

Weatherly Weekly

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USEFUL VESSELS

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Reaching our potential as a Christian begins with a pure heart. The Bible book of God gives the blueprint for usefulness in the great house of the Master and calls upon us as vessels of honor to pursue holiness. Paul reminded the Thessalonians, “God has not called us for impurity, but holiness,” *1 Thessalonians 4:7*. This was not a one-shot message, but the pleading for purity of God’s people was his constant appeal.

His young counterpart Timothy was given the same message. In context Paul just used the picture of God’s building (the solid foundation of God stands). Now he thinks of that building as a great house that has a variety of vessels in it – bowls, plates, vases, and other such things, *2 Timothy 2:20-21*. The metaphor firmly roots “usefulness in the great house of the Master” to purity.

For any vessel to be useful it must be

cleansed from what is dishonorable. Thorough cleansing is essential. Certain implements are “set apart” as holy. Their usefulness is critical, and preparation is required to address every good work.

Paul has Timothy in view as he went about the work appointed among God’s people. His charges to “flee” the passions of immaturity in *2 Timothy 2:22-26* might be summarized this way:

Flee personal desire and pursue righteousness. Flee skepticism and pursue faith. Flee lust and pursue love. Flee debate and pursue peace.

God did his part in providing cleansing. As His children we must choose the sort of vessel we will be. This life of holiness is my responsibility, just as it is yours. Run away from sin, and toward God. We have work to prepare to do. Run from those impediments to service, and pursue holiness. God has called each of us to live as useful vessels. □

Going Fishing

Adapted

“And walking by the sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.’ And they immediately left the nets, and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them. And they immediately left the boat and their father, and followed Him,” *Matthew 4:18-22; cf. Mark 1:16-20*. These first disciples were not forced to follow Jesus. They had a choice to continue to fish since they did not know this total stranger. But there must have been something they saw in Jesus, or what He said, that struck a chord in their hearts. There was a certain power in His statement that caused them to want to know more. We later learn the names of the other apostles in the book of Matthew. Jesus gave them strict instructions regarding their behavior when sending them out into the world to spread the message of the Gospel.

In Acts 2 we learn more about the disciples and their love for Jesus. How awesome it must have been for them to know Jesus personally and demonstrate their love for Him. Being able to spend time with Him and to know His purpose, especially after being filled with the Holy Spirit, had to be undeniably the greatest experience they would ever know. These fishermen would show their skills when delivering the message to those on the day of Pentecost. We are all well versed that on that day when about three thousand souls were saved after being baptized. What a big catch!

Today we learn from their example and follow it. We understand that we too must not be afraid to cast our net. It is very simple: we must take the story of Jesus, and the message He has given us, and speak it out into

the world around us. Romans 10:14 states, “And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard?” Our net is the gospel. You must cast it to catch the heart of lost souls. Don’t expect to make a catch every time you cast your net, but keep trying.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- ▶ Be patient.
- ▶ Understand the risk and the rewards.
- ▶ Focus on the casting, not on how many fish (people) you catch.
- ▶ Understand our “nets” will require mending and repair at times. (Continue bible study and learn a growing knowledge of the best approach.)
- ▶ It’s okay to take more time if you don’t get the results you want at first.
- ▶ Don’t give up.
- ▶ Cast again and again.
- ▶ Keep sharing the gospel.
- ▶ You don’t need to have any special talents to try.
- ▶ Remember to catch them before you try to clean them. (Start with preaching Jesus first, and allow other instruction to continue over time.)
- ▶ You need to have a love for the Word and a desire to help save the lost.
- ▶ You can’t catch anything if you don’t cast your net.

It’s ironic, when you fish, you take your catch out of the water. When you convert, you take your catch (people) into the water (the water of baptism). Continue the legacy of the original disciples to be fishers of men. Remember the great commission, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you,” *Matthew 28:19*. So, yes, the gospel is for all. Now go, cast your net! □

Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



Family Updates

Prayers:

We were saddened to learn of the passing of **Glenda Bradner**, daughter of **Edith Turner**, this past Wednesday morning at Huntsville Hospital. Glenda had been hospitalized for several days with symptoms related to COVID illness. She was not able to recover. A private family service will be held today in Huntsville. Glenda will be laid to rest in Olathe, Kansas in the coming days along side her son, **Paul**, and husband, **Wolfgang**. Your prayers for **Edith, Jim & Linda** would be greatly appreciated.

Becky Hill has thankfully completed her series of planned Chemotherapy treatments. We pray this will be behind her now. Please continue to remember her to the Lord as she recovers her strength. Say **Becky & Tommy's** names as you pray this week.

Jenny Jacks continues to struggle with her ongoing chronic ailment. It causes her much difficulty and can be very discouraging. Your prayers are appreciated.

Riley Monroe is doing well. He has a lot on him in caring for **Peggy's** needs. Peggy was diagnosed with the Flu this past week, but seems to be doing ok at this point. Riley informs me that they intend for her to stay at Regency for now in Skilled Nursing. This will aid with her special needs. Please keep Riley & Peggy in your prayers. These are difficult times.

Betty Dubose's brother-in-law, **Leonard Downum**, has been diagnosed with Merkel Cell Carcinoma, a rare but treatable cancer. He is scheduled to begin Chemo soon. Betty's sister, **DeeDee**, has expressed her thanks for the prayers of the church for Leonard and the

family.

Please continue to remember **Will & Sarah Starks'** granddaughter, **Ciera Elledge**, as she undergoes rigorous treatments for her recurrent cancer.

It was wonderful to see **Jim Ehl** at worship on Sunday. The Ehl's are getting settled. Please remember Caryl in prayer. She is pressing ahead but has several health challenges. We are thrilled they are back in Huntsville.

Sherrie Stovall's brother, **Parker Jones**, remains on our prayer list as he recovers.

Louise Caudle, Wes' mom, **Louise Caudle**, will be undergoing surgery on Monday. Pray for a successful outcome.

Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's sister, remains in our daily prayers.

Pray for these. Each has their own particular health challenge. — **Peggy Monroe, Bill McCord, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godette, Maragem Harbin & Betty Dubose.**

This Week at Weatherly

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE class meets at 9:30. **Mike McLemore** is continuing his study entitled "Maxims for Living" from Proverbs.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP follows at 10. **Mike** continues his January 2023 series titled, **All Things New**. Today's lesson is **Seek God's Face** from 2 Chronicles 7.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP begins at 6. **Mike** will lead us in a devotional. Let's all attend.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY begins at 7. **Mike** will continue his verse by verse study of the book of **First Thessalonians**. ☐

JANUARY & FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



JANUARY 29, 2023

1-28	Cooper Caudle	1-29	James Risner
1-29	Will Starks	1-30	Jenny Jacks
1-31	Shirley Laney	2-7	Maragem Harbin
2-11	Aaron Gore	2-13	Julie Guice

The Hands of Jesus Adapted

During World War II, a church building in Strasbourg was destroyed.

After the bombing, the members surveyed the area to see what damage was done. They were pleased that a statue of Christ with outstretched hands was still standing. It had been sculpted centuries before by a great artist.

Taking a closer look, the people discovered both hands of Christ had been sheered off by a falling beam. Later, a sculptor in the town offered to replace the broken hands as a gift to the church. The church leaders met to consider the offer and decided not to accept it. They felt the statue without hands would be a great illustration that God's work is done through his people.

Truly, in the church, we are the "hands of Christ." If Christ is to minister to the poor, it must be through our hands. If he is to take care of the sick, it must be through our hands. If he is to reach out to those who are lonely, it must be through our hands.

One paraphrase says of 1 Corinthians 12:27, "Together you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of that body."

I wonder do you see something around you that Christ needs to take care of today? He has no hands. but OUR hands! ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:30 am
Sunday AM Assembly	10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly	6:00 pm
Wednesday Classes	7:00 pm

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Kirk Hatcher	David Jacks
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, January 29th

Welcome: Will Starks
Song Leader: Hill Roberts
Opening Prayer: Collis Terry
Lord's Table Lead: Tommy Hill

Sermon: Mike McLemore
2 Chronicles 7:11-15
Seek God's Face
Closing Prayer: Alex Thompson

Sunday, February 5th

Welcome: Tommy Hill
Song Leader: Mel Ambrose
Opening Prayer: WD Patrick
Lord's Table Lead: Phil Furlough
Sermon: Mike McLemore
Hebrews 11:24-28
Overcoming Bad Choices
Closing Prayer: Adam Hagewood

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz Mike McLemore
Songs Leader: Bill Thompson
Opening Prayer: Phil Furlough
Closing Prayer: Bobby Wright

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
Songs Leader: Mel Ambrose
Opening Prayer: Phil Shaver
Closing Prayer: Tommy Hill

Wednesday, February 1st

Songs Leader: Hill Roberts
Invitation: Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer: Phil Shaver

Wednesday, February 1st

Collis Terry
Mike McLemore
Mel Ambrose

Quarterly Adult Classes January – March 2023

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Maxims for Living
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
1 & 2 Thessalonians
Mike McLemore

Serving in January

Serving on the Lord's Table AM & PM
** Overseer

** Steve Hagewood (1-1), Ed Dill (1-8), Marty Hunt (1-15), Phil Shaver (1-22), Tommy Hill (1-29)

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Collis Terry

