

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK OCTOBER 28	NEXT WEEK NOVEMBER 4
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Will Starks	Forest Summers
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	David Jacks	Steve Hagewood
Scripture Reading	Bobby Wright	Searcy Hall
Closing Prayer	Ron Harmon	Ron Holland
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Ed Dill	Phil Furlough
Closing Prayer	Phil Shaver	Gene Preston
Wednesday PM	OCTOBER 31	NOVEMBER 7
Song Leader	Collis Terry	Mike Coward
Invitation	Mike McLemore	Louis Garrett
Closing Prayer	Riley Monroe	Jim Ehl
Group Meeting	Group 4	Group 1

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

November	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Dwight Ivey Wes Caudle Bobby Wright Collis Terry ** Marty Hunt Phil Shaver Charlie Skinner Jerry Mitchell
** Overseer	
Lord's Supper PM	Ben Little ** Doyle Wray
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	Murray & Wanda Castleman
Rear Door	John Stokes
Side Door	Mike & Peggy Coward
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Terry & Wrights
Communion Prep	Gwyn McLemore & Amanda Jimison
Building Lockup	TBA

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2018

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

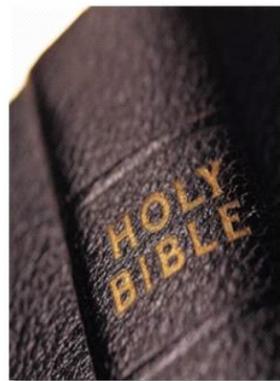
Fulfilled Prophecy
Steve Hagewood

ADULT CLASSROOM

Co-Parenting with God
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Hebrews: Don't Go Back!
Mike McLemore



2019 WEATHERLY LECTURES

Speakers to Be Announced
May 2-5, 2019

Weatherly's Shepherds

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Will Starks	(256) 883-5273
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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	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.

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Truth is Expensive

Michael W. McLemore

Solomon counseled, "Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding" (Proverbs 23:23). Truth is expensive. Though price is not an infallible index to worth, that which is most valuable cost the most. And that which surpasses all else in worth is not advertised for sale, for none can pay the price of its value. Therefore, God teaches that truth is worth whatever it might cost and is to be retained above all else.

Because Jesus fulfilled the purpose of his coming to earth, i.e. to "bear witness unto the truth" (John 18:37), he lived in constant danger of physical violence and death (John 8:39,40). His final arrest and subsequent shameful crucifixion stemmed from the truth which he bore witness to, as touching his deity and son-ship (Matthew 26:63-66). The cost of truth for our Lord was the tree of the cross, but he faithfully paid the price.

The cost of truth for Saul of Tarsus involved everything in his life in which he might have taken confidence and trusted (Ph. 3:3-11). For him to buy the truth meant to turn his back on his pride, his leadership in the religion of his fathers which were in error, his sincere labors in that which he thought to be right but was wrong, and to willingly suffer unashamedly for the faith which he once persecuted. Finally, having fought a good fight, finished his course, and having kept the faith, he looked triumphantly through faith for a crown from his Lord (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

Some, rather than pay the price for truth will turn their ears away from it, and resultantly, be turned away unto fables (2 Tim. 4:1-4). But with Peter we ask, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ the Son of the Living God" (Jn 6:66-69). Truth is expensive, but it's worth whatever we pay. □

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No Longer an Enemy

Adapted

In the days of the American Revolutionary War there lived in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, a preacher by the name of Peter Miller who enjoyed the friendship of General George Washington. There also dwelt in that town one Michael Wittman, an evil-minded man who did all in his power to abuse and oppose this preacher.

One day Michael Wittman was involved in treason and was arrested and sentenced to death. When the old preacher heard this news, he started out on foot and walked the whole seventy miles to Philadelphia to plead for this man's life. He was admitted into Washington's presence and at once begged for the life of the traitor.

Washington said, "No, Peter, I cannot grant you the life of your friend."

The preacher exclaimed, "My friend? Why, this man is the bitterest enemy I have."

Washington cried, "What? You've walked seventy miles to save the life of an enemy? Now that puts the matter in a different light. I will grant the pardon."

And so he did. And Peter Miller took Michael Wittman from the very shadow of death back to his own home in Ephrata — no longer as an enemy, but as a friend.

Due to our sins, you and I have been found guilty and sentenced to death. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," and "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 3:23; 6:23). However, Christ walked the road to Calvary to seek reconciliation to God for us (His enemies) Romans 5:10. But unlike Peter Miller, Christ did not just enter "the very shadow of death" to save us;

He actually gave His life so that we might be reconciled to God.

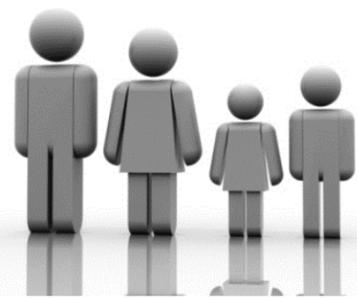
"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us! Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his LIFE!" (Romans 5:6-10 *paraphrase*).

Through Christ you and I can be reconciled to God, if we will respond to Him in faith (Hebrews 11:6), repentance (2 Corinthians 7:9-10), confession (Romans 10:9-10), and baptism (immersion) for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). Then, as we walk in the light of His Word, the cleansing blood of Jesus will wash our sins away (1 John 1:7).

The value of something is often determined by the price one is willing to pay for it!

Consider the great price that was paid for our reconciliation (a restored relationship) to God.

Truly, our response should be to walk with Him now, not as an enemy, but as a friend. □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Betty Reavis' first Chemo treatment is complete. Her second is slated for Tuesday. The following week she will have an off week. So far her side effects are minimal. Primarily she is just very weak. **Betty** asked me to please convey her thanks for all of the wonderful cards that you've been sending. She appreciates your sweet gestures of kindness.

Melvin Godette was able to have the nerve stimulator replaced last week. We are praying that he will begin to see a benefit. Say his name to the Lord as you approach His holy throne. We praise God for His comfort of those who are hurting.

Phyllis Harmon is getting along well after her procedure. Your prayers are appreciated.

Mike McLemore's mother, **Jiminnie Nell**, remains on our prayer list. Her improvement is very gradual. "We are thankful for your prayers for both my mom and dad."

Mike Gore continues to struggle. His blood count is falling very rapidly since his last transfusion. Please pray for **Mike**.

Hill Roberts' father, **Don**, remains on our prayer list. Keep **Hill** in mind as he travels to and from the Brentwood, Tennessee area to help his parents.

Barbara Jean Woodard, **Glenda Cavender** and **Ann Summers** all have a daily need for your prayers.

We continue to pray for **Marty Hunt's** brother, **Michael**. Your prayers

are appreciated.

SUNDAY STUDY SERIES NIGHT

Tonight at 5 pm

Remember we meet at 5 pm for our annual Fall Study Series. Bring a friend!

Starks Celebrate 60 Years

Brad & Lisa Starks had a sweet tribute to his parents on Facebook this week.

"Lisa and I would like to wish my mom and dad a happy 60th anniversary this week. It's hard to believe! I could never, ever have had better parents. Their love, support, and compassion never wavers. I hope we can celebrate many more of these anniversaries!! Love always!!!" I just had to share it.



Group Four Meets Tonight

Group Four, led by **Ron Harmon**, meets immediately after our evening assembly in the back classroom. □

Weatherly Birthdays



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| 10-27 Jimmy Harbin | 10-27 Dwight Ivey |
| 10-29 Charlotte Hagewood | 11-1 Sandra Gore |
| 11-8 Crystal Robinson | 11-8 Julie Singleton |
| 11-18 Samuel Holland | 11-20 Riley Monroe |

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Friendship with the World

Michael W. McLemore

From the beginning of the church, nearly two millennia ago, we have heard the constant call for purity from "the world" among God's people. Yet, then as now "friendship with the world" persists. James warned Christians in his day, "whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (4:4). Though "the worldly" cannot see the hurt in their seemingly harmless actions, they are evident!

We define the term "friend" or the expression of it, "friendly," as "inclined to favor." Vine describes its Greek twin, "Philos," as one loved or dear. When we speak of "worldliness," we are speaking of the whole circle of earthly goods, its endowments, riches, pleasures, advantages, etc. Thus, to be a friend to the world is to count dear the material over the heavenly. Paul admonished, "Set your affections on things above, not on things of the earth" (Colossians 3:2). The Lord taught, "you cannot serve both God and mammon" (Mt 6:24).

Those suggesting that their friendship with the world is benign need only consider the fruit of it manifest in the lives of its casualties. Consider the husband or wife whose love of pleasure more than God's word led to adultery. Consider the son or daughter whose love of material possessions has taken them away from their responsibility as a child of God in favor of education or a career. Consider the congregation whose members have been more interested in fame and fortune than the cause of Christ. Consider the souls that we might have saved if Christians were not so consumed with this life and its offering! Harmless? I think not! □

Weekly Walk!