

# Weatherly @work



## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK JANUARY 1	NEXT WEEK JANUARY 8
<b>Sunday AM</b>		
Announcements	Tommy Hill	Tommy Hill
Song Leader	David Jacks	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Louis Garrett	Tommy Hill
Scripture Reading	Charley Carter	Melvin Godette
Closing Prayer	Marty Hunt	Ron Holland
<b>Sunday PM</b>		
Song Leader	David Jacks	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Collis Terry	Jim Ehl
Closing Prayer	Nick Holland	Mike Coward
<b>Wednesday PM</b>	<b>JANUARY 4</b>	<b>JANUARY 4</b>
Song Leader	Collis Terry	Mike Coward
Invitation	Louis Garrett	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Ron Harmon	W.D. Patrick
<b>Group Meeting</b>	Group 1	Group 2

## MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

<b>January</b>	
<b>Serving on the Lord's Table AM</b>	Ken Cavender Melvin Godette Terry Barnett Steve Hagewood ** Forest Summers
** Overseer	Gene Preston Kirk Hatcher Kiel Adams
<b>Lord's Supper PM</b>	W. D. Patrick ** Will Patrick
<b>Visitor Greeting</b>	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Louis Garrett
Side Door	Forest & Dot Summers
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Cavender/T. Hill
Communion Prep	Hilda Wright
Building Lockup	Bobby Wright

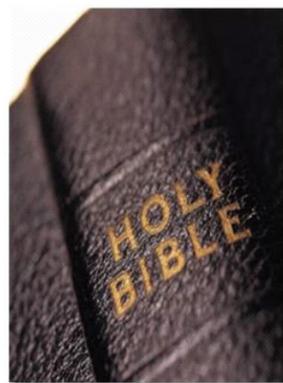
## QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2016

### AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Galatians  
Gene Preston

### ADITORIUM WEDNESDAY

New Testament Worship  
Michael McLemore



## 2017 WEATHERLY HEIGHTS LECTURES

Mark you calendar  
May 4th—7th, 2017

### Weatherly's Shepherds

Louis Garrett (256) 883-7785  
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### Evangelist

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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	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.

Newsletter of the Weatherly Heights Church of Christ

# The Weatherly

HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR  
2017

January 1, 2017

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## A Brand New Year

**Michael W. McLemore**

A brand new year begins today. Am I the only one who feels there is something special about being able to begin a new year on the Lord's Day? Meeting 2017 with a fresh desire to make the most of it ought to be our high priority. What would the Lord have me to do with the gift of a brand new year?

Glorify God. Jesus commanded His disciples to "Let your light shine before men" so we will bear spiritual fruit that glorifies the Lord (Matthew 5:16). We must ask *Am I giving praise to God by my conduct today?* As our life increasingly follows the pattern of the Savior, our thoughts and deeds will bring God glory, pointing our fellow man to Him.

Conform to Christ's image. Literally, take His shape! In every decision, we should ask, *Will this help me become more like my Lord or tempt me to be weaker and cause me to turn away from Him?* Submitting our minds, emotions and will to the Lord, will build Christ's charac-

ter qualities into our life (*cf.* Romans 8:29). As we rely on the Word of God, the Holy Spirit will guide us in making wise decisions, guiding us safely past Satan's attempt to shape us into the image of this world.

Follow the Lord's word. Every disciple evaluating their direction in life should first ask, *Is this in keeping with God's word?* Throughout the Scriptures, God has revealed what pleases Him. His commands are clear regarding the way Christians should live (John 10:4). Our home, business, and community life are to be patterned after His word.

Each day of 2017 don't let yourself be pressured into actions or decisions that would be displeasing to God. Train yourself to stop and ask what has God said? Will this choice bring God glory? Will this action be reflective of Christ living in me? Am I following His word? Do not step ahead until you have an answer! □

Watch us  
LIVE!

# “Be Ye Doers...”

By Dee Bowman

Doing good is the essence of Christianity. Jesus came into the world to do good (Acts 10:28), and He expects his followers to do good as well (Matthew 5:16; 6:10; James 4:17). That "good-doing" extends to every area of life. It means not only loving those who love us, but even those who would do us harm (Matthew 5:44), as well as extending acts of kindness even to those who do not deserve such (I Peter 2:21-f). It even means patiently enduring persecution if need be, that the name of Jesus be glorified. Doing good is what the Golden Rule is all about (Luke 6:31-f).

Doing good is personal; "good-doing" is done by persons. It is an outward manifestation of love performed by a person committed to Christ and His gospel. It may show mercy, kindness, benevolence, or just simple courtesy, but its main intention is to show love. Love is the basis for good service. When Jesus washed the feet of the disciples (John 13:1-16), it most certainly was a sign of His personal humility, but that humility was the offspring of His personal love. He makes the application intimate when He says, "If I, then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye ought also to wash one another's feet" (John 13:14). It was a personal thing, one to the other. His summation is simple: "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." It's a personal enjoiner.

Doing good is very often the key to one's own happiness. Everyone suffers the pain of discouragement from time to time. I have found that the best way to get out of the pit of discouragement is to get up, get out, and do something for someone. That may mean divorcing yourself from yourself, and putting yourself at the disposal of others, but you will soon realize that there is a sense of satisfaction which comes from being concerned enough for others that you are willing to wade in to their difficulties—even if it brings some difficulty or inconvenience to yourself. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do it heartily as unto the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance; for ye serve the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24). Even if you receive no accolades for a good deed done here, remember that God sees.

And time is short. We need to do as much good as we can right now. Henry Drummond once wrote, "I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." If you had planned to send some flowers, do it today. If some encouraging remark for someone is on your mind, get in touch with them and say it. If a visit would encourage some down-trodden soul, get up, get out, and get on with it. And if someone needs to hear, "I love you," say it now while there is yet time. Time flies. So do opportunities.

Some folks think that doing good requires some big act of some kind—some large donation, some huge consideration, some special service. It is not so! Some of the most special and precious gifts are small, simple expressions of love. It's not the price of the gift nor the value of the service that makes it special, but the love and sincerity with which it is given. Even the smallest favor—like a well-timed "thank you," or "you're so nice," or "you're very pleasant," can bring considerable and immediate joy to someone—even someone you don't know very well. Some of the grandest gifts of all, if measured in terms of money, might seem to be cheap items. But there is real value in the genuine love that prompted that small, sometimes insignificant gift.

And let me remind you of something: intentions won't serve for the act of doing good. You have to do more than intend. I think most folks want to do good, and I think most folks intend to. They just don't get around to it. I doubt seriously that the Good Samaritan did not do what he did as a one-time, isolated incident. Chances are he acted that way all the time. And please observe—he ran the risk, he got involved. He didn't wait around. He did what He could—personally—while he could. Folks, we have to give ourselves before we will give to others (II Corinthians 8:5), and we have to follow through to be effective (James 2:15-17).

It's always in order to do good. That person who is determined to do good sweetens every situation and adds something special to every circumstance. "As we have opportunity, let us do good..." □



## Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members



### Will Starks & Forest Summers Appointed Today

This morning *Will Starks* and *Forest Summers* will be officially ordained as Elders of the Weatherly Heights church of Christ. Our Weatherly family has worked together over the course of the last three months to bring us to this day. We have been careful in our study, consideration and identification of these well qualified men. We are grateful to our sitting elders, *Louis Garrett* and *Tommy Hill* for their leadership through this process. With these two appointments our family will enjoy the benefits of capable leadership going forward. Our prayer is that the Lord will bless our faithful effort to act in accord with His divine will.

Today *Mike McLemore* will speak from God's word, then in keeping with the New Testament pattern, will formally appoint *Will* and *Forest* as Elders of the congregation. Following their appointment we will hear from the men. Our prayer is that each member will show your support for our new elders.

### Pray for Those in Need

We are continuing to pray for *Riley Monroe* and *Phil Furlough* who are recovering from surgery. We are grateful for their progress. Say their name to the Lord.

*Art Miller* is at home. Please remember *Art & Cecelia* to the Lord daily as you pray.

*Ron Harmon* is doing well after the cataract surgery he had before the holiday. Our apologies for not printing this earlier.

Several in our family have been sick. We are praying for each one.

*Steve Gittings*, *Joanne Abernathy's* bother-in-law, will begin treatments again shortly. His improvement has led to this decision. We are asking our folks to please continue to pray for *Steve*.

### Sunday Skills Class Tonight

Sunday Night Skills Class will begin at 5 p.m. We are blessed to have so many young families and children. Your interest in spiritual things is apparent and appreciated by our whole Weatherly family. Plan to be here tonight if possible.

### Group 1 Will Not Meet

Group 1 will not be meeting tonight following evening worship. Any guest cards should be passed to *Mike McLemore* or *Doyle Wray*. □

### Weatherly Birthdays



JANUARY 1, 2017

1-1	Sharon Dubose	1-1	Carol Risner
1-3	Linzy Riggs	1-4	Isabella Hatcher
1-6	Keria Godette	1-7	Bobby Wright
1-9	Jacob Frazier	1-9	Wes Caudle
1-11	Elena Hagewood	1-11	Margaret Smith

## Anchor for the Soul

Michael W. McLemore

Thirty-five hundred years ago God made a covenant with Abraham: a promise that He would make him a great nation, that He would bless him, and make his name great (Genesis 12:1-3). This promise provided an anchor for Abraham's soul. An anchor that would carry him through years of great trial, disappointment, not understanding, and being instructed to do the impossible.

In the same way, God has provided for us an anchor for our souls, secured in heaven by Christ (Hebrews 6:17-19). A promise that can never be taken away, and never fade. In Christ our souls are secured. He is our firm foundation, our solid rock, our cornerstone, or hope. If we attempt to make anything else our anchor, when the storms of life come (and they will!) we will be tossed to and fro.

Ask yourself this question: where am I throwing my anchor? What am I looking to in an attempt to feel safe and secure? Am I looking to relationships with a spouse, children or brethren? Am I looking to worldly advantage in a job, money, position, education or an inheritance? Am I looking within to my talents or charisma?

These will all fail. When the circumstances of life are overwhelming, our only hope for security is found in Christ alone. He alone is unchangeable (Hebrews 13:8). His feelings for us never change (Psalm 100:5). He has saved our souls and has brought us near to Him where we can find mercy and grace in our time of need (Hebrews 4:16). □

## Weekly Walk!