

The Weatherly Weekly

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK AUGUST 5	NEXT WEEK AUGUST 12
Sunday AM		
Announcements	<i>Forest Summers</i>	<i>Forest Summers</i>
Song Leader	<i>Charles Hill</i>	<i>Jared Jimison</i>
Opening Prayer	<i>David Jacks</i>	<i>Steve Hagewood</i>
Scripture Reading	<i>Searcy Hall</i>	<i>Bobby Wright</i>
Closing Prayer	<i>Ron Holland</i>	<i>Ken Cavender</i>
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	<i>Charles Hill</i>	<i>Jared Jimison</i>
Opening Prayer	<i>W.D. Patrick</i>	<i>Forest Summers</i>
Closing Prayer	<i>Will Starks</i>	<i>Doyle Wray</i>
Wednesday PM	AUGUST 8	AUGUST 15
Song Leader	<i>Terry Childress</i>	<i>Mike Coward</i>
Invitation	<i>Marty Hunt</i>	<i>Ed Dill</i>
Closing Prayer	<i>Terry Barnett</i>	<i>Louis Garrett</i>
Group Meeting	<i>Group 1</i>	<i>Group 2</i>

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	<i>Dwight Ivey</i> <i>Nick Holland</i> <i>Kirk Hatcher</i> <i>Ron Harmon **</i> <i>Marty Hunt</i> <i>Ryan Patrick</i> <i>Charlie Skinner</i> <i>Jerry Mitchell</i>
** Overseer	
Lord's Supper PM	<i>Phil Furlough **</i> <i>Riley Monroe</i>
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	<i>Janice Schrimsher</i>
Rear Door	<i>Steve & Shelia Hagewood</i>
Side Door	<i>Charles & Penny Hill</i>
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	<i>Jimison & Roberts</i>
Communion Prep	<i>Julie Singleton & Sarah Starks</i>
Building Lockup	<i>Mike McLemore</i>

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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.

"In Spite of..."

Michael W. McLemore

We are acquainted with Oscar Wilde's popular expression, "Life imitates art." Without commentary on Wilde's debased life, I should like to borrow from his observations of art and life to conjure my readers' consideration of obstacles that tend to militate against us.

An artist in Mexico lost his right hand while working on a statue. Instead of giving up his life's work, he instead learned to carve with his left hand. His beautifully finished masterpiece was awe inspiring. Its name? "In Spite Of." For him life literally became art!

How meaningful is that labor that is brought to fruition "in spite of" obstacles encountered along the way? A sound body, a brilliant mind, a cultural background, a huge amount of money, a wonderful education rarely litter the paths of the successful. Booker T. Washington was born in slavery. Thomas Edison was deaf. Abraham Lincoln was born of illiterate

parents. Lord Byron had a club foot. Robert Louis Stevenson had tuberculosis. Alexander Pope was a hunchback. Admiral Nelson had only one eye. Julius Caesar was an epileptic. These men made history in spite of their handicaps. Louis Pasteur was so near-sighted that he had a difficult time finding his way in his laboratory without glasses. Helen Keller could not hear or see, yet graduated with honors from college.

Can I tell you about my hero? He was a crusty Galilean fisherman; a man called Peter. To Him and a few others like him, Jesus said, "I will give the keys to the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 16:19). He overcame so much. He knew something about growing—"In spite of!"

Do you feel handicapped? It is the nature of the human spirit. Call on the Lord. Trust Him. Obey Him. No problem is too big for Him, or too small. "He will carry through." □

A Costly Love Affair

By Gene Taylor

“For Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world...”

2 Timothy 4:10

Second Timothy 4:10, is the third and final mention of Demas in Scripture. In Colossians 4:14 he is listed as one sending greetings to the church at Colossae. In Philemon 24 he is named as a fellow-worker of Paul. In 2 Timothy 4, though, he is identified as a deserter from the Lord's work because he "loved this present world."

We are not told whether his love for the world was centered on any one thing. We are told only that he loved it and what that love for the world caused him to do. Of course, Christians are commanded not to love the world (1 John 2:15-17). Sadly, though, many today are like Demas and set their affections on it and its allurements with no regard for what it will cost them.

We often speak of "costly love affairs" whether in fiction or real life because those affairs cause homes to be broken, children to suffer, reputations to be ruined, wealth to be sacrificed, etc. Yet, none has ever been costlier than the love affairs Demas and others like him have had with the world. Consider some of the costly consequences of his affair.

Fellowship with God

Loving the world carries the highest price one can pay for anything: to be as the Gentiles of old, without God and without hope (Eph. 2:12). Continued fellowship with God requires walking with Him, in accordance with His will (1 John 1:5-7).

Friendship with the world makes one an enemy of God (Jas. 4:4). 1 John 2:15 states that anyone who loves the world does not have the love of the Father in him.

The one who claims to be a Christian, believing he is still in God's favor, but who flirts with the world is only deceiving himself. He must be made to realize the great cost of unfaithfulness -- his soul (Matt. 16:26).

Great Harm to the Cause of Christ

In addition to hurting himself, Demas did great damage to the cause of Christ. In abandoning it, he deprived it of a devoted worker and robbed it of all the good he might have accomplished had he remained faithful. We can only wonder how many lives he could have helped if he had stayed loyal to the Lord. He wasted his knowledge and abilities.

There is also the matter of his influence. Others, most likely, became disheartened and discouraged by his example. He was probably a discouragement to his family and friends for no one can do as he did without encouraging others to do the same (Prov. 1:10-15).

Like every willful sinner, he crucified the Son of God anew and put Him to an open shame (Heb. 6:4-6; 10:29).

Great Hurt to the World

The actions of Demas robbed the world of the flavor of righteousness imparted unto it by godly living. It snuffed out another desperately needed light in a sinned-darkened world (Phil 2:15). It deprived the worldly of the good example of one who lives and teaches the truth.

Someone has rightly said, "Every 'Demas' who leaves the truth makes it a little more difficult for some 'Cornelius' to learn the truth or some 'Timothy' to be reared in it."

Conclusion

Demas' love affair with this world was certainly costly. Most tragically, if there was no repentance on his part, it cost him his soul (Matt. 16:26). Doing as he did, hurts all and profits no one. Do not make the mistake of Demas. Do not love this present world. □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Betty Reavis has recurrent Breast Cancer. She will begin oral Chemo right away. Her physicians are hopeful.

Melvin Godette continues his rehab. Your prayers are solicited.

Jean "Barb" Woodard continues her rehab at Valley Rehabilitation Center in Madison. She is scheduled to be released on Thursday of this week. We are prayerful that she will continue to grow stronger.

Dylan Craig, grandson of *Melonie Power*, received good news from his most recent appointment. Prayers are appreciated.

Prayers for *Glenda Cavender* and *Ann Summers* are appreciated. They are missed at each assembly.

Glenn Tomblin is in very poor condition. Thank you for your prayers.

Carley Hill left for her new college in southern California. Pray for her.

A Special Thank You

We wanted to say thank you to *Carol Roberts* for hosting a gathering of almost 50 in her home recently. She has undertaken an effort to show kindness to those who have recently "celebrated milestones"! We love you *Carol*. Thank you!

Also, thank you is in order to *Mike & Peggy Coward* who undertook a gathering of all of our young families with children last Sunday afternoon. Thank you for your love and encouragement. It is so meaningful.



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Class at Carolyn Holland's

This is an unusual sort of announcement for *The Weatherly Weekly*, but we felt it appropriate. As most of you know *Carolynn Holland* teaches CPR classes for both general instruction and formal certification. She is offering her time to any Weatherly members who would like to learn CPR. This afternoon she will host a class in her home from 2-3 pm for any who would like to learn. Please see *Carolynn*. She can accommodate 10 in a class. If she has more who are interested she will do a second class from 3-4 pm.

See You Friday Night For Our Annual Singing

Friday night is the night for our annual singing. We look forward to a large crowd. Just how large will depend on our family's participation. This is always one of the most encouraging events of the year. Year after year we have a house full of God's people who love to sing. If you haven't been here before, you are in for a treat. Our guest song leaders, *Jackie Bradford, John Kilgore & Tim Stevens*, will be splendid.

Group One Meets Tonight

Group One, led by *W.D. Patrick*, will meet this evening following worship in the large back classroom. We hope all members will be able to attend your group meeting. □

Weatherly Birthdays

8-6	Forest Summers	8-10	Natalie Frazier
8-11	Phyllis Harmon	8-14	Anna Holland
8-19	Peggy Childress	8-23	Janice Schrimsher
8-24	Mike Coward	8-24	Lucas Hatcher
8-24	Marty Hunt	8-25	Ben Little

Conformed to Our Image

Adapted

Man was made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26, 27). As such, we are inferior to Him. He is Creator. We are creatures, and therefore subject to His will. Sadly, many do not see it that way.

People want God to conform to their image. They don't want a God of wrath; and "believe" Him to be only love. They don't want a God who is strict and narrow; and "believe" in a permissive and tolerant God, including infractions of morality. They want a God who will accept their worship, no matter what.

Honest Bible students will notice the attitude that conforms God to man's image is idolatry. Typical paganism has multiple gods. The people we are talking about (including friends and family), have a one size fits all concept of God. Denominationalists, in their minds, "believe" ALL religions are acceptable to God. He is a multi-cultural, pluralistic God.

Contrary to this erroneous thinking, the Word of God states that He is strict, narrow, and has one truth for all men (Matthew 7:13, 14). "Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). There is only one faith, not many, just as surely as there is one Savior (Eph. 4:4-6).

Let us not try to conform God to our image, but let us be conformed to His. □

Weekly Walk!