

The Weatherly Weekly

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK JULY 1	NEXT WEEK JULY 8
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Will Starks	Will Starks
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	W.D. Patrick	Ed Dill
Scripture Reading	Kirk Hatcher	Terry Childress
Closing Prayer	Jim Risner	Marty Hunt
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Collis Terry	Charlie Skinner
Closing Prayer	Jim Ehl	Bobby Wright
Wednesday PM	JULY 4	JULY 11
Song Leader	Mike Coward	Collis Terry
Invitation	Louis Garrett	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Terry Barnett	Louis Garrett
Group Meeting	Group 1	Group 2

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES APRIL – JUNE 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

July	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Ken Cavender Bobby Wright Ron Holland Will Starks ** Gene Preston Jim Ehl Wes Caudle John Patrick
** Overseer	
Lord's Supper PM	Ben Little ** Doyle Wray
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Louis Garrett
Side Door	Forest & Dot Summers
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Cavender & T. Hill
Communion Prep	Wanda Castleman & Jenny Jacks
Building Lockup	Murray Castleman

Weatherly's Shepherds

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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.

Spiritual Leisure

Michael W. McLemore

In 109 AD Victorious Roman Legions, left behind to rule a defeated Spain, built an aqueduct in Segovia. For 1800 years and 60 generations that aqueduct carried sparkling water to hot dusty Segovians. About the turn of the 20th Century solicitous Spaniards decided that the aqueduct should be preserved for posterity, and thus relieved of its age-old labor.

They laid modern pipelines and stopped the flow of water that had gushed from the aqueduct for centuries. Shortly thereafter the aqueduct began to crumble. The blazing sun dried the mortar and made it begin to disintegrate. It's stones sagged and fell. Soon it lay in ruin.

What ages of service could not destroy, idleness rapidly caused to crumble.

The lessons of the Segovian aqueduct are apparent. Spiritual leisure is a detriment to the soul. God's people are called to diligent service. Retirement from our labor is reserved for

"another world," not this one (Revelation 14:13).

But, do not be lulled into thinking that only the Aged are admonished to "keep on keeping on." Far too many young Christians, in the prime of life, begin to cruise spiritually and stop "growing in grace."

Are you daily studying the word of God, moving on to deeper more difficult areas of God's revelation, exercising the senses to discern good and evil? (Hebrews 5:14) Is the pure water of life freely flowing across the mind, lubricating its crevasses, and thereby preventing the blazing dry influences of life from eroding its vitality?

God's people must recognize that idleness destroys soul and body. What labor and responsibility could not do, apathy will do. The safety and security of the Christian lies in keeping busy in the Lord's service. □

The Battles of the Mind

Michael W. McLemore

In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul addresses the battles of the mind. He praises the church at Corinth for their successes, saying, "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5). What does it mean to take a thought "captive"? It means we are to examine and compare each thought we have against the standard of thinking God set for us.

The fourth chapter of the book of Philippians provides an insightful glance into the ideal state of mental "health" God intended for his children. Beginning in verse four, we're first encouraged to rejoice in the Lord always. Next, we're instructed to be anxious for nothing, but rather, to lift our concerns to God in prayer and supplication (v. 6). Finally, we're encouraged to dwell on things that are true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, excellent, praiseworthy and of good repute (v. 8). According to these words from God, is it acceptable to obsess over problems, worries, and fears? Absolutely not. Instead, we should leave our burdens with God and turn our thoughts to positive things.

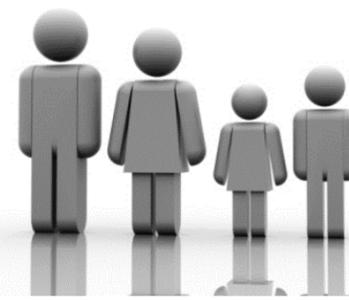
How can unproductive thought patterns be put down before they begin? Our best defense is the Word of God. The more time we spend studying and learning the truth of the Scriptures, the more prepared we'll be for our next mental at-

tack. Take, for example, the powerful words of Romans 8:6, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

Satan likes nothing more than to distract believers from seeking God. One of his most common and successful tactics is to entangle believers' minds with negative thoughts. If our minds are divided with problems, we'll be unable to put God first. Do not be tricked by Satan's schemes. Instead, trust in the One who can provide total peace.

No matter how difficult our circumstances seem, no matter how tempting it is to sit around wondering how to solve our own problems, the Bible tells us we're not to take these burdens upon ourselves. Worry, anxiety, fear, and depression are not of God, and He can provide deliverance from these paralyzing conditions. Take the words of 1 Peter 5:7 to heart: "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." God loves you infinitely and perfectly. He never intended for you to walk through valleys of fear, insecurity, and uncertainty alone. He's the Great Shepherd waiting to guide you and direct your path (Proverbs 3:6).

The Devil wants to occupy your mind. Give your mind a vacation from worry by turning negative thoughts immediately over to God. □



Family matters
News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

We are happy to report that *Melonie Power's* grandson, *Dylan*, "is back to normal." He had not been feeling well for some time. A consult with Nuero doctors at Vanderbilt has put their mind at ease. He seems to be developing normally. *Dylan* suffered a traumatic brain injury from a fall when he was 2 years old. Initially it was feared that he was being affected from that injury. It seems not to be the case. We are thankful for this encouraging report. It was a fearful few days for the family. Please pray for *Melonie's* family.

Glenda Cavender, Ann Summers and *Melvin Godette* remain in our prayers. Say their names each time you lift your heart to the Lord. The prayers of God's righteous people are effective. Pray!

We are thankful for the good progress of *SisterCarolynn Barr*. Your prayers for her well being are very much appreciated.

Please pray for *Caryl Ehl*. She had another fall last week. This is of course of great concern to *Jim*. Ask for the Lord's care of our precious sister *Caryl*.

Many of you remember brother *Glenn Tomblin* who participated for three consecutive years in our annual singing. *Glenn* underwent what was thought to be a routine surgery to fuse two vertebrae in his back two weeks ago. Since that time he has suffered several very serious complications which have left him in critical condition. It is feared

that he may be in total kidney failure. His condition is very serious. Please pray for *Glenn* and his wife, *Sharron*.

Some of our travelers have returned but others have taken their place. Please remember our travelers during the next few weeks. Ask for the Lord's care of them as they take advantage of the summer break.

Apparent Electrical Failure

At some point during the series of storms in the last week some of our equipment was impacted. We have no internet service here at the building. This has consequences on our ability to do several things. Please forgive us while we get back up to speed. We hope to have everything back online this week.

Wednesday Invitations

A renewed interest is being given to encouraging our men to offer the invitation on Wednesday evenings. Please find the list in the foyer and sign up. Remember, these are five minute talks.

Group One Meeting

Group One, led by *W.D. Patrick*, will meet immediately following evening services in the large back classroom. All Group 1 members are encouraged to attend. □

Weatherly Birthdays



7-3	Lesli McCary	7-10	Will Patrick
7-19	Jim Ehl	7-19	Peggy Shelton
7-27	Donna Godette	7-29	Mike McLemore

Let No Man
Beguile You!
Michael W. McLemore

The King James translation of Colossians 2:18 is "Let no man beguile you of your reward." Paul's intended meaning suggests disqualification by trickery. The Colossian Christians are here compared to contenders in the Grecian games. The prize, or reward, for which they were contending, and which they were in the way of obtaining, was eternal life.

The word translated "beguile" might seem to point to the false teachers, as showing hostility in the character of judges over the games. But, Christ is our judge. That is not it. These false teachers were attempting to cheat them out of their reward by hindering them in the competition. They were trying to trip them. This is the common tool of Satan. He needn't cause a grand departure to secure our soul for him. He needs only to hinder our service to God. Mild departures are sufficient to turn us from the path of right.

The obstacle of angel worship was the mode of Satan's method in this particular context, but he varies his ploys. We must be on guard. We must search the scriptures daily. We must be growing, maturing in faith and devotion. We can never stop our vigil for his device. May God help us to resist the devil that we may secure the prize. □

Weekly Walk!