

Weatherly @ work

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK AUGUST 19	NEXT WEEK AUGUST 26
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Forest Summers	Forest Summers
Song Leader	David Jacks	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Marty Hunt	Collis Terry
Scripture Reading	Philip Dill	Kirk Hatcher
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Leshko	Gene Preston
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	David Jacks	SINGING
Opening Prayer	Ben Little	Tommy Hill
Closing Prayer	Terry Childress	Nick Holland
Wednesday PM	AUGUST 22	AUGUST 29
Song Leader	Collis Terry	Phil Furlough
Invitation	W.D. Patrick	Terry Childress
Closing Prayer	Jim Ehl	Ed Dill
Group Meeting	Group 3	Group 4

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

Weatherly's Shepherds

Louis Garrett	(256) 883-7785
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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.

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"Strive to Enter"

Michael W. McLemore

Jesus called upon His disciples to "strive to enter in at the strait gate..." (Luke 13:24, KJV). The term used by the Lord is "agonizomai." Most will recognize it as the root of our English "agonize." In general "agon" referred to a struggle or contest, and in its broader sense, referred to a contest in athletics, chariot or horse racing, music or literature at a public festival in ancient Greece. Jesus used this word to describe the effort exhibited by His followers in attaining eternal life with God.

The Greeks were famous for their competition on the plain of Olympia. Today we call those games the Olympics. 800 years before Jesus was born the Greeks' early games were little more than foot races. Gradually they increased to twenty-four games, including wrestling, boxing, chariot-racing and horse-racing. The victor of the contest was crowned with wreaths of wild olive and such adulation was paid to him and his family that no effort was too great for a contestant to put forth in order to win. In Ath-

ens the victor was maintained at public cost for the remainder of his life! In that case the reward was worth every bit of the effort involved.

Listen carefully to Jesus' plea: "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say to you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." Jesus calls His followers to "strive," to compete, to struggle. Victory will not be attained easily. Heaven is worth the "striving" it will take to get there. Paul urged, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12). Peter pled, "Save yourselves from this untoward generation" (Acts 2:41). Strive to enter!

Scripture never indicates that it is easy to be saved, but that we must be willing to "work," "strive" or "agonize." Although "many will seek" to enter heaven, those who are casual in their service to the Lord will not succeed. It is not enough to merely desire heaven, we must "seek" it and "strive" to attain it.

"Strive to enter in at the straight gate." Life awaits you there. ☐

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By David King

The Basis of Friendship

What makes two people "friends"?

Some define a friend as someone with whom we share the same interests, values, or beliefs. Others say a friend is someone in whom you can confide intimate information about yourself, without risking embarrassment.

These characteristics of friendship are generally valid, but they do not explain the real basis of friendship. The foundation of friendship is, quite simply, **shared experiences**. The more activities two people share together, the more they become friends.

Look at the friendships described in the Bible. David once described a close friend who had betrayed him as one with whom he frequently talked and went to the temple (Psa. 55:13-14). Jesus called His apostles His friends, because of all the teaching He had shared with them over their years together (Jn. 15:15). Paul and Timothy became closer than a father and son because of their years of work and travel together.

Soldiers on the battlefield often become close friends, because they share very real life and death experiences with each other. And this is despite the very different backgrounds many of them come from.

Look at your own circle of friends. The one (and possibly only) thing they have in common is that they all share experiences with you in some way. Whether work, church, or recreation, your friends are those people with whom you spend time talking, laughing, working, arguing, crying, building, playing, or just sitting around. Whatever else you may or may not have in common, life has some-

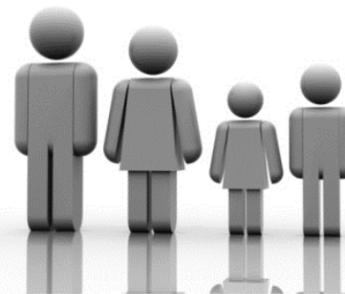
how thrown you together, and the time you spend together doing things has allowed a relationship to develop that we call "friendship."

But look at this from another direction. Think of the people who were your friends in the past, but are such no longer. Whatever may have contributed to the parting, whether there was some disagreement or you just drifted apart, one thing is certain—you no longer share experiences together. Friendship cannot survive in the absence of shared experiences.

This principle has serious implications in maintaining our social well-being. If we want to have friends in this life, we must open ourselves up to sharing experiences with others. And to maintain those friendships, we must continue to share experiences. Those experiences may change over time, but the nature of the experiences is less important than the mere fact that we have them. Otherwise, the friendships wither and die.

This is especially critical for married couples. Our spouse should be our best friend. But even that friendship cannot survive the lack of shared experiences. Husbands and wives who share few common interests, spend a lot of time apart, and do not actively feed their friendship through talking and doing things together, run a risk of losing their marriage.

Sharing experiences with others requires effort. We must sacrifice some of our own interests to align with the interests of others. But the result is a unique collection of people—our friends—who will truly enrich our lives. □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Andrea Leshko's grandfather, *Bobby Nordan*, will be undergoing heart surgery tomorrow. *The Lehskos* are out of town with family today. Please pray for this sweet family.

Melvin Godette continues his physical therapy. Your prayers for him are greatly appreciated.

Betty Reavis is weak from her Chemo. A B12 injection helped her a bit later in the week. Your prayers are solicited for *Betty & Bill* as she undergoes Chemo.

Sister Barbara Jean Woodard continues her recovery at home. Say her name to the Lord in prayer.

We are continuing to ask our Lord for His tender care of *Glenda Cavender* and *Ann Summers*. They are missed greatly by our family.

Welcome Phil Shaver

We are happy to announce that *Phil Shaver* has expressed his desire to work and worship with us here at Weatherly Heights. We are thrilled to have him and look forward to working with him. *Phil* is a talented and dedicated Christian. We are excited to have him.

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Photos Taken TODAY!

Brooke Hatcher will be making member photos today. If you need your photo made, or remade, for the directory, please go to the large back classroom after morning worship.

New Grandbaby

Joanne Abernathy's second grandson was born Monday, August 6th. *Lucas Lee Abernathy*, 8 lbs. 8oz, 20.5" long, was born at 6:56 am to *Joseph & Stephanie*. We are rejoicing



with *the Abernathy family*. Congratulations!

Group Meets Tonight

Group Three, led by *Murray Castleman*, 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



8-19	Peggy Childress	8-23	Janice Schrimsher
8-24	Mike Coward	8-24	Lucas Hatcher
8-24	Marty Hunt	8-25	Ben Little
8-25	Ron Harmon	8-26	Kirk Hatcher
8-28	Adelaide Hatcher	9-5	Kim Barnett

Pretense

Michael W. McLemore

Children love the game of "pretend!" It is beautiful to listen to a child who is escaping to the make believe world of pretense. It speaks of their innocence and reflects a life free of care or anxiety. But in the grown-up world pretense is misplaced. The bible condemns it.

Christianity is no religion of pretense. In mythology, and in other humanly devised religious systems, one can do a great deal of pretending. After all, those forms of worship are made up by man. Not so in the system of Christ. God is, and that is reality (Genesis 1:1). Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and that is reality (Matthew 16:18). Satan and sin exist, and have their influence upon men in causing men to be separated from God, and those are realities (Ephesians 2:1). In Christ, salvation is offered to man, and that is a splendid reality. (Ephesians 1:13). The saved are in Christ, and thus are in the church that Jesus built and that is reality (Acts 2:47). Christians deal in realities.

Pretense has no place for a Christian, such is hypocrisy. Jesus saw hypocrisy among the Jewish leaders of his time and condemned it (Matthew 23). He said, "You are actors, merely playing a part."

As children of God we are contending with eternal realities, and cannot just pretend. It is dangerous to pretend, and foolish. □

Weekly Walk!