

# The Weatherly Weekly

May 6, 2018

2018 Edition, Number 18

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK MAY 6	NEXT WEEK MAY 13
<b>Sunday AM</b>		
Announcements	Forest Summers	Forest Summers
Song Leader	David Jacks	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Marty Hunt	W.D. Patrick
Scripture Reading		Philip Dill
Closing Prayer	Tommy Hill	Nick Holland
<b>Sunday PM</b>		
Song Leader		Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer		Tommy Hill
Closing Prayer		Terry Childress
<b>Wednesday PM</b>	MAY 9	MAY 16
Song Leader	Collis Terry	Collis Terry
Invitation	Mike McLemore	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Terry Barnett	Terry Barnett
<b>Group Meeting</b>	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 FRIDAY NIGHT SINGING

Tim Stevens, John Kilgore & Jackie Bradford  
August 10th

## MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

<b>May</b>	
<b>Serving on the Lord's Table AM</b>	Dwight Ivey Terry Barnet Ben Little Tommy Hill ** Ed Dill
** Overseer	Marty Hunt Charlie Skinner Jerry Mitchell
<b>Lord's Supper PM</b>	Phil Furlough ** Jim Risner
<b>Visitor Greeting</b>	
Sunday AM	Murray & Wanda Castleman
Rear Door	John Stokes
Side Door	Mike & Peggy Coward
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Terry & Wright
Communion Prep	Megan Caudle
Building Lockup	Phil Furlough

## Weatherly's Shepherds

Louis Garrett	(256) 883-7785
Tommy Hill	(256) 883-0010
Will Starks	(256) 883-5273
Forest Summers	(256) 348-2251

## Evangelist

Michael W. McLemore (256) 698-5941  
Email: mmclmore@weatherlychurch.com

## 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.

# "Will There Ever Be Lasting World Peace?"

Lowell Sallee

The key to this question is "lasting world peace" There may be short periods of time that this world will have no wars or battles going on, however, it will not be "lasting." In fact, the idea of "lasting world peace" was never promised by Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household" (Matthew 10:34-36).

What sort of peace did Jesus offer? "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you..." (John 14:27). Jesus offered peace of mind in a world of war. Earlier in this chapter Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 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 and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3). Lasting peace will only be in heaven with God.

Jesus promised "peace" of mind, but never promised "lasting world peace." Notice again what Jesus said, "These things I have spoken unto you, that

in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Yes, we live in a world of "tribulation." But those that are Christians have peace in Christ.

As long as there are sinful men on this earth (and as long as the earth remains there will be sinful men) there will be wars. Why? "From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not" (James 4:1-2).

How might we as individuals have the peace of which Jesus spoke? "The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all)...Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 10:36; Romans 5:1). "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:4-7). □

Watch us  
LIVE!

www.weatherlychurch.com



# The Other Side of the Door

By Greg Chandler

Scout the cat has been a resident of the Chandler household for a little over a year. During this time, it has become quite apparent that she suffers from a common feline malady which might simply be termed "the other-side-of-the-door syndrome." Whether in or out makes little difference; what lies beyond her barrier appears more satisfying and appealing. In this regard, Scout demonstrates a challenge that can also be found in the human world.

It was a statement of genuine faith. As the apostle Paul closed his letter to the Philippians, he spoke of his appreciation for their concern over his needs; yet, he indicated the status of his spirituality: "I have learned in whatever situation I am in to be content" (Philippians 4:11b ESV). The word content, as used by Paul, means self-sufficiency; however, this does not mean that Paul viewed himself as living by his own wits. The remainder of his message demonstrates where he gained this sufficiency: "I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:12-13). It was through the peace of God that Paul could find his strength; it was trusting that no matter the situation, God was always present with him. In other words, the apostle did not suffer from "the other-side-of-the-door syndrome."

The principle demonstrated by Paul is one which every Christian should strive to attain. Life can lead one into very unexpected circumstances; yet, no matter the circumstance, God must be trusted. An area where this trust must be seen is in one's marital status; whether single or married, contentment through God must rule. Sadly, dissatisfaction with one's status sometimes creates personal misery and the faithful words of Paul become a distant echo drowned out by unfulfilled dreams. When this is the condition, life is wasted and God is neither pleased nor honored.

Most everyone has a desire for companionship and, from an early age, efforts are made to find the one with whom this companionship can be shared. God encourages such behavior: "He who finds a wife finds a good

thing and obtains favor from the Lord" (Proverbs 18:22). There are times, whether by choice or circumstance, marital companionship is not found. For some, this leads to both depression and discouragement, believing that what is on the other side of the door would make life happy and complete. To fall prey to such thoughts is to miss the true Source of happiness in life: God. The man who wrote the most on home and family issues in the New Testament was none other than the single man Paul. Far from pining over not having a wife and children, the apostle put himself in service to God. In fact, he viewed his single status as a great blessing which provided opportunity for greater service: "To the unmarried and widows I say that it is good for them to remain single as I am" (I Corinthians 7:8). This single status allowed a laser-like focus on the matters of God without distractions that come from caring for family. Like Paul, single Christians have great opportunities for service that are not always available to the married. Lack of financial obligations to family allows the opportunity for increased generosity in the Lord's work. A schedule not driven by family obligations allows time to travel in teaching the gospel and encouraging families who have dedicated their lives to teaching the gospel in distant areas. Time not spent helping children with homework can be dedicated to teaching young people within a local congregation's Bible class program. Many more opportunities could be listed; yet this sampling demonstrates work that can be done. Far from feeling unfulfilled, a single Christian must see the tremendous opportunities and resources he or she has that can be used in service to the Lord. May no single Christian ever feel that life is somehow unfulfilled without a spouse. The good that is done in glory to God will crown a well-spent life.

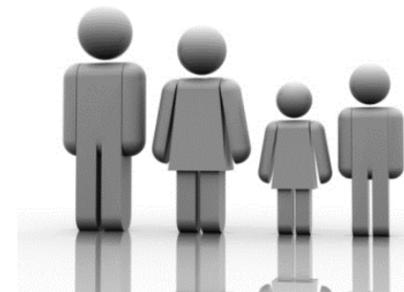
Sadly, the "other-side-of-the-door syndrome" can also occur when one who is married desires to be single. This, too, disallows contentment. It may be that familial obligations are viewed with drudgery in comparison to the freedom one once had when single. Due to a lack of sobriety when entering into marriage, the discontented spouse may not have realized the time and energy necessary to build a family. As a result, he or she longs for the days of freedom and prefers a lifestyle that is now out of reach. Just as with a single Christian longing for marriage, a mar-

ried Christian who has fallen out of love with his or her lifestyle must consider life in relation to God. Returning to a single life through divorce is simply not an option and the words of God spoken through the prophet Malachi must be heard: "For I hate divorce," says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'and him who covers his garment with wrong,' says the Lord of hosts. 'So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously'" (Malachi 2:16 NASB). Such thoughts of breaking the family must be put to rest by appreciating the blessing God has provided. The wise man Solomon gave a solid admonition when he wrote, "let your fountain be blessed and rejoice in the wife of your youth" (Proverbs 5:18). The book of Ecclesiastes echoes this sentiment: "Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life" (9:9a). With such a mindset, feelings of dissatisfaction are replaced with godly contentment, allowing both husband and wife to serve their ultimate purpose for the other: an encourager helping the other reach Heaven.

Scout the cat can be excused for her discontentment and having the blessing of long-suffering owners, her "other side" whims can be daily satisfied. Humans, however, are far above animals; they are created in the image of their God. No matter one's marital status, God is always supreme and He is honored when men and women dedicate their lives to His service. May every child of God learn to be content, no matter the situation. □



MAY 6, 2018



Family matters  
News and Notes of Interest  
To Weatherly Members

## Pray for Those in Need

*Janeth Hagewood* was bitten by a dog on Friday afternoon. The bite was severe and required a large number of stitches to her right cheek and upper neck. We are so thankful it wasn't worse. Pray for her quick recovery and that there will be no scarring.

*Melvin Godette's* first post-op appointment went as expected. The doctor said that he has a long road ahead. The damage found during surgery was significant. *Melvin* has a great deal of discomfort in his lower back and down both legs. He has to use a walker going forward because his legs are unreliable at this point.

*The Godettes* have asked me to convey their thanks for all who were present for his surgery – "It meant a lot to us both." Please continue to pray for *Melvin* and family during these trying times.

*Cathy Preston* is recovering from knee surgery. She is doing better day by day. Right now she's trying to get accustomed to moving around with crutches. We are asking the Lord for both her comfort and for her quick rehab.

We were so pleased to see our *sister Edith Turner* last Lord's Day for worship. Thanksgiving is in order that her stroke was minor and should cause her no difficulty in the future.

*Ann Summers* is always in our prayers. Say her name. She is missed.

Also, please continue to ask for the Lord's care of our sweet *Glenda*

## Weatherly Birthdays

5-8	Hill Roberts	5-9	Nick Holland
5-9	Ruth Mitchell	5-12	Joe Pellegrini
5-12	Betty Dubose	5-14	Sarah Starks
5-15	Dot Summers	5-17	Megan Caudle
5-23	Terry Childress	5-23	Melvin Godette

*Cavender*. She has left us a lasting example of faithfulness for many years. Please ask God for her health.

We have learned that a recent regular guest in our assembly, *Debbie Harbin*, is to undergo a procedure to implant a pacemaker/defibrillator on Monday morning at Huntsville hospital. With good reason, *the Harbins* are anxious. Pray for them.

## Our Lectures

*Robert Harkrider, Kevin Clark, Lowell Sallee* and *Greg Chandler* have outdone themselves in our lectures. We rejoice in the truth that has been reclaimed in our hearing. We are in their debt for their willingness to devote themselves to our benefit. This afternoon's assembly will be the final installment in this year's study.

The value of their work will ultimately be revealed in our application of those timely truths taught by each man. If you missed any of their sermons, sign up for a recording, or view the archive at [weatherlychurch.com](http://weatherlychurch.com).

## Some Final Comments About Study Series

The 2018 Sunday Night Study Series is in the books. WOW! It was amazing; our best yet. That didn't happen accidentally. It happened because of the dedication of a large number of people. It happened because our family saw the benefit and committed to participate. Thank you one and ALL!

## Group One Meeting

Group One, led by *W.D. Patrick*, will meet in the back classroom after the afternoon assembly. Please plan to attend your group meeting. □