

# The Weatherly Weekly

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## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK AUGUST 20	NEXT WEEK AUGUST 27
<b>Sunday AM</b>		
Announcements	Louis Garrett	Louis Garrett
Song Leader	David Jacks	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Marty Hunt	W.D. Patrick
Scripture Reading	Phillip Dill	Searcy Hall
Closing Prayer	Jim Risner	Kirk Hatcher
<b>Sunday PM</b>		
Song Leader	David Jacks	Singing
Opening Prayer	Will Starks	Collis Terry
Closing Prayer	Phil Furlough	Bobby Wright
<b>Wednesday PM</b>	<b>AUGUST 23</b>	<b>AUGUST 30</b>
Song Leader	Collis Terry	Mike Coward
Invitation	Jared Jimison	Jim Ehl
Closing Prayer	Louis Garrett	Charley Carter
<b>Group Meeting</b>	Group 3	Group 4

## QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JULY – SEPTEMBER 2017

### AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

1 & 2 Thessalonians  
Gene Preston

### ADITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Study of First Century  
Churches  
Various Speakers



## 2018 WEATHERLY LECTURES

TBA

## MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

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

# Overcoming Guilt

Michael W. McLemore

Whether it is a false sense of guilt or legitimate, the effects are the same. Feeling ashamed leads to doubt. Has God forsaken me? Why would He provide, or even care what happens to me? Are His promises still for me?

At some point all of God's children will struggle with the assurance of His love. Guilt can cause us to forget that in Christ we are freed from condemnation (Rom. 8:1). Even if we have held on to this truth, we sometimes tend to approach our guilt by trying to pay the Lord back for our real or imagined mistakes. We feel this deep seated responsibility to "earn" His approval. Remorse over our "should've's," "ought to's," and "must've's" robs us of a proper valuation of the "grace" and "mercy" of our loving Father. Such self-condemnation will ultimately lead to discouragement and despair.

Guilt is corrosive. We must deal with it quickly. When we failed to obey God's commands, the solution is to repent and accept the Lord's forgiveness. Learn from it. Develop a mindset that says, "I will not repeat the lessons of my past." Then, "Let it go!"

But, inevitably false guilt will reemerge. When it does, remember three simple Divine truths: First, I am God's special possession. In Christ He chose me, and is transforming me into the image of His Son. Second, I am loved. He loves me unconditionally, unalterably, and continuously. Finally, I am forgiven. Jesus paid the price for my every sin. Walking with Christ, in His light, my sins are cleansed, stricken forevermore from the memory of God.

Our loving Father has offered a way out from the weight of the guilt you carry. Will you not accept His gift? ☐



# TIGHT CORNERS

Michael W. McLemore

It seems that we are always getting ourselves into tight corners. The phrase "I am at my wit's end" is something I seem to say a lot. I wish it was so, but I fear I am not alone in that. Like me, our readers know the challenges we face are often our own doing. Then we throw up our hands and say, "I'm at my wit's end!" It might be interesting to our readers to know that the Bible has just such an expression. The apostle Paul seems to use it to show us how God makes full provision for us, especially when we need more than human wisdom.

Notice with me four times when Paul uses a Greek word which means "in a tight corner," referring to those same situations when he found himself, as we would say, "at wit's end." Note these passages and see how God always provides a way out of our distress, self-induced or not.

First, in the midst of a long list of hectic circumstances faced by Paul, he says (v. 4) "In all things we commend ourselves as the ministers of God [or demonstrating our confidence]...in distresses" literally "when in tight corners," (2 Corinthians 6:3-7, NASB). We don't need to panic. He is with us in our distress. He will enable us to meet the challenges of living for Him even when it appears, humanly speaking, that there is no way out.

Second, Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 4:8-11, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed" (v. 8, KJV) literally, "Not completely cornered." Rotherham translates the term, "not hemmed in." No tight corner can hold us if Christ is with us in it. Being at our wit's end may very well be a blessing in disguise. It presses us nearer to Him, and we are always stronger when we are close to Him.

Third, Paul says in 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, "I take pleasure in infirmities... distresses [lit., tight corners] for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then am I strong" (v. 10, KJV). God plans nothing less than our completeness and holiness. He knows what process to use. We need never be morbid about circumstance. The Lord knows how to deliver us from among the wicked and how to best use difficulty to strengthen us. Distress teaches us to rely on Him.

Finally Paul asked, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall...distress [lit., being in tight corners]?... Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:35-37). One who is sheltered under His love finds God's worst better than the devil's best. Disappointment is His appointment. Victory is assured those who love and faithfully serve Him — in His good time. I feel better already! □



## Family matters

News and Notes of Interest  
To Weatherly Members

### Pray for Those in Need

*Melvin Godette* will have surgery August 28th. This has been long anticipated. We are praying that he will find relief from his chronic pain. Pray for *Melvin* and family.

*Elaine Dorris* will have knee-replacement surgery also on August 28th. Say her name to the Father. This will be challenging, especially in light of her other health issues.

Your prayers for *Glenda Cavender* are very much appreciated. We are trusting her care to the Lord and continue to ask for comfort.

*Marty McLemore*, has undergone extensive testing in the last week. So far, no surgery has been indicated. *Marty* had an MRI on Friday and expects to have results on Tuesday. We are praying for a positive result.

*Ann Summers* was with us at services last week. She still has her limits, but we are thankful that she is feeling as well as she does.

*Collis Terry's mom, Carlton Terry*, remains on our prayer list. We are including her address for those of you who would like to write to her.

**Carlton Terry c/o Yanah Sullins**  
4636 Spruce Street  
Cedar Bluff, Alabama 35959

Pray for *Betty Reavis* as she recovers from surgery. *Erin Riggs* and *Leslie McCary* are both in need of our prayers.

*Carol Blackwood* is not doing well at all. The following was posted

on Facebook yesterday by her sister, *Shirley*. "Carol had a horrible day Thursday. She probably had more strokes. The doctor has said the only thing to do now is to continue with meds and see which way she goes. Dr. Stetler doesn't think she will ever improve, if she lives." Please pray!

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

### Update on Mike McLemore

*Mike McLemore* is recovering well from his recent heart attack. He is able to walk a bit everyday and is having no discomfort or shortness of breath, both good indications that his heart is healing. Pray for his upcoming visit to the Cardiologist on Friday of this week.

We appreciate all of those who have stepped up to take care of some of his more public weekly responsibilities. *Louis Garrett* will preach this morning, *Tommy Hill* tonight.

### 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 Three Meets Tonight

Group 3, led by *Murray Castleman*, will meet after services this evening. Please plan to attend your group meeting. □

### Weatherly Birthdays



8-23	Janice Schrimsher	8-24	Marty Hunt
8-24	Lucas Hatcher	8-24	Mike Coward
8-25	Ron Harmon	8-26	Kirk Hatcher
8-28	Adelaide Hatcher		

## The Whole Need Not a Physician

Adapted

In the Gospel history we learn that Matthew, soon after he was called to be an apostle of Christ, made a great feast in his own house, and invited many of the publicans, or tax-gatherers, and others of those whom the Jews called sinners; with whom Jesus sat down to meat. By taking leave of the world in this public manner, Matthew intended, probably, to show, how cheerfully and with what a willing mind he resigned all its gains and its pleasures, for a better kingdom; and to give his friends an opportunity to know that Divine Lord to whom his future hours were to be devoted. He hoped, too, by taking this solemn leave of his former associates, to make some salutary impression upon their minds, and induce them to follow his example. But it has an effect upon the Scribes and Pharisees widely different from his charitable intentions. Ever disposed to justify themselves, and condemn all who differed from them, the doctrines of the Savior has no good effect upon their hearts — they were engaged rather in observing where he departed from their own customs, and of course they censured him for eating and drinking with publicans and sinners.

It was on this occasion that Jesus spoke as our title indicates. Hearing their censorious observations, he said to them, "They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. Go ye and learn what that meaneth, — I will have mercy and not sacrifice; for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5: 31-32). □

Weekly Walk!