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Keep Moving

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Obeying God is rarely comfortable. Many will question our motives or disagree with our choices. At times we ourselves may not want to do what He commands. The consequences of obedience will sometimes be apparent. How can we overcome our discomfort? Faith! Faith keeps us moving forward in obedience. It gives us courage to stay the course. At its end are the true blessings found in a relationship with Christ.

Many question whether living by faith is the right answer. He calls upon would be followers at any age and in any situation to obey. Abraham was seventy-five when God called to him to start over. David was a youthful shepherd when Samuel anointed him king (1 Samuel 16:11-13). Paul was bent on arresting Jewish believers when he came face to face with the Lord on a dusty Damascus road. From the day of his conversion, he spent his life representing the Lord to the Gentile world (Acts 9:1-6). Our

call comes through the Gospel and may never be characterized by such drama and intrigue, but it will always involve moving forward by faith.

Following Christ will include times of trial. Abraham, David and Paul all had success and failure. Their call was met with strong belief and immediate action. As a result, they received great blessing. Yet, each met with challenge, heartache and weakness. Their life of faith was often discomfiting. It was faith that moved them forward. Like these faithful men, our response to God's command really matters. We can bring blessing or heartache through our actions.

Never allow faith to be lulled to sleep by focusing on our own comfort rather than God's plan. Abraham, David and Paul traded the familiar for the unknown. In the end, their lives were full of blessings they never could have imagined for themselves. Keep moving! ☐

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK MAY 27	NEXT WEEK JUNE 3
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Forest Summers	Tommy Hill
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Will Starks	David Jacks
Scripture Reading	Wes Caudle	Searcy Hall
Closing Prayer	Searcy Hall	Phil Furlough
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	SINGING	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Forest Summers	Forest Summers
Closing Prayer	Gene Preston	Ed Dill
Wednesday PM	MAY 30	JUNE 6
Song Leader	Collis Terry	Mike Coward
Invitation	Mike McLemore	Louis Garrett
Closing Prayer	W.D. Patrick	Terry Childress
Group Meeting	Group 3	Group 1

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

June	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Adam Hagewood Riley Monroe Nick Holland Ron Harmon ** Steve Hagewood W. D. Patrick Jeremy Leshko Jim Risner
** Overseer	
Lord's Supper PM	Charlie Skinner ** John Stokes
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Susan Hand
Side Door	Mike & Gwyn McLemore
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Jimison & Ehl
Communion Prep	Peggy Coward
Building Lockup	Kirk Hatcher

Weatherly's Shepherds

Louis Garrett	(256) 883-7785
Tommy Hill	(256) 883-0010
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.

Watch us
LIVE!

In our culture where relativism is the prevailing philosophy, life is viewed as little more than a bundle of contradictions existing in a morass of confusion. In an odd and most horrifying way, man's inhumanity to man seems to plummet to new depths with every news report of violence. Yet, for all of this, the wisdom writer reminds us, "Concerning the conditions of the sons of men, God tests them, that they may see that they themselves are like animals" (Ecclesiastes 3:18). This passage speaks to the free choices of men whose

disillusioned. Yet Jesus did not see it as a hopeless, or at best a merely tolerable, situation. In fact, when Jesus came to the multitudes and saw them as shepherdless sheep, "He began to teach them" (Mark 6:34). If the Son of God, who came to reveal the will of God, saw the harried conditions of humanity and was moved to teach them how can we today do any better than to listen and follow His teaching?

The message of Christ cannot succeed in the lives of men if they will not study and practice it.

Christ in US!

Bill Robinson Jr.

only concern is this earth-life and who do not acknowledge any moral accountability before God. Even so, such horror of man's abuse of his free will, should serve as a reminder for all those who abhor such choices to look beyond this world to God for guidance. Only then, can we put the inexplicable violence of our day in proper perspective.

Having said this, we also acknowledge much of what passes for signs pointing to God in the religious world often leaves men confused and estranged from God. This is due in large measure because the religion of our day has moved itself along on the ever shifting winds of the doctrines of men. Thus, rather than point men heavenward to God through the Lord Jesus Christ and His teaching found in the Bible it has anchored men to this world by exalting their party or their denomination. Is this not the Lord's point to the religious of His day when He rebuked their hypocrisy calling to their mind the words of Isaiah the prophet saying, "These people draw near to Me but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men" (Matthew 15:8-9).

The competing schools of religious thought and traditions had left the people confused and

Those professing to be followers of Christ must hear and heed the message in their own lives. Only then will others, who otherwise may not be inclined, examine the probative value of our living hope in God's word and the Christ who makes it real (1 Peter 1:3; James 1:19-21). The apostle Paul reminded the Christians at Corinth, "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart" (2 Corinthians 3:2-3). Thus, it is to this end, namely that others would see Christ in us, that we are exhorted and admonished to study.

To see Christ in a person is to see a life rich in hope and filled with purpose. This life of hope and purpose does not exist in a vacuum apart from the world. It is able to give its fullest expression, as it is confronted by the world and overcomes its challenges, living and walking in the Spirit (Galatians 5:24,25). One is not less of a person for having yielded to the Spirit of God. To the contrary, one is never more like that real person created in the image of God than when he/she has been made whole again, crowned with glory and honor in Christ our Savior (Hebrews 2:9-10). □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

On the heels of *Will Patrick's* test, he was involved in an automobile accident last week on the way to school. Thankfully, both *Will* and his passenger were not hurt. We are thankful.

Your daily prayers for *Melvin Godelte* are greatly appreciated. Please remember him and continue to say his name to the Lord each time you lift your voice to Him who has power on earth to bring about His ultimate will.

Glenda Cavender remains on our list of those for whom we are praying. Ask for her comfort and for her well bring. She has so long been a part of our family. We miss her.

Also, *Ann Summers* remains at home under the tender care of those who love her most. Say her name today and everyday as you pray.

Mike Gore, Sandra's husband, has been getting along pretty well, but his most recent test results called for another transfusion. This is always a concern for *the Gores*. Your prayers are appreciated.

Summer break has arrived. We know many of our families will take advantage of these precious opportunities to "get away." Pray for safe travels.

For those who will be traveling, we can help you locate faithful Christians with which to worship while you are away. Let us know if we can be of help.

McLemore Barksdale Wedding on Friday

Emily McLemore & Trenton Barksdale are to be wed on Friday evening of this week. We are rejoicing and are thankful for their pending union.

Emily was in the 6th Grade when she moved to Huntsville. She was ten years old.

Emily was the first person her Dad baptized following his arrival to work with the Weatherly Heights church. We've watched her grow up. Emily began helping her mom in Bible class almost immediately. By age 12, the elders consented for

her to begin teaching 2&3 year olds. The rest is history. She has been a delight to our family and a wonderful example to members of all ages. We look forward to watching you continue to grow in your faithful service to God.

Thank you Emily! Best wishes from all of us at Weatherly Heights.

Group Four Meeting

Group Four, led by *Ron Harmon*, will meet for a covered dish and group meeting in the home of *John Stokes* immediately following the morning services today. All Group 4 members are invited and encouraged to attend. □



Weatherly Birthdays



5-28	Terry Barnett	5-31	Petra Carter
6-1	Elaine Dorris	6-1	June Furlough
6-4	Ellie Pellegrini	6-5	Lynne Crank
6-7	Shelia Hagedwood	6-11	Ann Summers
6-12	Erin Riggs	6-13	Adam Hagedwood

Geese & US

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When you see geese heading south for the winter, in their signature "V" formation, have you wondered why they fly that way? Actually the flapping motion creates lift for the bird immediately following. The whole flock I understand adds over 70% greater flying range than a bird on its own. Sharing a common direction and sense of community can get US where we need to go more quickly and easily, because WE are traveling on the thrust of another.

Also, when one goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone. It must quickly get back into formation to take advantage of its companions. Having the sense as a goose, WE must stay in formation with those headed the same way WE are.

Have you noticed how the lead keeps changing? When the head goose gets tired, it rotates back. Another goose flies point. It's sensible. Take turns doing demanding jobs.

Geese are noisy! Those in back honk from behind to encourage those up front. Encouragement from the crowd moves the group along.

Finally, when a goose gets sick or hurt and falls out of formation, two other geese fall out with it. They stay with the fallen goose until it can go on or until it dies. Then they help it catch up to the group. Do WE stand by each other like that?

Geese are a lot like US! Or, are they? I don't know about you, but being a Christian sure seems a lot like being a goose! □

Weekly Walk!