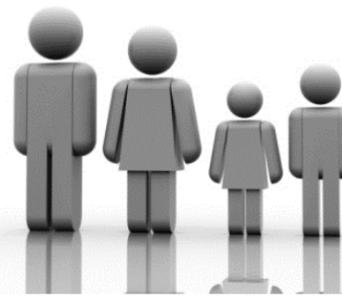
This may sound odd, but it has helped me tremendously. Obviously, there are times praying out loud isn't appropriate. When you are in that staff meeting and your boss is getting on your last nerve, you probably shouldn't pray out loud, "Dear God, help me deal with this man." But, pray out loud sometimes and see if it doesn't help. It helps me because when I'm praying my mind can tend to wander. When I'm praying in my head, it is often hard to tell when I'm praying and when I'm just thinking. When I pray out loud, I can always tell. I'm praying when I'm making noise, I'm just thinking when I'm not. By the way, it is great to spend some time thinking while we pray. So even when you pray out loud, don't be worried about times of silence. Take some time to think about what you are praying, but then pray it out loud.

## #4: Make lists.

One of the most helpful tools I've developed is my "prayer Moleskin." In it, I have lists of prayers from the Bible and other sources that I love to repeat. I have lists of praise prayers from the psalms that help me praise God. I have lists for thanksgiving, special requests, evangelists I know, churches I've been to, family, friends, granted requests. With these lists all in one place, I don't have any trouble praying more and longer. In fact, the big trouble is now I have so much to pray for that I struggle finding the time.

## #5: Plan your praying.

Now that I have so much to pray for, I've learned to plan my praying. This is different from scheduling. Scheduling was setting a time to pray. Planning means figuring out what to pray when. You don't have to pray for everything on your lists every day. Rather, plan to pray for certain things on each day. For instance, Sunday is my praise and thanksgiving day. While I do some of that every day, Sunday is specifically for that purpose. Monday is my day to pray for evangelism and evangelists. Tuesday is my day to pray for my family and friends. And so on. Obviously, this is not hard and fast. □



## Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

### 2017 Weatherly Lectures

Thursday night marks the beginning of the 2017 edition of Weatherly Heights Lectures. We have been looking forward to this week with much anticipation.



Thursday evening services begin promptly at 7. Friday we will meeting twice, 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Saturday we will meet at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

### Pray for Those in Need

We were all thrilled to see *Glenda Cavender* last Sunday night. We have missed her immensely. Pray for her continued improvement.

*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.



### Weatherly Birthdays

|      |               |      |                |
|------|---------------|------|----------------|
| 5-2  | Cathy Preston | 5-8  | Hill Roberts   |
| 5-9  | Nick Holland  | 5-9  | Ruth Mitchell  |
| 5-12 | Betty Dubose  | 5-12 | Joe Pellegrini |
| 5-15 | Dot Summers   | 5-17 | Megan Caudle   |

### Garland Green to Deploy

We have received word that Garland Green is scheduled to deploy in May. We will relay specifics as they become available. I have included a recent photo of Garland and his sweet little one. *Garland & Jennifer* are doing well. We miss them.



### Study Series Finale

Tonight is the last night of Sunday Night Study Series. It has been another amazing study. We hope everyone will be here tonight to see all that our children have learned.

### No Morning Service Next Sunday

Remember next Lord's Day our Sunday service will be at 2 p.m. We will have only one period of worship that afternoon. Let's full the meeting house. Invite your friends, family and area brethren to attend.

### Covered Dish Saturday

*Mike & Gwyn McLemore* will be hosting a covered dish for the whole congregation Saturday after lectures. □

## I'm Not Worried

Adapted

The Lord is my light  
and my salvation;  
Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the defense  
of my life;

Whom shall I dread?  
— Psalm 27:1

MANY spiritual leaders claim to provide some sort of special insight into this life, and especially into the next. Each is human in its origin, and therefore flawed. The mistakes they lead people into show those flaws all too clearly.

My light is Jesus. I'm not worried.

MANY philosophies claim to give their adherents some sense of worth — a necessary goal, since we all intuitively are dissatisfied with ourselves and discouraged by the flaws in our character and our behavior. But still the feelings of guilt remain. The assurance is superficial.

My salvation is Jesus. I'm not worried.

MANY weapons, both literal and figurative, are available to ward off the physical, emotional and social ills of this life. But the troubles remain, and even multiply.

My defense is Jesus. I'm not worried.

"Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord." Won't you put your implicit trust in Him alone? He is ALL we need, not matter the promises of men, philosophies or powers. Walk with Him today! □

## Weekly Walk!