

The Weatherly Weekly

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK MARCH 18	NEXT WEEK MARCH 25
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Tommy Hill	Tommy Hill
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Ron Harmon	Marty Hunt
Scripture Reading	Phillip Dill	Jim Ehl
Closing Prayer	David Jacks	Doyle Wray
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Forrest Summers	Ed Dill
Closing Prayer	Bobby Wright	Gene Preston
Wednesday PM	MARCH 21	MARCH 28
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	Collis Terry
Invitation	Phil Furlough	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Riley Monroe	Terry Barnett
Group Meeting	Group 3	Group 4

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JANUARY – MARCH 2018

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Lessons from Jesus
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Ezekiel
Mike McLemore



2018 WEATHERLY LECTURES

Lowell Sallee, Kevin Clark, Greg Chandler
& Robert Harkrider
May 3-6

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

March	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Adam Hagewood Riley Monroe Bobby Wright Will Starks ** Steve Hagewood
** Overseer	Jim Ehl Jeremy Leshko Jonathan Matlock
Lord's Supper PM	W.D. Patrick ** Terry Childress
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Doyle & Janice Wray
Side Door	Charlotte Hagewood
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Hall & Jacks
Communion Prep	Sarah Starks & Julie Singleton
Building Lockup	Will Starks

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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	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.

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Unchained By the Cross

Michael W. McLemore

In ancient Greek mythology, the hero Prometheus was captured and chained to a mountain peak, where he was sentenced to stay forever. Each day, a giant eagle arrived to feast on his liver. Hermes came to him and said, "Do not hope for an end to your suffering until a god appears as your substitute in torment, ready to descend for you into the realm of Hades." According to the myth, this was done by the wise and just god Chiron, who sacrificed himself for Prometheus and delivered him from torment.

This story is in some ways a picture of what happened for us the day Jesus died on the cross. Mankind was bound by sin, and there was no hope of escape unless God took our place. And that's exactly what happened. Jesus Christ, the

Son of God, died on our behalf and paid the penalty for our sin. He provided a way of releasing us from eternal punishment. Were we to write for a thousand days, we still could not express the meaning of Christ's sacrifice for the sins of mankind. Its full significance is beyond our comprehension.

Have you confessed your faith in Christ, acknowledging your sin before with a desire to turn from it? Have your sins been washed away in the watery tomb of baptism? Why not be raised with Him today? If not, there's no better time than today. Trust in Him, and you will know what it means to be unchained by the cross. □

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The Meaning of Membership

What does the Bible teach about the true meaning of "church membership"? Is it as some suggest unrelated to ones salvation? Some think it is "non-essential." These are valid questions. Recognizing that we must take the word of the Bible, not "uninspired men," what does the Bible teach. Surely, we are agreed that unless our conclusions come as a result of "what the Bible says," then our answers are very likely incorrect. Only when I come to an understanding of God's will concerning the church and "ME" in it can I understand my role in this Divine assembly.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IS ESSENTIAL

The Gospel is God's power to salvation. It is his means of guiding man to himself (Romans 1:16). This salvation is found only in Christ; said Peter, "neither is their salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, where we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). It was through his blood that Christ, the only begotten of God, purchased the church (Acts 20:28). Only the high, Holy blood of the Son of God was of sufficient value to pay the penalty for the sin of mankind. It is "by faith" and all that it requires that we gain entry "into Christ" (Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:26-27; 1 Corinthians 12:13).

All honest readers can see that "salvation" depends upon "obedience" to the guiding Gospel (Mark 16:15-16). When one hears and obeys, the Lord adds them to the church (Acts 2:41,47). For one to be saved, he must be in the church, for the Lord adds him to that one body of which Christ is head (Acts 2:47, Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:3; 1 Corinthians 12:20). Church membership is essential.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP HAS MEANING

Members of the Lord's Church, and, yes it is the Lord's, are "children of God" by covenant or redemption. A man's house is his family, and the church is the "house of God" (1 Timothy 3:15). The church member is a "member" — from *melos*, "a limb of the body," part of a whole — of the Lord's body (Vine, 740). Paul said, "we have many members in one body" (Romans 12:4). The factious Corinthians had a hard time with this union. We must cherish our relationship "in Christ" for in him we are "the church" — the "called out." Its fellowship is unequalled. It is greater than that of our physical family, the husband-wife, the employer-employee, or any social relationship. It

surpasses them all. Oh, church membership has so much meaning!

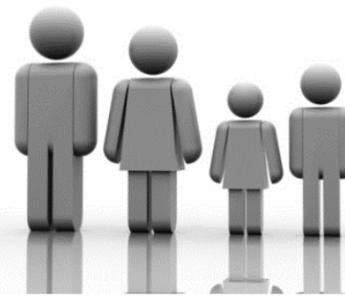
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CREATES RESPONSIBILITY

It is true, "all spiritual blessings are in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3). It has its privileges. But with its blessings come responsibility. Just as each member of the physical (human) body has its own responsibility, so it is with each member of the spiritual body of Christ. Ours is a Divinely appointed obligation (1 Corinthians 12:14-31). "Let YOUR light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify God on this behalf" (Matthew 5:16). "Ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular" (1 Corinthians 12:27). "As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10). The purely religious are searching for opportunity to pay a "service visit" to those in need (James 1:27). Sad it is to observe those who are quick to rise in accusatory tones at perceived injustice toward the needy, yet themselves refuse to note their own lack of fellowship with the saints weakens the churches ability to be responsive. Folks, membership may have its privileges, but it comes with demanding responsibilities.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IS CONDITIONAL

Whether I become a "member of the church" or not, is strictly up to me! It's up to the individual. Jesus warned, "If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). We "must be born of water, and the Spirit" if we are to enter the kingdom of God (John 3:3,5). Mankind must "be buried with him by baptism into death" if Christ's redeeming blood is to be appropriated (Romans 6:3-4). In faith Christ must be put on in baptism, if we are to be "children of God" (Galatians 3:26ff). And that is up to us! God has done his part, now man must do his!

We only need to be honest and submissive to the will of God to see and know that "Church membership" is essential to our salvation. May God give us the courage to live up to His Divine pattern. What is hindering you from accepting His invitation? It promises a privilege unequalled among men. It is without reservation an opening to spend the remaining days of life among the finest people on earth — God's family! □



Family matters
News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Rick Morgan is hoping to return to worship very soon. He is getting along very well. We are thankful that his rehab is helping to increase his strength. Our prayers continue for him.

Jack Barr remains on our daily prayer list. Say his name to the Lord as you pray.

Melvin Godette continues to be in our daily thoughts and prayers. We are praying for encouraging news from his latest visit to his doctor.

Ann Summers & Glenda Cavender need our daily petitions for them. WE ALL miss them dearly. Your thoughtfulness is not unnoticed.

We are also continuing to pray for **Mike and Aaron Gore**, along with **Sandra** as she serves as provider and care-taker.

Tommy & Becky Hill have been touched by some of what is going around. They have a cough. Pray for them.

Also, **Becky Hill** went for her latest follow-up to the oncologist. Great News, her numbers look great. Prayers answered and we are thankful!

Ron Holland's Mother

We received late word Saturday that **Ron Holland's** mother, **Aline Ed-dins**, 89, passed away early Saturday morning. She has suffered from Alz-

heimer's Disease. We do not have specifics on arrangements at this printing. We will pass them along as soon as they are available.

Cause for Rejoicing

Brothers **Steve & Jesse Henley** were baptized into the Lord on Thursday afternoon at Redstone Hospice Center. **Tripp Drake**, a life long friend of the **Henley brothers**, and our own **Mike McLemore** facilitated the event in a make shift baptistery. **Steve** (53) is terminally ill. You may write to them at **Jesse's** Athens Alabama address.

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Spring Study Series TONIGHT!

Our Spring Study Series begins tonight at 6:00. Our theme is Jesus is Alive! Be sure to come and be a part.

Those participating in the application lesson are asked to attend a rehearsal at 5:40 this afternoon. You know who you are.

Group Three Meets Tonight

Group Three, led by **Murray Castleman**, will meet immediately following evening worship in the large classroom off the back hallway. We hope you can attend. □

Weatherly Birthdays



3-13	Andrea Leshko	3-18	Susan Ivey
3-22	Thomas Hill	3-27	Jonathan Matlock
4-2	Silvia Henderson	4-5	Carolynn Barr

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Have A Problem? Bill Crews

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

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 in with your children? A problem with a friend? 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, 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!