

The Weatherly Weekly

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK DECEMBER 17	NEXT WEEK DECEMBER 24
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Tommy Hill	Tommy Hill
Song Leader	Charles Hill	David Jacks
Opening Prayer	David Jacks	Forest Summers
Scripture Reading	Bobby Wright	Cody Loggins
Closing Prayer	Jim Ehl	Terry Childress
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Charles Hill	David Jacks
Opening Prayer	Tommy Hill	Ed Dill
Closing Prayer	Riley Monroe	Searcy Hall
Wednesday PM	DECEMBER 20	DECEMBER 27
Song Leader	Mike Coward	Phil Furlough
Invitation	Mike McLemore	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Terry Barnett	Jim Risner
Group Meeting	Group 3	Group 4

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2017

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

The Pastoral Epistles
Mike McLemore

ADITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Ezekiel
Mike McLemore



2018 WEATHERLY LECTURES

Lowell Sallee, Kevin Clark, Greg Chandler
May 3-6

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

December	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Adam Hagewood Riley Monroe Bobby Wright Tommy Hill ** Steve Hagewood
** Overseer	W.D. Patrick Jeremy Leshko Will Patrick
Lord's Supper PM	Will Starks ** Terry Childress
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	Forest & Dot Summers
Rear Door	Susan Hand
Side Door	Mike & Gwyn McLemore
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Jimison & Ehl
Communion Prep	McLemore/Jimison
Building Lockup	Mike McLemore

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

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Weatherly's Deacons

Phil Furlough	Steve Hagewood	Ron Harmon
Kirk Hatcher	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	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.

HOPE

Adapted

Hope is defined as "desire with expectation of obtaining what is desired." Desire alone is not hope. Expectation alone is not hope. Where there is desire and expectation there is hope, and such hope is necessary for us to live the Christian life successfully.

It is not the "hope" that we are Christians. If asked, "Are you a Christian?" our response is not "I hope so." We can know if we are a Christian or not, no hoping about it (1 John 5:13). If one knows he has eternal life he knows he is a Christian.

Christian hope is the promise of Heaven. The child of God desires and expects it. Many Christians just desire Heaven, but don't expect it. If you don't expect it you are either not diligent or don't believe the promises of God. The basis of our hope is that we are children of God. "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God" (1 John 3:1. We became children of God in the new birth (John. 3:3-5). On-

ly the children of God have the hope of Heaven. Those we come in contact with in our everyday lives that cannot call themselves children of God; they are without hope (Ephesians 2:12). Heaven is prepared place for which one must prepare. 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.

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 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? ☐

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LIVE!

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Blessed Are They...

Michael W. McLemore

Jesus used *makarios* to convey happiness in the early portion of His "Sermon on the Mount." He said, "Blessed are they..." Scottish scholar, William Barclay, provided a most interesting study of this word. He says that *makarios* "describes that joy which has its secret within itself, that joy which is serene

without God, who weep over their sins, thus seeking Heaven's pardon. The happy are those who meekly submit themselves to divine control, who incessantly hunger and thirst for the spiritual righteousness that truly satisfies. They lovingly extend mercy to others, just as they have received it from the

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and untouchable, and self-contained, that joy which is completely independent of all the chances and the changes of life." In His mountain message Jesus is describing a state of mind rather than a state of being. How sad it is for the Christian to fall for the fallacy that circumstance governs happiness.

"Happiness" reveals its own character. The component "hap" suggests "chance." Happiness, as we commonly evaluate the term, is that which depends upon the circumstances of life. Happiness changes with one's situation; today one may be happy, but tomorrow he will be despondent.

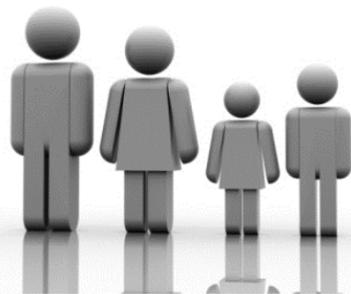
At the commencement of His "Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5:3-12), Jesus taught that the truly "blessed" (happy) are those who acknowledge they are spiritual paupers

Lord; happily maintain pure (unmixed) motives focused upon God; they strive to live in peace with their Creator and others. These are so spiritually dedicated that even persecution cannot extinguish their joy. One cannot but think of our fore-parents in faith "who loved that their

lives unto the death" and who sang praises because "they were counted worthy to suffer" for Him who redeemed them from spiritual ruin.

How very foolish we are when we allow ourselves to be enticed from godliness by the temporal and exceedingly shallow emotions of passing mirages. In the end they prove to be nothing more than cruel illusions in the eternal order of things.

The child of God is urged to pray that we enter not into such temptations (Luke 22:40). In reality, temptations are far more common than we realize, and are becoming more so in the increasingly crass world in which we sojourn. Don't let Satan leave the impression that our circumstance governs our state of mind. He does not! □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Caryl Ehl is home continuing her recovery. She will require further rehab at home, but all in all she is better. We are grateful. Please pray for *Caryl* as she grows stronger.

Becky Hill continues about the same. Say her name to the Lord as she anticipates her January 3rd surgery.

Melvin Godette remains on our prayer list. Say his name often to the Lord as you pray.

Ann Summers, Jack Barr, Glenda Cavender and *Mike Gore* remain at home. Each is in need of our prayers and consolation during trying times.

It was great to see *Janice Wray* Sunday. She is better.

Our friend and brother, *Eddie Simmons*, continues his long recovery. Say his name please.

Collis & Sue Terry's mothers, *Carlton Terry*, and *Lona Mae Brewer*, remain in our daily prayers.

We are also continuing to pray for *Mike Gore*.

Ann McDaniel Hospitalized

Ann McDaniel, long time weatherly member and "preacher's wife" was hospitalized on Wednesday. Initially *sister McDaniel* was taken to the ER in Madison, where she suffered a frightening sudden heart event. Tests revealed a need to implant a cardiac defibrillator/pacemaker device. Further results

indicated a suspected blockage.

Sister McDaniel will undergo a cardiac catheterization on Monday. She is in room 369 at Huntsville

Hospital. Your prayers for her and for her husband, *Guy*, are greatly appreciated. *Guy & Ann McDaniel* labored with this church for more than 18 years. They are dearly loved.



Congratulations Adam

Adam Hagewood graduated from UAH with a degree in Mechanical Engineering last Sunday afternoon. Congratulations on this monumental accomplishment.

2018 First Quarter Teachers

We are in the process of finalizing plans for our Bible classes in 2018. We need you!

Group Two Meeting

Group Three, led by *Murray Castleman*, will meet this evening following worship. Please try to attend your group meeting. □

Weatherly Birthdays



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| 12-24 Jack Barr | 12-23 Charles Hill |
| 12-23 Sophia/Talon Matlock | 12-26 Phil Furlough |
| 12-27 Searcy Hall | 12-29 Peggy Coward |
| 12-29 Gene Preston | 12-31 Emily McLemore |

Praise The Lord!

Michael W. McLemore

"O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him all ye people" (Psalm 117:1). The Christian enjoys the opportunity to assemble with other brethren and worship God by singing praises to our Maker. What a privilege it is to worship God in song.

The Hebrew writer declared, "let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name" (Hebrews 13:15). When we worship, we give God homage, adoration, devotion, praise, love and service. The fact that some do not understand this explains why so many have turned their so-called "worship" into an entertainment performance. It is a concept foreign to the New Testament that the primary purpose of worship is for worshippers to GET something from it.

True, Paul affirmed edification as a by-product: "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16). In song worship we teach, we speak to and with one another to God from our heart. No one can do worshipping for ME or for YOU! We are commanded to sing; it is our individual and collective responsibility.

As a follower of Christ, I am called to give to God what He has called for in the manner in which He has called for it. When one changes the reason for singing from teaching, admonishing, and giving homage to entertainment, he is practicing vain worship (Matthew 15:9). □

Weekly Walk!