

# Weatherly Weekly

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## The Church: Her Mission

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All rational beings act from motive. God is a rational being, hence He has a purpose or purposes for the creation and the establishment of the church of the Lord. This being true whatever God's purposes were in establishing the church constitute her mission in the world. Further one must acknowledge either that mission is revealed or unrevealed. Consider the following.

Some take the view that the church has no specific, revealed work. If this is so, man has no responsibility with reference to the church whatsoever, for only revealed things are man's responsibility, *Deuteronomy 29:29*. This is an absurd position. If God's purposes in creating the church are not revealed, its demise would have been certain and unavoidable. This is false.

Men desire this to be true for two reasons. First, the liberty men exercise concerning the things in which they involve the church re-

quires defense, *i.e.* never ending recreational activities and equally never ceasing fund raising apart from free will contributions, *1 Corinthians 16:1-2*. Second, when they are questioned with reference to these activities, they ask, "What is the work of the church?" as though she has no particular work for which she exists by divine mandate. These views imply that the church has no specific work or mission revealed in the word of God, thus can be obligated to any and all work, or no work at all. Absurd. Such an organism is destined to doom, and that in short order.

In fact Jesus has expressly revealed the mission of the church, then demonstrated that mission being performed, *i.e.* the Acts of Apostles. This mission is not *unlimited* as many desire it to be, but *limited*, *cf.* *1 Timothy 3:15*. Her mission has not been left to human judgment, but is subject to the mandates of her Creator and King, *Matthew 16:18; 28:18*. The Lord and not man ordered His church's organization, praise and mission. □

## What Really Matters

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What really matters to God? The theme of the Bible is our first clue – Salvation. It's no wonder that New Testament writers over and over relate elements of what salvation entails for the sinner. The great salvation offered in Jesus Christ is cleansing from sin. It is offered in love. It spans the crevasse from death to life. Salvation is made available through faith in Christ. It is the precursor to good works. It is God's divine purpose.

While the New Testament is bursting with hopeful tones, it's ironic that the "Good News" includes some really bad news. "All have sinned," *Romans 3:23*. You have walked the wrong path, "the course of this world," *Ephesians 2:2*. You have strayed from your Creator! You have broken fellowship with God! We live in a world that begs for a "safe space," that rejects and avoids hearing bad news, or messages that conflict with their choices or doctrines. Jesus told His religious critics, "The world is sick and needs a physician," *Matthew 9:12*. Salvation is for sinners. Jesus came to the world for that end, *Luke 19:10*. We all need to be made alive because we're dead, *Ephesians 2:1-3*.

Our choices have brought about our own spiritual death. We are still living, yes, but we are "dead while we live," *1 Timothy 5:6*. "We are alienated" from the One that can deliver us from our "hopeless state," *Ephesians 2:12, 4:18*. The Holy Spirit of God

calls us to an awareness of our condition before a Holy God. Why? Not to tyrannically shatter self-esteem, but to prepare us to accept His hand-up and out of a life that offers no hope, *Matthew 11:28-30*.

The "Good News" of Jesus Christ is for sinners.

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind."

*Ephesians 2:1-3*

It is for those lost in sin, *Hebrews 5:9*. In this state of hopelessness and helplessness we desperately need the salvation that only Jesus Christ offers. Thus Paul wrote, "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind," *Ephesians 2:1-3*.

God takes people who are spiritually dead and makes them alive again. Paul was writing to people about their past, what you and I were before "salvation in Christ." But, if you have not obeyed the "Good News" he is describing your present, calling you to leave it in favor of a new hope. Receive the salvation that can take you from the hopelessly lost condition of sin and restore you to right standing before your Creator. Allow it to remove the burden and guilt of sin. Won't you receive the saving grace of Jesus Christ? □

Watch LIVE!

# FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



## Rejoice with US!

Rejoice with us in the baptism of **Sarah Wilbourn** on Wednesday evening in front of a large assembly of our family. She responded to the invitation fittingly offered by **John Patrick**. Please help us welcome Sarah. We will pass contact information shortly.

## Family Updates

### Prayers:

**Ron Harmon** has moved to Regency Rehabilitation off Max Luther. We are happy that he continues to make good progress and are looking forward to his being able to return home after regaining needed strength to move about on his own. Please continue to pray for him and for **Phyllis**.

**Wes's** mom, **Louise Caudle**, is still undergoing her intensive daily radiation treatments. Please continue to remember her to the Lord as you pray daily. Your prayers are appreciated.

No word yet on rescheduling **Bill McCord's** knee replacement surgery. We will pass along

more information as we receive it. In the meantime pray for his comfort.

As we mentioned last week **Shelia Hage-wood's** mom, **Pat Gamble** is home. We are thankful for her recovery. Remember her to the Lord this week.

**Silvia Henderson's** sister-in-law, **Ann Henderson**, remains on our prayer list. Please continue to remember her to the Lord.

Pray for **Susan Watson's** mother, **Janie Cheatham**. We are thankful for the good days and are continuing to pray for her and family.

**Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's** sister continues to have an interest in our prayers.

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

## This Week at Weatherly

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE** class meets at 9:30. **Tommy Hill** is continuing his study, **Building Strong Homes**. Please see Mike McLemore if you have not picked up your book.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP** follows at 10. **Mike** is continuing series "When God is Silent." Today's lesson, **Keep Silence Before Him**, is taken from **Habakkuk 2**.

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP** begins at 6. **Mike** will lead us in a devotion. We hope you will plan to gather with us.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** begins at 7. **Mike** will continue his verse by verse study of the **Gospel of Mark**. See you then. ☐

## Trust

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**T**rust is a great imperative in every relationship. Jesus cautioned, "Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil," *Matthew 5:37*. The questioned "Can you be trusted?" should never need be asked of God's people. It is known that Jesus' disciple can be trusted. It is a precious thing, trust. It cannot be taken lightly. Marriages, careers, friendships, battles, ad infinitum, stand or fall on the ability of one to trust another. Our question: "How trustworthy are you?"

Many have obeyed Christ, have been added by the Lord to His church, but have turned back from Him in unfaithfulness. Excuses are offered. People and situations are blamed. Assurances are posed, "I still have faith. But I'm struggling right now." The truth is, while they may have faith, they are not faithful! It is a breach of trust. If we are not faithful to Him who loved us, we have broken the trust that God placed in us when we became Christians.

Our God can always be trusted, *1 Tim. 6:17*. He is faithful, *1 Cor. 10:13*. In His faithfulness He has made a way back for those who have broken His trust in them. In repentance the fallen child finds forgiveness, acceptance and new opportunity. God can be trusted to keep His word.

Where are you? Have you broken God's trust? Do you need to come to your senses, come back to God and begin again to live in His trust? Come to Him, trust Him. Let Him trust you. ☐



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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, July 23rd

**Welcome:** **Will Starks**  
**Song Leader:** **Hill Roberts**  
**Opening Prayer:** **Bill Thompson**  
**Lord's Table Lead:** **Tommy Hill**  
**Habakkuk 2**  
**Sermon:** **Mike McLemore**  
**Keep Silent Before Him**  
**Closing Prayer:** **Searcy Hall**

## Sunday, July 30th

**Tommy Hill**  
**Mel Ambrose**  
**WD Patrick**  
**Marty Hunt**  
**Nehemiah 9**  
**Mike McLemore**  
**Faithful God**  
**Wes Caudle**

## Evening Worship

**Bible Skillz** **Mike McLemore**  
**Songs Leader:** **David Jacks**  
**Opening Prayer:** **Phil Shaver**  
**Closing Prayer:** **Ron Harmon**

## Evening Worship

**Mike McLemore**  
**Mel Ambrose**  
**Phil Furlough**  
**Ed Dill**

## Wednesday, July 26th

**Songs Leader:** **Doyle Wray**  
**Invitation:** **Mike McLemore**  
**Closing Prayer:** **John Patrick**

## Wednesday, August 2nd

**TBA**  
**Mike McLemore**  
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## Weatherly Heights Singing August 11th

**Tim Stevens, Jim Deason**  
**Lane Alexander**

## Quarterly Adult Classes April – June 2023

**AUDITORIUM SUNDAY**  
Building Strong Homes  
**Tommy Hill**

**AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY**  
The Gospel of Mark  
**Mike McLemore**

## Serving in July

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

\*\* Ed Dill (7-2), Phil Shaver (7-9), Steve Hagewood (7-16), Tommy Hill (7-23), Marty Hunt (7-30)

Communion Prep  
Building Lockup

Phil Furlough

## JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



7-19	Jim Ehl	7-19	Peggy Shelton
7-27	Donna Godette	7-29	Mike McLemore
7-31	Phillip Dill	8-02	Wanda Castleman
8-10	Clark Boles	8-10	Natalie Frazier
8-11	Phyllis Harmon	8-19	Peggy Childress

## WEEKLY WALK

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