

The Weatherly Weekly

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The Lord is Salvation

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Even before Jesus was born on earth, He was given two names: Immanuel & Jesus. Both names teach something of His identity and His task. Immanuel tells us who He is – “God with us,” God incarnate. Jesus means “The Lord is salvation,” which describes what He came to do.

As “God with us” Christ took on human flesh while retaining undiminished deity and became the perfect God-Man. He lived on earth, walked among men, and suffered the weaknesses of humanity. Yet He also displayed the power of Almighty God as He healed the sick, cast out demons, calmed the sea, and raised the dead.

Throughout ancient human history, heaven was God’s dwelling place, and except for a few personal encounters (as with Abraham, Hagar, and Jacob), He seemed far away to most people. Then He came to be in the Israelites’ midst, first in a pillar of cloud and fire, then in the tabernacle and temple. But now, He was about to do

something totally new. His presence would be with them in the form of God’s Son, a man who’d literally live among them.

Jesus came to save! He came to rescue, to redeem. He came to save us from the bondage of sin through His death on our behalf. This explains why He had to become Immanuel. Jesus took on a human body in order to offer Himself as a substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of mankind.

But what do these two names of Christ mean for you today? Jesus paid the penalty for my sin and your sin. He paved a path to human redemption through Calvary’s cross. He promised to dwell in our hearts through faith, and, as Christians, sealed us all by the Holy Spirit of promise until the day of final redemption. His power and provision are sufficient to deliver you from the grip of any bondage, sinful habit, painful past, or present struggle. Nothing is too difficult for the God-Man to overcome. Won’t you trust Him? ☐

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK APRIL 1	NEXT WEEK APRIL 8
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Will Starks	Will Starks
Song Leader	David Jacks	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Tommy Hill	Steve Hagewood
Scripture Reading	Searcy Hall	Nick Holland
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Leshko	Ken Cavender
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	David Jacks	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Phil Furlough	Will Starks
Closing Prayer	Jim Risner	Gene Preston
Wednesday PM	APRIL 4	APRIL 11
Song Leader	Phil Furlough	Collis Terry
Invitation	Louis Garrett	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Kirk Hatcher	Bobby Wright
Group Meeting	Group 1	Group 2

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JANUARY – MARCH 2018

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Acts of the Apostles
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

The People of Acts
Various Teachers



2018 WEATHERLY LECTURES

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

Weatherly’s Shepherds

Louis Garrett	(256) 883-7785
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Will Starks	(256) 883-5273
Forest Summers	(256) 348-2251

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Michael W. McLemore (256) 698-5941
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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.

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

April
Serving on the
Lord’s Table AM

Ken Cavender
Wes Caudle
Ron Holland
Forest Summers **

** Overseer

Gene Preston
Ryan Patrick
Kirk Hatcher
Will Patrick

Lord’s Supper PM

Collis Terry **
Doyle Wray

Visitor Greeting

Sunday AM

Rear Door

Terry & Kim Barnett

Side Door

W.D. & LaNelle Patrick

Sunday PM

Rear Door/ Side Door

Harmon & Starks

Communion Prep

Julie Guice & Julie Singleton

Building Lockup

Collis Terry

The Cure for Discouragement

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The hearts of many brethren tell them it is the worst of times. The economy is bad; family life is falling apart; worship is drudgery; the preacher drags on; television and the movies are a scandal; society is perverse and promiscuous; and government knows nothing but to tax and waste. Life, the heart says, is just discouraging.

King David faced times when his heart was restless and he complained and moaned for help from God. He could hear the voices of his enemies, feel the oppression of the wicked, and see the storms of persecution swirling around him. And like so many of us, he wished for the wings of a dove that he might "fly away and be at rest" (Psalm 55:6). He was discouraged.

Elijah also had his moments. Soon after winning the contest against the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel, he was threatened by Jezebel and fled toward Beersheba and the wilderness beyond. Alone and discouraged, the prophet sat beneath the juniper tree bemoaning life in his utterance to Jehovah. "It is enough, now, O Jehovah, take away my life" (1 Kings. 19:4).

Discouragement, as the word originally and literally meant, is to lose heart. Only one form of the term is used once in the New Testament and translates a word that means to be "without passion" (see Colossians 3:21). Another word, meaning "little souled" is translated "fainthearted" and denotes brethren who need to be "encouraged" (1 Thessalonians 5:14). To be discouraged is to be disheartened, dispirited, and to lose one's lust and passion for life. And regardless of how vivacious, upbeat, or spirited one is, he has those moments when his vitality for living wanes.

Think Positively

Negative thoughts are the beginning of discouragement. David's heart was dominated by the threats of his enemies and the deeds of the wicked. Thinking about friends, righteous men, and countless blessings could have buoyed his heart and quickened his step.

Look Beyond Self

When one's focus becomes too narrow,

he misses much in life that is important and encouraging. Elijah was discouraged when he focused solely on himself. Had he snapped on a wide-angle lens, the prophet could have seen, as Jehovah informed him, 7,000 who had not bowed the knee to Baal. To know that others stand where we stand or suffer as we suffer restores our zest for life.

Set Worthy Goals

When the apostle Paul set his heart toward Rome and a defense of the gospel, nothing could discourage him - not even enemies who preached the gospel out of envy to raise affliction against him (Philippians 1:17,18). Paul was determined to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:2). All he needed was the Lord to stand by to give him strength and boldness (2 Timothy 4:17,18; Ephesians. 6:18). Imprisoned, forsaken, and opposed - he arose above earthly concerns and penned the greatest treatise ever written on joy. Life is good, he said. And men ought to quit complaining, start rejoicing, and learn contentment (see Philippians). Life is always good when one sets his heart to accomplish good things.

"Straighten Up"

Much discouragement comes from dissatisfaction with one's own spiritual progress. Half-hearted worship, lack of daily Bible study, neglect of family responsibilities, lack of concern for ailing brethren, compromise with worldly associates, and a host of spiritual failures plague informed brethren with guilt. And that guilt often translates into lifeless, apathetic feelings of dismay. Until the inspired Scriptures fill our minds and correct, literally "straighten up," our lives - the discouragement will remain (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16).

Discouragement is a heart condition dominated by negative thoughts, self-centeredness, lack of purpose, and guilt. When heaven is man's hope and Heaven's will his pursuit, earthly concerns cannot rob his heart of its zest and passion for life. □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Like several in our family, *Elaine Dorris*, is fighting respiratory issues. She was still not able to be out last Wednesday, but our prayer is that she will be back to normal soon. Prayers please.

Rick Morgan was not up to being here quiet yet. He had hoped to be able, but he needs a little more strength. Your prayers are appreciated. Thank you for your kindness.

Your continued prayers for *Carolynn & Jack Barr* are much appreciated. Our prayer is that our gracious God will bless them during this uncertain time.

Melvin Godette remains hopeful about his pending surgery. Say his name to the Lord. Ask for his comfort and strength. We miss *Melvin*.

Ann Summers is getting along fairly well. It is hard to assemble without her, but we continue to pray for her well being and comfort. She is having no pain. For that we are grateful.

Glenda Cavender needs our prayers in a special way. We are saddened that our beloved sister is suffering. Lift her name to the Lord. Ask for his blessing and comfort.

Others in our family are wrestling with various challenges. We would ask you to say those names to the Lord as you pray.

Some of our family will be travel-

ing to and from Huntsville. Pray for their safety please.

Weatherly Spring Spruce-up

Please see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the hallway. Instructions are posted. Please direct your questions to *Joanne Abernathy*.

We are encouraging everyone to participate in some way. Those who are unable to work may well be able to serve a support role. Those who are able to work, please leave room for others to support the effort. The instructions will clarify that issue.

Spring Study Series Week 4

Our Spring Study Series continues tonight. This being a holiday, our number will not be as strong, but we hope that all of those who are in town will be present.

Tonight the auditorium class will be led by *Charley Skinner*. We are all looking forward to hearing from him.

No Group One Meeting

Group One, led by *W.D. Patrick*, will not meet today. Many in our Weatherly family are out of town because of the holiday. Any guest cards should be passed to *Phil Furlough* or *Doyle Wray*. □

Weatherly Birthdays



4-2	Silvia Henderson	4-5	Carolynn Barr
4-6	Jerry Mitchell	4-8	William Hill
4-12	Auburn Henderson	4-13	Sherrie Stovall
4-18	Peggy Monroe	4-20	John Stokes

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He Lives!

Adapted

William Sydney Porter was a master storyteller. One of his most popular stories is entitled, "The Gift of the Magi." The writer's pen name was O. Henry.

In the story, it is Christmas Eve. The young bride of the story has been saving pennies to buy a present for her husband. Della was only able to save a little less than two dollars. She had dreamed of buying Jim, the perfect gift. She decided to sell her beautiful hair for the money to buy "a platinum fob chain" to go with Jim's father's gold watch.

Jim had done his shopping also: a set of combs for her long beautiful hair that she had been longing for. He placed the package on the table. She was ecstatic when she saw the combs. Then she gave Jim his present. It was the beautiful platinum fob chain for the gold watch that had belonged to his father.

Jim sat down with a relaxed smile. "Dell," said he, "let's put our Christmas presents away and keep 'em a while. I sold my watch to buy your combs."

This literary technique is called irony. Irony often escapes the reader. Mankind sins and the only way to make it right is for Christ to die. The innocent is guilty while Barabbas walks free. The innocent man is guilty.

The greatest irony of all is His resurrection. He spoke often of His death, burial, and resurrection. His disciples did not believe until they saw Him alive. He lives! His resurrection is the guarantee that we will live again and forever! There is no irony in His promise. □

Weekly Walk!