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Be Salt & Light

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Who has made the greatest impact on your life? Perhaps it was your parents or an influential teacher. More than likely, several people played a role in your encouragement. But, "Who are you impacting with your life?"

The disciple of Jesus is described in Jesus' own words: "You are the salt of the earth. . . You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13, 14). Notice that Christ called us to influence the world, not just our family and friends. In other words, our impact on others should be as significant as the effect salt has on food or light has on darkness. As you and I interact with people, they should see something compelling.

In ancient times, it was used to keep meat from spoiling. Salt was as important to preservation as a refrigerator or freezer is to us today. When our character faithfully represents Jesus Christ, we have a positive influence on our culture. As believers, our lives should make a difference. Whether or not we are well-educated,

wealthy, or smart, we can impact others.

Jesus also said, "You are light." The more His disciples lived out His teachings, the brighter their light became. The first-century world was turned upside down by a handful of largely simple, poor, and uneducated men. We are also called to be lights. When you walk in obedience to Christ His light will shine through you, just as it did through the early disciples.

What kind of impact are you having? Are you being salt and light? Or is the impact of your life diminished because of sin, compromise, or worldliness? Your conduct, character, and conversation either draw people to the Son of God, or they drive them away. We have an awesome responsibility to reach others through the power of God. I pray that you will ask God, "Is anything hindering my impact on the world?" Allow His word to direct you! Address any sin that you have tolerated. The Lord calls you and me to purity. Be salt and light! ☐

Watch us
LIVE!

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK SEPTEMBER 30	NEXT WEEK OCTOBER 7
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Tommy Hill	Will Starks
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	David Jacks	Steve Hagewood
Scripture Reading	Kirk Hatcher	Phil Shaver
Closing Prayer	Doyle Wray	Marty Hunt
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Singing	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Phil Furlough	Forest Summers
Closing Prayer	Ed Dill	Terry Childress
Wednesday PM	OCTOBER 3	OCTOBER 10
Song Leader	Collis Terry	Phil Furlough
Invitation	Louis Garrett	Terry Childress
Closing Prayer	Ben Little	Louis Garrett
Group Meeting		Group 1

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JULY – SEPTEMBER 2018

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Acts of the Apostles
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

The People of Acts
Various Teachers



2019 WEATHERLY LECTURES

Speakers to Be Announced
May 2-5, 2019

Weatherly's Shepherds

Louis Garrett	(256) 883-7785
Tommy Hill	(256) 883-0010
Will Starks	(256) 883-5273
Forest Summers	(256) 348-2251

Evangelist

Michael W. McLemore (256) 698-5941
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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.

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

September	Ken Cavender
Serving on the	Jimmy Harbin
Lord's Table AM	Ron Holland
	Tommy Hill **
	Gene Preston
	Jim Ehl
	Clark Boles
** Overseer	Riley Monroe

Lord's Supper PM	Kirk Hatcher **
	John Stokes

Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Terry & Kim Barnett
Side Door	W.D. & LaNelle Patrick

Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Harmon & Starks
Communion Prep	Cathy Preston
Building Lockup	Jared Jimison

MAKE ME A SERVANT

Adapted

One of the highest compliments Almighty God has ever given any man is to call someone, "My servant." He pronounced this beautiful title upon Abraham (Gen. 26:24), Moses (Num. 12:7-8), Caleb (Num. 14:24), David (2 Sam. 3:18), the prophets (2 Kings 9:7), Job (Job 1:8), Isaiah (Isa. 20:3) and Jesus (Isa. 42:1).

Just as importantly, Jesus thought of Himself as being a servant. He said, "Even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). Elsewhere He affirmed, "I always do those things that please [My Father]" (John 8:29b). After washing the disciples' feet at the Last Supper, Jesus said, "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you" (John 13:14-15). Jesus Christ was so commonly identified as a Servant that His own disciples referred to Him as, "Your Holy Servant Jesus" (Acts 4:30).

Early Christians indeed followed the example of Jesus and nearly always referred to themselves as servants of God. This was not mere rhetoric, but a deeply ingrained sense of identity: "Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ" (Rom. 1:1); "Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:1); "James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ" (Jas. 1:1); "Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 1:1); "Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ and brother of James" (Jude 1). Early Christians clearly embraced the idea that they had become slaves

to God (Rom. 6:1622).

Jesus taught that greatness can only be found in humble service to others (Matt. 20:26), and He left an example for Christians to follow in this regard (1 Pet. 2:21-25). What lessons are Christians to learn from these truths?

If we are not serving, we are not really following Christ - Jesus explicitly taught that part of the basis for our final judgment would be whether we have visited the sick, clothed the naked, fed the hungry, comforted the imprisoned and welcomed the stranger (Matt. 25:34-40). Christians are called "to do good to all, especially those who are of the household of the faith" (Gal. 6:10). If we are not serving, we are not following Him.

Being a servant is to be part of our self-identity - When someone asks, "Who are you?" a variety of answers may be given. However, it seems highly significant that early Christians often had no trouble putting their service to God at the top of the list. Christians are commanded to, "reckon" and "present" themselves to be servants of God (Rom. 6:11, 13, 22).

Jesus Christ is glorified in us when we serve like Him - Paul said that he wanted to follow Christ so closely that he might, "share in His sufferings" (Phil. 3:10). The purpose of our lives in Christ is to be conformed to His image (Rom. 8:29; Col. 1:27; 1 Pet. 2:21). Jesus is truly glorified in us when we choose to lovingly serve like Him. □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Margaret Smith underwent knee surgery to clean up torn cartilage. Unfortunately she is having a good amount of severe pain since. Pray for *Margaret* as she completes her rehabilitation.

Betty Reavis remains on our prayer list as she undergoes Chemo. Pray for the full benefit of the medications and for the side-effects to be minimal. Remember *Bill* and their family to the Lord also.

Michael Preston is home from the hospital after a lengthy stay at Huntsville Hospital. He was being treated for a very serious form of pneumonia. *Michael* will be off from work for another week or so, and will continue on the prescribed antibiotics for a period of time. We are rejoicing in his recovery. Please continue to pray for him.

Mike McLemore returned to Huntsville late Friday evening. His mother, *Jimmie Nell McLemore*, is very slowly regaining strength. Her numbers are all essentially normal, but her physical strength is almost non-existent. How long she will be in Houston is still unknown. *Mike* is planning to return to Houston after morning services. Your prayers for the McLemore family and for *Jimmie* are appreciated.

Mike Gore is in our prayers. He has been engaged in a long struggle his prostate cancer. Ask for his strength and for the consolation of *Sandra* as she cares for him.

Hill Roberts' father, *Don*, has a con-

tinued interest in our prayers. *Hill* is back and forth up north fairly regularly to be of help to his aging parents.

Barbara Jean Woodard, *Glenda Cavender*, *Melvin Godette* and *Ann Summers* all have a daily need for your petitions on their behalf.

Marty Hunt's brother, *Michael*, remains on our prayer list. Your prayers are appreciated.

Singing Tonight

As is our custom here at Weatherly, we will be singing tonight. We look forward to a large gathering for our evening assembly tonight.

Next Week...

"Co-Parenting with God" begins during the morning Bible Class hour. Sunday Night Study Series begins next Sunday evening.

We begin meeting at 5 p.m. for our evening assemblies. Don't forget! We normally change our meeting time when DST ends, but doing this early will be helpful to our young families. See you at 5 p.m. next Sunday night.

No Group Meeting Tonight

This is the fifth Sunday of the month and there is no scheduled group meeting. If you collect guest cards today, please pass them along to *Phil Furlough*. □

Weatherly Birthdays



9-25	LaNelle Patrick	9-28	Doris DeCelles
10-6	Henry Frazier	10-11	Caryl Ehl
10-14	Janeth Hagedwood	10-24	Amanda Jimison
10-26	Chris Ferrell	10-27	Dwight Ivey
10-27	Jimmy Harbin	10-29	Charlotte Hagedwood

Our Work!

"What's the use?" and "Why should I?" are the two most fatal phrases in the English language. They mark the dividing line between success and failure for millions of human beings.

"What's the use?" is the philosophy of the chap who throws the sponge when the battle has started. He sits down alongside of the road when he finds that the signpost has deceived him, instead of lengthening his stride. He is satisfied with "good enough." He has no goals, no visions. He accepts no challenge.

"Why should I?" is the cry of the work-dodger. His aim is to do just enough to "get by." He is the clock-watcher who is afraid the will render more service than he is paid to perform. He is too lazy to think, too selfish to put his shoulder to the wheel in a common cause.

How much more vibrant and dynamic are the phrases, "It can be done!" and "You can count on me!" when it comes to living life? These phrases sparkle with the spirit of success and never fail of sufficient reward.

Editor's observations - May God help us as His people to work as if all things depended upon us, and undertake every endeavor under the pretense that my labor is performed as unto the Lord and not to men. □ (MWM)

Weekly Walk!