

The Weatherly Weekly

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK JULY 15	NEXT WEEK JULY 22
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Will Starks	Will Starks
Song Leader	David Jacks	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Ben Little	Phil Furlough
Scripture Reading	Phillip Dill	Wes Caudle
Closing Prayer	Ken Cavender	Steve Hagewood
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	David Jacks	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Gene Preston	Will Starks
Closing Prayer	Jared Jimison	Nick Holland
Wednesday PM	JULY 18	JULY 25
Song Leader	Phil Furlough	Collis Terry
Invitation	Mike McLemore	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Terry Childress	Ron Harmon
Group Meeting	Group 3	Group 4

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JULY – SEPTEMBER 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
** Overseer	Jim Ehl Wes Caudle John Patrick
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

Evangelist

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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.

Hood Ornaments & Hitches

Michael W. McLemore

What symbol might be descriptive of your faith? I read the following piece some time ago that caught my attention. I apologize for not being able to remember its author.

"Seems to me that a lot of us want our faith to be either our hood ornament or our trailer hitch. For some of us, we want our faith to be our good luck charm, our holy amulet, and our spiritual status symbol. In other words, it's our hood ornament: it doesn't serve any useful function, it just is there for folks to see and to remind us everything is going to be okay because we've got that holy ride.

Others want faith to be the tack on tool that makes sure our loads get carried and problems get handled. It's our trailer hitch: while it serves a useful purpose, it's basically there to haul the stuff we're not sure how to handle.

The nice thing about hood ornaments and trailer hitches is that when circumstances change, we can change them without having to really change the mechanical heart of the car! Like them, our faith is an accessory or eye-candy."
author unknown

I think this author well describes the way far too many Christians see faith. Such concepts militate harshly against Jesus' call to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength" (Matthew 22:37). He intended faith to be the "driving force" of the Christian life going forward. Faith is not decoration, nor is it a mere utility to aid with life's loads.

Jesus calls His disciples to give our lives fully to Him. This may be intimidating and threatening to us. It was in His generation. The masses "turned back and no longer walked with Him" (John 6:66). Still, there were a few totally committed followers who walked on with Him. Jesus asked, "Do you want to go away as well? Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God'" (68-69).

Jesus wants His children to know that faith is not an ornament or hitch, but a spark that sets your heart on fire with God. □

Are You Progressive?

Leonard White

A preacher was asked about his attitude toward certain issues over which brethren have disagreed. His answer was, "Well, I guess I'm what would be called a 'progressive.'" To be sure, such descriptive labels ("anti", "liberal", "conservative", etc.) often mean very different things to different people. However, the term "progressive" is an interesting one to consider, especially when someone uses it to describe himself. Typically those who identify themselves in this way see themselves as independent souls who are not bound by old, traditional modes of thinking. Many times one who is slow to adopt new ideas is branded as a "non-progressive."

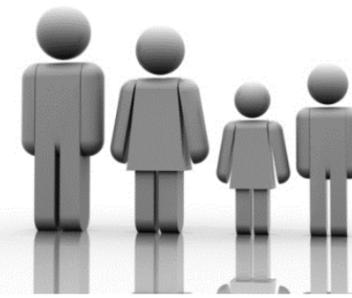
In recent years, we have witnessed a movement within the Lord's church to break away from what are perceived to be outdated and irrelevant (if not flawed) ideas and methods of the past. We are told that we must move forward or perish. As someone put it, "In their last annual meeting, the dinosaurs voted not to change."

What about it? Are you "progressive," or are you one of those tradition-bound "non-progressives"? Consider carefully 2 John 1:9: "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son." Of particular interest is the meaning of the word translated in the KJV as "transgresseth." The original Greek word used by John is

PROAGO. The basic meaning of this word is: to go forward, to proceed, to go before. When used in a bad sense (as it obviously is in 2 John 9) it means to go further than is right or proper. Other translations render it: "anyone who goes too far," or "anyone who runs ahead." It is interesting to notice that another English word that could aptly be used to express this idea is "progressive." Any change, or "progress," that fails to abide in the doctrine, or teaching of Christ, will lead one into a condition where he "has not God." Is that a desirable state?

We should always be willing to reexamine what we believe and practice in the light of God's word and make changes when necessary. However we must be careful to avoid being caught up in the mentality that is fascinated with novelty and quick to embrace anything that is new. It has correctly been said that in religion: "If it's new it's not true."

Perhaps one other observation is in order. When only expediency and judgment (not some scriptural principle) is involved, we should not be so wedded to "the way we've always done it," that we refuse to entertain the possibility that improvements are possible. God's people were admonished by Jeremiah: "Thus saith Jehovah, Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way; and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls: but they said, 'We will not walk therein.'" (6:16). □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Betty Reavis has been diagnosed with cancer. A PET Scan revealed the presence of a malignancy in her liver. Her physician is working to get her scheduled for a core biopsy next week. **Sister Reavis** was successfully treated for Breast Cancer in 2008. While it is possible that this is a recurrence, her doctors are allowing for the possibility that this is another form entirely. Please pray for **Betty, Bill** and for their family. We have included their address for those who would like to write to them.

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Owens Crossroads, AL 35763

Barb Woodard is off the ventilator and making a bit of a rebound in recent days. We continue to pray for her and her family. Your prayers for her are requested and appreciated. Please remember her sons, **Gary, Steve & Scott**. **Sister Woodard** is at Crestwood.

Jim Risner was involved in an automobile accident last Tuesday morning. Another car pulled in front of him at the Bailey Cove-Weatherly Heights intersection. His quick reaction spared anyone from injury. We are thankful our Lord was watching over him.

Dylan Craig, grandson of **Melonie Power**, remains on our prayer list. They are working on getting an appointment for him at Vanderbilt. Please remember him in your prayers. Also, please remem-

ber his mom, **Stephanie**. One can imagine how difficult this is for her.

Glenda Cavender is always in our thoughts, and at the forefront of our prayers.

Ann Summers is missed in our assemblies. Say her name to the Lord in prayer daily.

Melvin Godette was able to begin his physical therapy on Monday. We are praying for the benefit.

Glenn Tomblin is a bit better in the last few days. They are attempting to bring him around after 3 weeks of sedation. His progress is slow. Your prayers for **Glenn & Sharron** are appreciated.

Annual Singing, August 10

Final preparations are underway for our annual Friday night singing. We trust our members have already set Friday, August 10th apart to be present for an evening of worship. Our crowds are always excellent. The song leaders, **Jackie Bradford, John Kilgore & Tim Stevens**, will do their part. Let's do ours by giving our all to support the effort.

Group Three Meeting

Group Three, led by **Murray Castleman**, will meet immediately following evening services in the large back classroom. All Group 3 members are encouraged to attend. □

Weatherly Birthdays



7-19	Peggy Shelton	7-19	Jim Ehl
7-27	Donna Godette	7-29	Mike McLemore
7-31	Philip Dill	8-2	Wanda Castleman
8-6	Forest Summers		

Paying Too Much For Our Whistle

Author Unknown

In his book, *The Man Who Dared the Lightning*, Thomas Fleming wrote:

"When Benjamin Franklin was seven years old, a visitor gave him some small change. Later, seeing another boy playing with a whistle, young Benjamin gave the boy all his money for it. He played the whistle all over the house, enjoying it until he discovered that he had given four times as much as the whistle was worth. Instantly, the whistle lost its charm. As he grew older, Franklin generalized this principle. When he saw a man neglecting his family or business for political popularity, or a miser giving up friendship for the sake of accumulating wealth, he would say, 'He pays too much for his whistle.'"

That is something we need to keep in mind when we establish priorities in our lives. Too often we pay too great a price for something that looks and sounds good and promises much, but in the grand scheme of things proves to be worth very little. Fish are hooked, because they are attracted to something that looks like food, only to become food themselves.

Do not be fooled, the world offers you many whistles that are not worth the price! □

Weekly Walk!

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