

The Weatherly Weekly

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK OCTOBER 30	NEXT WEEK NOVEMBER 6
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Louis Garrett	Tommy Hill
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Tommy Hill	Mike Coward
Scripture Reading	Adam Hagewood	Melvin Godette
Closing Prayer	Mike Coward	W. D. Patrick
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	SINGING	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Will Starks	Nick Holland
Closing Prayer	W.D. Patrick	Ken Cavender
Wednesday PM	NOVEMBER 2	NOVEMBER 9
Song Leader	Collis Terry	Phil Furlough
Invitation	Louis Garrett	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Charlie Carter	Terry Barnett
Group Meeting	N/A	Group 1

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2016

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Acts of Apostles Survey
Nick Holland

ADITORIUM WEDNESDAY

The Book of Daniel
Mike McLemore



2017 WEATHERLY HEIGHTS LECTURES

Mark you calendar
May 4th—7th, 2017

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

November	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Wes Caudle Ron Harmon Bobby Wright Jim Ehl ** Collis Terry Kirk Hatcher Jeremy Leshko Ryan Patrick
** Overseer	
Lord's Supper PM	Forest Summers ** 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	Dot Summers
Building Lockup	Forest Summers

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Weatherly's Deacons

Steve Hagewood	Ron Harmon	David Jacks
Hill Roberts	Will Starks	Forest Summers
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.

Suffering with Christ

Michael W. McLemore

Peter exhorted Christians: "...think it not strange concerning the fiery trial among you, which cometh upon you to prove you..." (1 Peter 4:12, 13). Why do Christians suffer?

Certainly not all people who suffer are Christians. But it is safe to say that all who are truly disciples of Christ will suffer. "All that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12). Such persecution is directly related to the godly living of the child of God. If one lives godly he will meet with resistance from all that is in opposition to "think it not strange concerning the fiery trials among you." In fact such suffering is to be expected.

In our text "all" suffering is not under consideration, rather it is being a partaker of "Christ's sufferings" that Peter discusses. "For let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evil-doer, or as a meddler in other men's matters: but if a man suffer as a Christian, let

him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name" (1 Peter 4:15, 16). Jesus recognized that such suffering would follow those who follow Him. "I have given them thy word; and the world hateth them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" (John 17:14). Jesus suffered because He was willing to subject Himself to the will of the God. Such was righteous suffering.

Suffering with Christ becomes for us an occasion for rejoicing. We rejoice in righteous suffering because just as Jesus was glorified after the agony of the cross, so shall we reach glory, for, "he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved." Hope of glory gives us a proper perspective of righteous suffering. "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us? (Romans 8:18). Suffering is a joy to those who stand with Christ! ☐

FREEDOM Can Only Be Found From God

By Kent Heaton

Thomas Jefferson wrote, "And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure, when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but by his wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever" (Notes on Virginia, 1784). The nature of freedom is relative to what men want to be free from. Our country was founded upon the principles of the knowledge of a Creator and from His hand life is sustained. Belief in God was not ridiculed as in our day. Prayer was not banished nor service to the one true God abandoned. Freedom celebrated in this generation is freedom from the restraints of a loving Creator.

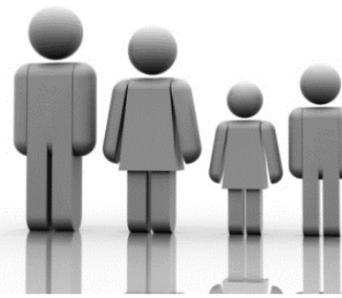
The irony of our freedom is the enslaving power of self. Karl Barth said, "What was called freedom in the European age now past collapsed, and was bound to collapse, because for a long time and at an amazingly deep level it had degenerated into a freedom for godlessness and inhumanity" (Community, Church and State, 1946). The Psalmist declared: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalms 33:12). When a nation turns away from the foundational belief that man is to serve the Creator, society falls headlong into a godless, immoral and self-serving avalanche of destruction.

Paul shows the course of man's enslavement to self in Romans 1. First he shows how man chose not to glorify the Creator. "For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened" (Romans 1:21). In the darkness of their hearts, men "exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever"

(Romans 1:25). Falling headlong into godless acts of homosexuality (v 26,27) they "did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper" (Romans 1:28). When you take a moment to read Romans 1:29-32 you will see the freedom man has found in serving the creature (himself) rather than the Creator (Jehovah God).

All nations exist by the power of the Creator. "Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God" (Romans 13:1). In Hannah's prayer of I Samuel 2, she declares the majesty of God's power over all mankind: "The Lord kills and makes alive; He brings down to Sheol and raises up. The Lord makes poor and rich; He brings low, He also exalts. He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with nobles, and inherit a seat of honor; for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and He set the world on them. He keeps the feet of His godly ones, but the wicked ones are silenced in darkness; for not by might shall a man prevail. Those who contend with the Lord will be shattered; against them He will thunder in the heavens, The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; and He will give strength to His king, and will exalt the horn of His anointed" (I Samuel 2:6-10).

For man to enjoy freedom he must submit to the Creator of the world. This submission is not oppressive (I John 5:3) but filled with love and grace. The Lord protects us and cares for us. The Creator of the world gave His only begotten Son to give us freedom (Romans 6:23; Galatians 5:1). Celebrate freedom in the willingness to abide by His care and His rule. True freedom can only come from Jehovah God. □



Family matters
News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Jim Risner underwent his cardiac ablation last week and was home from the hospital the same evening. We rejoice that he is doing better and pray this will solve his Afib problem. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

June Furlough knee is doing well after surgery. We are praying her recovery will be swift and painless. Your prayers and words of encouragement are so meaningful.

We are continuing to pray for *the Harmon's* nephew, *Blake Wood*. Blake went home to his parent's home on Saturday. His care will be extensive. Your prayers for this young man and his family are desperately needed.

Collis & Sue Terry's friend, *Jerry Shelton*, remain on our prayer list.

Today at Weatherly

Today we will begin the selection process of Elders here at Weatherly Heights. Mike McLemore will be speaking today from Acts 6. His lesson is entitled "Pick Out From Among You." Following the lesson *Tommy Hill* will address the congregation. Afterward, *Mike McLemore* will make a brief presentation to explain the handout to the congregation.

Our hope is the membership will appreciate the gravity of this responsibility and participate fully in the effort. By our collective participation we will be able to identify those men who the Lord

would have lead this family going forward. Any questions about the process should be directed to *Louis Garrett* and *Tommy Hill*.

We asking the congregation to make their selections and return their booklet to the elders no later than Sunday, November 13th.

Sunday Night Study Series

Sunday Night Study Series is in week #4. Plan to come tonight! Bring a



friend as we continue our study of the "Bee-Attitudes!"

No Group Meeting

Being their fifth Sunday of the month, their will be no group meeting tonight. Any guest cards should be directed either to *Doyle Wray* or *Mike McLemore*.

Thank You for Your Work

We are blessed at Weatherly to have so many willing servants. The last few weeks our meeting house has been filled with hard workers pulling out Study Series together. Thank you for you hard work! □

Weatherly Birthdays



11-1 Sandra Gore
11-11 Kiel Adams
11-20 Riley Monroe

11-1 Jake Curtis
11-18 Samuel Holland
11-21 Miles Ibarra

Make Every Effort

Michael W. McLemore

"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness... by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire" (2 Peter 1:2-4).

Christianity is no spectator sport. You must participate for the benefits to come to you. What benefit is discovered through mere observation? Christ wants our participation. Sadly many are content to be mere spectators hoping to catch something of value. Brethren, it simply isn't going to happen!

Commit! Stir yourself in. Jump in. Participate. Do this personally. And not just on Sunday. This is the genuine Christian's continual way of life. This definitely is a daily task. Jesus said we need to deny ourselves and take up our cross daily — a total commitment. This is making "Christ" our life. Not just "adding" Him to "our" life. It means being all stirred in.

What are we participating in? Answer, the Divine Nature. What does that mean? Peter is saying that believers can come to share in the qualities that are characteristic of God himself. It does NOT mean that we are granted divinity. It means we are given some participation in that nature.

Peter followed, "For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith..." Are we making the effort that would please the Lord who bought us again? □

Weekly Walk!