

The Weatherly Weekly

August 6, 2017

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK AUGUST 6	NEXT WEEK AUGUST 13
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Louis Garrett	Louis Garrett
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Forest Summers	Steve Hagewood
Scripture Reading	Wes Caudle	Rob Crank
Closing Prayer	Doyle Wray	Jim Ehl
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Ed Dill	Tommy Hill
Closing Prayer	Marty Hunt	Riley Monroe
Wednesday PM		
	AUGUST 9	AUGUST 16
Song Leader	Collis Terry	Phil Furlough
Invitation	Mike McLemore	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Ron Harmon	W.D. Patrick
Group Meeting	Group 1	Group 2

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.

Appreciation

Michael W. McLemore

In his autobiography, Breaking Barriers, syndicated columnist Carl Rowan told about a teacher who greatly influenced his life. Rowan relates: Miss Thompson reached into her desk drawer one day and pulled out a piece of paper containing a quote attributed to Chicago architect Daniel Burnham. I listened intently as she read:

"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans, aim high in hope and work. Remember that our sons and grandsons are going to do things that would stagger us."

More than 30 years later, Rowan gave a speech in which he said that Frances Thompson had given me a desperately needed belief in myself. A newspaper printed the story, and someone mailed the clipping to my beloved

teacher. Frances Thompson was so moved she wrote to Rowan: "You have no idea what that newspaper story meant to me. For years, I endured my brother's arguments that I had wasted my life. That I should have married and had a family. When I read that you gave me credit for helping to launch a marvelous career, I put the clipping in front of my brother. After he'd read it, I said, 'You see, I didn't really waste my life, did I?'"

When I read about the power of appreciation in the life of one who had sacrificed much for the benefit of others, I thought of the lone leper who returned to show Christ appreciation for his healing (Luke 17:11-19).

Have we returned to show appreciation for what some has done for us? It's so easy to forget the power of that selfless act. □

Inspired by an article from Reader's Digest, January 1992.

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HOPE OF HEAVEN

ADAPTED

Christianity is a religion of hope. Hope is defined as "desire with expectation of obtaining what is desired". Desire alone is not hope. You may desire to win a million dollars, or that there would be no crime or drugs. You may desire these things, but you cannot hope for them. Expectation alone is not hope. Most of us expect sickness to come, expect to pay taxes, or even to punish our children. We expect these things in life but we do not desire them, therefore we do not hope for them. Where there is desire and expectation there is hope, and such hope is necessary for us to live the Christian life successfully.

What the Christian hope is not: It is not the "hope" that we are Christians. Have you ever been asked, "Are you a Christian?" and your reply is "I hope so". We can know if we are a Christian or not, no hoping about it. In 1Jn. 5:13 we read "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of Man so that you may know that you have eternal life." If one knows he has eternal life he knows he is a Christian.

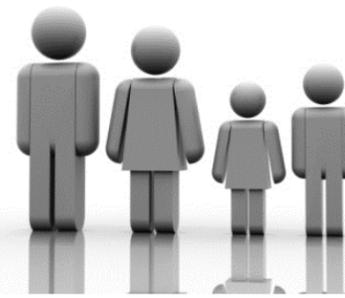
What the Christian hope is: It IS the promise of Heaven with all the good things that are there. We ought to desire it, and we ought to expect it. If we don't, we have no hope. Many Christians just desire Heaven but don't expect it. If you don't expect it you are not diligent or don't believe the promises of God. The basis of our hope is that we are children of God. The reason for our being children of God is God's love. 1 John. 3:1 reads "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God". We became children of God by being born again. John. 3:3-5 says that "Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again; he cannot see the kingdom of God". No one except a child of God can have

this hope of Heaven. Those we come in contact with in our everyday lives that cannot call themselves children of God are without hope. Eph. 2:12 reads "That at the time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world". We know from scripture that Heaven is a prepared place. Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself. That where I am ye may be also." Heaven is prepared only for those who submit to Christ and become children of God.

We know that as a Christian we must keep ourselves pure and the hope of Heaven purifies our hearts. 1 John. 3:3 reads

"And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure." The stronger our hope, the purer in heart and life we will be. Likewise, the purer in heart and life the stronger our hope will be. Purity in the life of every Christian is necessary before we can have hope of "appearing with Christ in glory". The hope of Heaven should cause us as Christians to rejoice. We are told in Matt. 5:12 "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad for great is your reward in Heaven." Our hope is based upon the promises of Christ, and he has promised us Heaven if we obey him.

Our hope depends upon the strength of our desire, and how badly we want to go to Heaven. It is also based on the strength of our expectation, and our faith in God who has promised us a place in Heaven if we have lived the kind of life we should. The Christians hope is worth more than the entire world, do you have it? □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

We are happy to report that *Melvin Godette's* surgery has been approved, but no date yet. The two orthopedic surgeons who will be doing the surgery are working to coordinate. Pray for *Melvin* and family.

It was great to see *Mike Coward* at services last week. He is doing well following his procedure. We are praying this will resolve *Mike's* issues.

Elain Dorris is set for knee replacement surgery August 28th. Remember her to the Lord as you pray.

Betty Reavis remains on our prayer list after her shoulder surgery. Please say her name to the Father.

Erin Riggs was able to have the defibrillator device implanted on Thursday. She stayed overnight in the hospital. Your prayers are solicited. Meanwhile, her mom, *Leslie*, is awaiting knee surgery.

Carol Blackwood, *Margaret Smith's* niece, remains at UAB in Birmingham. Pray for her.

Glenda Cavender has rebounded a bit since going back on the steroid medication. She is slated to see an immunologist in October. Pray for *Glenda & Ken*.

Please remember *Marty McLemore*, *Mike's* brother, who fell last week while working on the family farm in Texas. He is scheduled for surgery on August 14th.

Steve Gittings passed away

peacefully surrounded by his family last Monday. *Joanne* expressed her appreciation "to my Weatherly family for all of their love and prayers for him and my sister over the last couple of years. There will be no service."

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

2017 Singing Friday Night

The long anticipated Friday night singing is upon us. Everything that can be done has been done. All that is left is for us to attend our annual singing on Friday night. We hope every Weatherly member will be present for this assembly. Remember, arrive early and sit toward the front.



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.

Group One Meets Tonight

Group 1, led by *W.D. Patrick*, will meet after services this evening. Please plan to attend your group meeting. □

Weatherly Birthdays



AUGUST 6, 2017

8-6	Forest Summers	8-10	Natalie Frazier
8-11	Phyllis Harmon	8-14	Anna Holland
8-19	Peggy Childress	8-23	Janice Schrimsher
8-24	Marty Hunt	8-24	Lucas Hatcher
		8-24	Mike Coward

Aren't You Glad

Adapted

We often wish that we lived somewhere else, did something else or were someone else. Consider things we should be glad for.

That you cannot know the future. Man has always had a fascination with the future. The popularity of horoscopes and psychics attest to this. More want foresight but not insight. Man could not stand knowing when and how he would die, or when a friend might turn against him. Jesus said, "Each day has enough trouble" (Mt 6:33). Knowing what will happen in the future would scare us more than it would comfort us.

That you don't hear all that others speak about you. Talking about others is bad or stupid because it is seldom objective and knowledgeable. It is usually based from feelings, not facts. It is humorous sometimes what people say about our lives—things both unreal and unreasonable. Such knowledge would destroy most.

That all are not alike. We tend to wish we could be like another. We only want a few things about that person: money or their house. Rarely would we want everything. God made you special. You are gifted with talents that are Heaven sent. Only you can be the best you. If everyone were the same, there would be very little variety in food, clothing and entertainment. We are not a like and that can be a good thing. Paul wrote, "If all were an eye, where would the hearing be?" (1 Cor. 12:17). As a church we are not all the same. Some can teach, some cannot. Some can lead, and others cannot. Some are eyes, and others are ears. But together, we make the body of Christ. □

Weekly Walk!