

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK JUNE 4	NEXT WEEK JUNE 11
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Will Starks	Will Starks
Song Leader	David Jacks	David Jacks
Opening Prayer	W.D. Patrick	Forest Summers
Scripture Reading	Wes Caudle	Phillip Dill
Closing Prayer	Kirk Hatcher	Jim Risner
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	David Jacks	David Jacks
Opening Prayer	Collis Terry	Phil Furlough
Closing Prayer	Terry Childress	Searcy Hall
Wednesday PM	JUNE 7	JUNE 14
Song Leader	Mike Coward	Collis Terry
Invitation	Louis Garrett	Ron Harmon
Closing Prayer	Charley Carter	Bobby Wright
Group Meeting	Group 1	Group 2

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES APRIL – JUNE 2017

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Various Lessons
Louis Garrett & Mike McLemore

ADITORIUM WEDNESDAY
Building Up One Another
Michael McLemore



2017 FRIDAY NIGHT SINGING

Tim Stevens, John Kilgore and Jeff May
August 11th, 2017

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

June	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Adam Hagewood Riley Monroe Bobby Wright Ron Harmon ** Steve Hagewood
** Overseer	W.D. Patrick Jeremy Leshko Will Patrick
Lord's Supper PM	Terry Barnett ** Doyle Wray
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	Ann Summers
Rear Door	Susan Hand
Side Door	Mike & Gwyn McLemore
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Jimison/Ehl
Communion Prep	Sarah Starks/Hilda Wright
Building Lockup	Will Starks

Weatherly's Shepherds

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Tommy Hill	(256) 883-0010
Will Starks	(256) 883-5273
Forest Summers	(256) 348-2251

Evangelist

Michael W. McLemore (256) 698-5941
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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.

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Nothing to Fear

Michael W. McLemore

We live in a world that worships money and power. Wealth has its privileges. But, the world of Jesus' lowly servants charged to carry His Gospel was ruled by the self-same motives. How would they fare as they spread out from Jerusalem? Those who went south would soon encounter the mighty pyramids of ancient Egypt. They would see the Sphinx rising from the hot sands. In Alexandria they would encounter the greatest library of the ancient world. How would Jesus' men fare against the learned sages of Alexandria?

Those who went north would come to Antioch, another seat of learning. Paul went to Athens, the cultural seat of the ancient world, the land of Socrates and Aristotle, surrounded by altars, marble statuary, and underneath the shadow of the mighty Acropolis, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus, calling the city to repentance. Rome was not exempt, with its magnificent Colosseum and the vast, staggering grandeur of the Roman Empire. Who

would dare to preach Christ there? In time India, China, and other lands filled with teeming masses of people living unaware that Jesus had even come to the earth.

How would the Gospel survive? It would survive all the assaults against it because all power in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus Christ. When the disciples entered a land they need have no fear because there was no power greater than the power of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. They took in the glories of the world but they need not be intimidated because there was no glory greater than the glory of Son of God. And, in the seats of imperial power none could compare to the power resident in the One who sits at the right hand of the Father Almighty.

We have nothing to fear as we go into the world. Our King Jesus far surpasses the glory, honor, power and authority of the rulers of this world. He surpasses all! ☐

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Forgiveness

Michael W. McLemore

Forgiveness is most desired by the offender and scarcely bequeathed by the offended. In Christianity it is the premier focal point. It is heaven's desire for man. It is man's desire from God. The awful cost to bring it about is immeasurable by human standards. It meant the life of a Son; and not just any Son. No wonder the Bible says so much about forgiveness. No wonder Jesus said so much about it. It wasn't that the Lord taught only about our need to be forgiven or about God's ability to forgive. He did that. But He also spoke about the importance of humans learning to forgive each other.

"And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses" (Mark 11:25-26). In another place, he taught the same thing: "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven" (Luke 6:37). Prejudicial judgment and condemnation do not belong where Christ is concerned.

Even researches confirm the physiological value of the teaching of Jesus about the value of forgiving others, refusing to nurse a grudge, and letting go of slights and wrongs. A study by psychology professors at the University of Tennessee, affirms that people who refuse to forgive report more stress, more illness, and more visits to the doctor than people who show grace to others. But should we merely forgive because it will make the Christian healthier? Nonsense!

We would well point out that there are some appropriate cautions here. First, we must note that

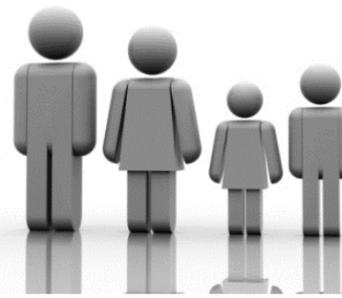
some behaviors are wrong, and it is morally right to be offended by or angry about them. Second, the Christian should realize that it is not sinful to feel the negative emotions brought on by betrayal, violation, or injustice. Too, it may take some time to identify the wrong, grieve over it, and move toward forgiving it. Finally, forgiving isn't just forgetting an offense or reconciling with the offender.

Forgiveness is a choice to separate the offender from his or her deed. It is deciding to let go of any ill will we may be harboring for that person. Forgiveness emerges from the highest sort of motive: the desire to see the transgressor reconciled to God. It comes about because of the offended's supreme willingness to do what ever is needed to bring that about.

What is the motivation adequate to prompt forgiveness? How can we separate the offender from his or her sin? Christ's love! Christ's forgiveness! The cross! He died for me! Paul reminded, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Brethren, all of this having been said, the truth remains that harboring anger, trying to get even, or otherwise nursing a grudge is toxic to the human spirit. It is detrimental to the soul. It not only robs one of peace of mind, causes damaging physical effects, worse still, the Lord declared that it robs the soul of God's intended glory.

Christians can draw courage from Paul's encouragement: "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:32). □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

At this printing *Erin Riggs* is scheduled to be released from Crestwood on Saturday afternoon. We see no reason why that will not happen as planned. She has come a long way from where she was earlier last week. *Erin* is temporarily wearing a device which will monitor her heart function and intervene if she has an event. She will see her cardiologist on Monday. Your prayers and expressions of concern for *Erin* and family have been greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray that she will fully recover.

Margret Smith's niece, *Carol Blackwood*, remains at UAB. We are asking you to continue praying for *Carol*.

Glenda Cavender continues her slow period of recovery. We are so happy that she is getting stronger. Your prayers for *Glenda* are solicited.

Melvin Godette is hoping to see an Orthopedist soon. *The Godettes* are in hopes they can find a way to give *Melvin* some relief from his chronic pain.

Jenny Jacks' appointment for a second opinion at Vanderbilt has been moved to July. She is still several weeks away from the answers she is seeking as to the cause of her chronic pain. Pray for the Lord's care of her while she endures.

Art Miller, Mike Gore, Vicki Stevens and *Steve Gittings* remain on

our prayer list.

In Honor of Our Graduates

Today we will gather in honor of *Trey Curtis* and *William Hill* who have graduated Grissom High. Congratulations are in order for both of these young men. The celebration will be held at Annabella at Cedar Glen, 5264 Rustic Trail, Huntsville, Alabama 35811. Bring your favorite covered dish and come. Everyone is invited to attend.

Bible Skills Class

Bible Skills will be held this evening at 6 pm. We hope all of our families with little ones will attend.

Group Four Meets Today

Group 1, led by *W.D. Patrick*, will meet following worship this evening. Be sure to attend.

Group 2, led by *Phil Furlough*, will meet for a covered dish luncheon at the home of *Phil & June Furlough* on Sunday, June 11th, following morning worship. All Group 2 members are invited to attend.

Guest Speakers Sunday

Louis Garrett and *Tommy Hill* will be standing in next Lord's Day. We are looking forward to hearing them. □

Weatherly Birthdays



JUNE 4, 2017

6-4	Ellie Pellegrini	6-5	Lynne Crank
6-7	Shelia Hagewood	6-11	Ann Summers
6-12	Erin Riggs	6-13	Adam Hagewood
6-15	Murray	6-16	Jaxie Rogers
6-23	Jared Jimison	6-23	W.D. Patrick

God's Heart

Michael W. McLemore

When Samuel told Saul that his throne would be taken from him due to his disobedience he said, "But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you" (1 Samuel 13:14). We know this man was David (Acts 13:22). There are several of David's characteristics that show how he was a man after God's heart.

David loved God's word. In the 119th Psalm he says, "Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day." Do we meditate upon it? Do we study it daily? Are we searching to find its truths?

David hid God's word in his heart. He not only loved it, he made it his life. He sought to live as God would have him live. Psalms 119:11 "Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!" If we are to live as David did God's word must be hidden in our hearts also.

David was willing to confess his sins. Pride creates many problems and stands in our way when we err from the faith. David sinned as we all do, but he was willing to confess his sins before God and man (Psalms: 51:3).

David also hated every false way. Psalms 119: 104 "Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way." Can we truly say that we hate all sin and every way that is contrary to our God?

We must be asking ourselves: "After whose heart am I?" □

Weekly Walk!