

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK MAY 13	NEXT WEEK MAY 20
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Forest Summers	Forest Summers
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	W.D. Patrick	Ron Holland
Scripture Reading	Philip Dill	Jim Ehl
Closing Prayer	Nick Holland	Ken Cavender
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Tommy Hill	Charlie Skinner
Closing Prayer	Terry Childress	Doyle Wray
Wednesday PM	MAY 16	MAY 23
Song Leader	Collis Terry	Phil Furlough
Invitation	Mike McLemore	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Terry Barnett	Riley Monroe
Group Meeting	Group 2	Group 3

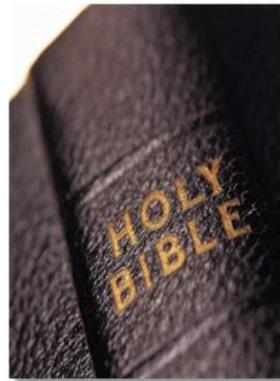
QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JANUARY – MARCH 2018

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

May	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Dwight Ivey Terry Barnet Ben Little Tommy Hill ** Ed Dill
** Overseer	Marty Hunt Charlie Skinner Jerry Mitchell
Lord's Supper PM	Phil Furlough ** Jim Risner
Visitor Greeting	
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

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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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Hope For the Future

Adapted

Three years after Josiah's death, Daniel was taken by Nebuchadnezzar to serve him in Babylon. That "rollercoaster of faith" descended into a pagan world saturated with immorality. After Daniel and his friends arrived in Babylon, idol worship began to flourish once again because of the new kings, sons of Josiah. Nebuchadnezzar would soon make two more assaults against Israel and finally destroy the holy city.

Jeremiah was in Jerusalem and watched as Jerusalem was filled with false prophets. They prophesied that Nebuchadnezzar would return the holy temple vessels taken from the temple and be defeated by the Jews. These prophets were courageously confronted by Jeremiah for twenty-three years (Jer. 25:3). The world in which Daniel had been reared no longer existed. Sin had returned to Judah and God had sent the sword, famine and pestilence to try to get the Jews to see His judgment and return to Him.

Jeremiah sent a letter to those Jews who had already been taken to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar. It specifically told them they would be in Babylon for seventy years, but then the prophet told them of

God's promise. "I know the thoughts I have toward you...to give you a future and a hope" (Jer. 29:11). Two chapters later, God said, "There is hope in your future...that your children shall come back to their own border" (31:17).

How could there possibly be hope? The temple was destroyed, the city was leveled and the only physical connection Daniel could have with Jerusalem was to go to his window and pray in the direction of the ruins of the temple. How could there be hope when Nebuchadnezzar demanded all those in Babylon worship his golden idol. (Remember the fiery furnace?)

There was no physical evidence there would ever be a return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. How could there be hope when they were in a hopeless situation? The answer is simple. God promised them a future and God cannot lie.

Are you on a "rollercoaster of faith"? Has your world collapsed around you? Have hope, for God cannot lie about your future! Hope for the future remains for all who live obediently and with integrity before Him. □

THY KINGDOM COME

By Michael W. McLemore

Psalm 24 is known as the psalm of the crown. Generally accepted as having been written by David, this psalm has both historical and prophetic significance. David is thought to have composed this psalm on the occasion of his bringing the Ark of the Covenant from the house of Obed-edom to Mount Zion. The Psalm documents the joy and praise that accompanied of that great event in Israelite history, but it anticipates a greater day. The Psalm shows our Savior being exalted as He takes His place as the King of glory. Consider the text.

The Glorious Kingdom (1-6)

The glorious kingdom of God is seen in three different ways. First, David declares that all creation belongs to our God. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1). Everything that exists belongs to the Lord. He has made it and He sustains it (Colossians

1:16-17). Second, the Ark was brought to dwell in its place in the physical kingdom of Israel. Third, the kingdom of Christ, the church of Christ, is anticipated in "the generation of those who seek Him." Jesus is the King of the church (Matthew 3:2; 4:17; Mark 9:1; Colossians 1:13; Revelation 1:9). When time is no more, He will deliver that Kingdom back to the Father (1 Timothy 6:15, 1 Corinthians 15:24), and only those who are in the kingdom (this generation) will be saved (Ephesians 5:23).

The Glorious King (7-10)

It must have been a thrilling occasion for David and his mighty men of valor to approach the gates of Jerusalem with the Ark. The portrait of the porters opening the gates, and the nation erupting in songs of praise on this occasion, is vivid. But this is not the only sense in which the Psalmist is writing. One writer put it this way: "This is a prophecy of the ascension of

Jesus and the reception that was accorded Him. It...represents a call upon His celestial city to open its gates to the conquering King...He left the city for a sojourn in the world of mankind. He met the enemy of souls in battle and came off the victor... Now the gates of the city were bidden to admit this King of glory. He entered and was seated at His Father's right hand, where He is now reigning as the King of kings and Lord of lords."

Conclusion

As we meditate on this psalm, we develop a deeper appreciation for the sacrifice of our Savior. In Philippians 2:1-8 Paul explains in detail what Christ forfeited on our behalf. Paul further explains, that because of His sacrifice, "God also has given highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus, every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10-11).

Christ is the King of kings, not only because He gives the rulers of the earth authority, but also because He did what no king had done before: He gave His life for all of mankind—even those who hated Him and killed Him. Because of this selfless act, all men will acknowledge the glorious Kingship of the Savior, either in this life, or in that which is to come. □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Melvin Godette's staples have been removed and he is moving into the recovery phase of the process. He is still contending with swelling and a good amount of discomfort. Please pray for his well being. The very difficult road continues for *Melvin* and his family as they support him.

Cathy Preston was able to be with us last Lord's day. We were so happy to see her moving better than she was before the surgery. Remember her as you pray.

Janeth Hagewood remains on our prayer list as she heals from a very serious dog attack.

Jim Ehl has not been feeling well for several days. He was not able to be with us during lectures, or Sunday services. That is very unusual for him. Please pray for *Jim*.

Debbie Harbin, a recent guest in our assembly, had a pace-maker defibrillator implanted last Monday. Please pray for the benefit.

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

Glenda Cavender is missed at every service. We are daily asking for the Lord's care of our sister.

Final Thought on Lectures

Robert Harkrider, *Kevin Clark*, *Lowell Sallee* and *Greg Chandler* were each splendid in their roles. Our services were well attended by guests from around the

area. Those members of the Weatherly church who availed themselves of the opportunity benefited immensely from having done so. We are rejoicing in the effort. If you were not able to be here, please watch the archives on our website or sign up for recordings. Take advantage of this marvelous series.

Congratulations Graduates

Thomas Hill graduated from Auburn University on Saturday, May 5th with his degree in Chemical Engineering. We commend *Thomas* for this great accomplishment and wish him the very best with his new career.

Emily McLemore graduated from Calhoun Community College on Friday evening with her AAS degree in nursing. *Emily* will begin her work as an RN at Madison Hospital in mid-June.

Hill-Strickland Wedding

Thomas Hill & Carley Strickland are to be wed on Friday. We are thrilled for them and are praying for a life-time of happy years. Our prayers and best wishes are with them as they begin their life together.

Group Two Meeting

Group Two, led by *Phil Furlough*, will meet in the back classroom after the evening assembly. Please plan to attend your group meeting. □

Weatherly Birthdays



5-14	Sarah Starks	5-15	Dot Summers
5-17	Megan Caudle	5-23	Terry Childress
5-23	Melvin Godette	5-28	Terry Barnett
5-31	Petra Carter		

God IS with US!

Michael W. McLemore

We all tend to feel alone sometimes, don't we? Yet, as Christians this should never be the case. God is with us!

Christians are assured of his genuine care: "Cast all your cares upon the Lord for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). God promised that if we seek first the kingdom, He will provide life's necessities (Matthew 6:24-33). Paul said, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). God's providential care for us proves He is with us.

God is with us through His Word. The Bible is the word for word Revelation of God and His Salvation to each one of us. The word of God is living and powerful (Hebrews 4:12). The Word of God gives us great comfort and hope (Rom. 5:1-4; 2 Cor. 1:3ff). As one reads the Bible he can see that God has not left us alone. He has given us His soul saving word (James 1:21). God is with me, "the Bible tells me so."

God is with us through His Son. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to die for our sins (John 3:16). God allowed Jesus to suffer for my sins and for yours (2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus was willing to leave Heaven and die for each one of us (Philippians 2:5-11).

God is with us today! He promised to never leave or forsake us. Determine to follow God and never leave Him (Matthew 7:21). □

Weekly Walk!