

The Weatherly Weekly

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK JULY 30	NEXT WEEK AUGUST 6
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Forest Summers	Louis Garrett
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	W.D. Patrick	Forest Summers
Scripture Reading	Phillip Dill	Wes Caudle
Closing Prayer	Collis Terry	Doyle Wray
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Singing	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Ed Dill	Ed Dill
Closing Prayer	Jim Risner	Marty Hunt
Wednesday PM	AUGUST 2	AUGUST 9
Song Leader	Phil Furlough	Collis Terry
Invitation	Louis Garrett	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Terry Childress	Ron Harmon
Group Meeting		Group 1

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JULY – SEPTEMBER 2017

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

1 & 2 Thessalonians
Gene Preston

ADITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Study of First Century
Churches
Various Speakers



2017 FRIDAY NIGHT SINGING

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

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

August	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Dwight Ivey Terry Barnett Ed Dill Tommy Hill ** Collis Terry Marty Hunt Doyle Wray Jerry Mitchell
** Overseer	
Lord's Supper PM	Phil Furlough ** John Stokes
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Janice Schrimsher
Side Door	Charles & Penny Hill
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Jared & Amanda Jimison
Communion Prep	June Furlough
Building Lockup	Mike McLemore

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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.

Walk with Christ

Michael W. McLemore

Paul called the Corinthians to "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1, KJV). He reminded the same family of believers, "We walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). But, what happens when that walk is met with adversity? What happens when that path is perplexing?

Walking with Christ in obedience offers little promise of an easy life, as some are heard to affirm. Consider Paul who encountered all kinds of hardships, including shipwreck, persecution and beatings (2 Corinthians 11:23-27). Was Paul alone in the suffering that accompanied his trials? No! Never. Nothing touched Paul of which God was unaware. He strengthened and corrected Paul through those self-same adversities. It was His tool to achieving His plans. In all He kept the apostle through circumstances that seemed impossible to overcome.

It is tempting to ignore or to rationalize the pleadings of the Holy Spirit when His Scrip-

tures call the child of God to act obediently under duress. Be assured that our failure to "follow" will ultimately lead to regret. Faithfully following Christ is the only path to life. It will not be easy, but He assures that He will continue to protect and guide throughout life.

Walking in faith and obedience is the only way to true peace. Paul sat in an uncomfortable Roman prison where his life was in danger and encouraged believers not to worry; trust the Lord and pray with gratitude (Philippians 4:6).

What walk makes more sense than the walk in step with Christ? We often sing, "Where He leads me I will follow." Are we expressing a true characterization of who we are? It is the only road to contentment, satisfaction, security, and peace. Walk with Christ. Walk with Him in faith. Reject anything and everything that hinders that walk. You will never regret your decision. ☐

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The Word of the Cross

Bubba Garner

Offended by Jesus? That seems incredible to us. Yet, there have always been those who found Him and His teaching offensive: that there is only one way (John 14:6) in a world that preaches tolerance; that this way would be narrow (Matt. 5:13-14), restrictive to the few who find it; that the way would involve surrender and submission to a higher authority instead of freedom to go your own way. That pushes some away.

But many are also offended by Christianity because it involves going the way of the cross. It is a way that includes suffering and death. Not just for Jesus, but for any who wish to come after Him (Matt. 16:24).

The cross was Paul's unifying message in 1 Corinthians 1. In a church where the members were claiming to be of Paul, Cephas, Apollos, and Christ, he asked, "Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he" (1 Cor. 1:13)? It was in fact the cross of Christ that reconciled both Jew and Gentile to God (Eph. 2:16).

What should be our unifying message in a world of division and chaos? What word will draw people to the Lord? The word of the cross.

We must preach the cross. "We preach Christ crucified" (1 Cor. 1:23). This was the message that was preached by the apostles as they went into all the world (Acts 2:22-24; Acts 3:13-15; Acts 4:8-12; Acts 10:38-43). Even when it became apparent that the word of the cross was foolishness to some and offensive to others, still Paul said with all boldness, "We preach Christ crucified."

In today's religious world, there is the insatiable desire for something "new." People think we need something different, something more modern, something less controversial. The prevailing thought seems to be, "What was preached in the 1st Century doesn't address the needs of people in the 21st Century." But it is still the cross that tells us about the nature of sin and its consequences. It is still the cross that shows us the love and mercy and forgiveness of God. It is still the cross that reminds us of our responsibility to give our life as a living sacrifice. We cannot say we "preach the gospel" if we do not preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

We must preach the cross as the power of God. "For

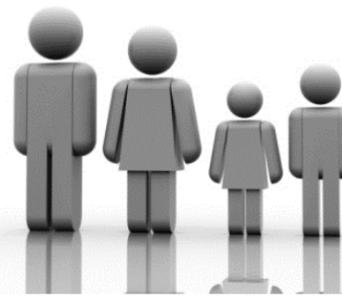
indeed Jews ask for signs" (1 Cor. 1:22). There were occasions when they came to Jesus seeking a sign (Mark 8:11) and even demanding a sign (Lk. 11:16). In John 6:30-31, it was obvious that they were looking for a Messiah to come in the power of Moses or Elijah and perform some mighty work. They wanted to see something in the likeness of manna from heaven, and they completely missed the Bread of Life and His saving death.

The cross is to some "a stumbling block" (1 Cor. 1:23). The Greek word "stumbling block" (skandalon) is where we get the word "scandal." That's what the cross was to the Jews: a scandal. They couldn't imagine a suffering Savior, that the Son of God would be a man of sorrows. The Jewish historian, Josephus, wrote that "crucifixion was the most wretched of all ways of dying." But the power of God is seen in that He was able to turn this seeming defeat into stunning victory. The gates of Hades could not overpower His Son or His plan. We need not be ashamed of the word of the cross. It is the power of God for salvation (Rom. 1:16).

We must preach the cross as the wisdom of God. To the Gentiles, the cross was "foolishness" (1:23). "Why would a "god" become a man? How could a woman be with child of the Holy Spirit? An immaculate conception? Foolishness!" The Greeks "search for wisdom" (1 Cor. 1:22). They had Plato, Socrates, and Aristotle. They had education and intellectualism. They could explain anything. Except the wisdom of God.

Paul wrote that he did not come to Corinth with "superiority of speech or of wisdom" (2:1). He did not come to impress them with his own understanding or worldly wisdom. He rested on the wisdom of God as seen in the cross of Christ. As the hymn Wonderful, Merciful Savior asks, "Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?" But this plan was in the mind of God before the foundation of the world. His wisdom worked it out.

"May it never be that I should boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal. 6:4). The best way to do that is to preach the cross as the power and wisdom of God. Anything less is offensive to the Lord. □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Mike Coward underwent the double cardiac ablation on Friday afternoon. The procedure was successful and *Mike* is doing well. His heart will be allowed to heal for a week, then his physician will begin to remove him from his medications. We are praying this will resolve *Mike's* recent AFIB issues.

Betty Reavis, who has been visiting with us recently, had shoulder surgery last week. She home doing well. Thank you for your prayers.

Erin Riggs is scheduled to have a defibrillator device implanted on Thursday, August 3rd here in Huntsville. Your prayers are solicited. We are trusting her care to the Lord.

Carol Blackwood, *Margaret Smith's* niece, remains in the NICU at UAB. Your prayers are solicited.

Pray for *Glenda Cavender*. Her challenges are many. Your prayers on her behalf make the difference. Our prayer is that her doctors will get a handle on exactly what her situation is. Meanwhile, she struggles day to day. Write to her. Call her. Let her know how much she means to us.

Leslie McCary remains on our prayer list as she recovers from a light stroke. *Leslie's* knee surgery has been postponed temporarily because of the stroke. Your prayers are appreciated.

Joanne Abernathy has returned from her trip to Nevada to be with her

sister and brother-in-law, *Steve Giddings*. *Steve* is in his last days of a very long struggle with cancer. Pray for *Steve's* comfort.

Melvin Godette remains on our minds daily. We are trusting the Lord for his strength and comfort. Say his name to the Father.

Jenny Jacks' appointment at Vandy has been rescheduled for August. Pray for her comfort as she awaits some word on what if anything can be done to relieve her pain.

We have been asked to pray for *Mike Gore* as he undergoes tests.

Art Miller and *Vickie Stevens* remain on our prayer list.

Singing Tonight

This being the last Sunday of the month, we will spend the evening period of worship in song. It is a most encouraging opportunity.

Skills Class Tonight

Remember tonight's Sunday night skills class. Be here at 6. We hope all of our little ones will be able to be present.

No Group Meeting Tonight

This is the fifth Sunday of the month. As it is there will be no group meeting today. Any guest cards may be passed either to *Doyle Wray* or *Mike McLemore*. □

Weatherly Birthdays

7-31	Phillip Dill	8-2	Wanda Castleman
8-6	Forest Summers	8-10	Natalie Frazier
8-11	Phyllis Harmon	8-14	Anna Holland



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If You Have A Problem

Michael W. McLemore

If you have a problem, face it. Deal with it; but seek the Bible solution to it, and apply that solution.

If a brother has sinned against you, read and apply Matthew 18:15-17. If you have wronged a brother, apply the principle of Matthew 5:23-24. A problem in your marriage? A problem in your family? A problem with your children? A problem with a friend? A problem with an enemy? A problem with someone where you work? God's word is the solution. And I am talking about something that is a problem, not something petty and insignificant. At the same time look into the mirror of God's word (James 1:23-24) that you might see yourself as you are and learn what you should be. Do not be concerned with removing "motes out of the eyes" of others, while being indifferent toward "beams in your own" (Matthew 7:3-5).

If you have a Bible question that is important to you, if you have a question about the congregation — its worship, teaching, practice, work, if you have a question about any thing taught in a Bible class or from the pulpit, by all means ask — and ask those involved, those who can give an answer. If you have some criticism to make, make it to the one or ones who need to hear it.

If any thing is disturbing you by all means talk about it — but don't just bend ears and create or spread discontent. Talk about it to those you need to talk to, to those who can help and help resolve the problem. □

Weekly Walk!