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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK DECEMBER 4	NEXT WEEK DECEMBER 11
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Louis Garrett	Louis Garrett
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	W.D. Patrick	Jim Ehl
Scripture Reading	Searcy Hall	Terry Childress
Closing Prayer	Steve Hagewood	Mike Coward
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Nick Holland	Gene Preston
Closing Prayer	Kirk Hatcher	Murray Castleman
Wednesday PM		
Song Leader	DECEMBER 7 Phil Furlough	DECEMBER 14 Collis Terry
Invitation	Louis Garrett	Louis Garrett
Closing Prayer	Ron Harmon	Gene Preston
Group Meeting	Group 1	Group 2

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

December	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Adam Hagewood Mike Holt Nick Holland Tommy Hill ** Phil Furlough Marty Hunt Dwight Ivey Jerry Mitchell
** Overseer	
Lord's Supper PM	Will Starks ** Doyle Wray
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Ann Summers & Susan Hand
Side Door	Mike & Gwyn McLemore
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Jimison/Ehl
Communion Prep	Hilda Wright & Sarah Starks
Building Lockup	Phil Furlough

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

Weatherly's Shepherds

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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.

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The Power is YOU!

Michael W. McLemore

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most power testimony of the gospel doesn't come from the pulpit. The strongest communication for Jesus Christ where you work, where you live, and where you relax is YOU! Are you mindful of the message you preach through your words and actions?

Paul wrote to the Galatians of the "fruit" of the Holy Spirit of God in the believer's character and conduct (Galatians 5:22-23). These qualities are generated, not of our own power, but through the influence of the Spirit, as His word empowers the believer. The pressure is on, temptation is formidable, an avalanche of problems are in hot pursuit, but how the life is lived in the face of adversity is the most powerful message we preach.

The world needs the testimony of godly families loving one another. It needs business

people working with frugality and integrity. It needs to see young men and women choosing moral purity. It needs to see our walk as believers matching our talk as preachers. It needs to be demonstrated by the obedient.

By demonstrating peace instead of angst, or practicing patience rather than speaking a harsh word, a Christian bears testimony to the beauty of the gospel. We attract unbelievers to Jesus through our true words, matched by our faithful deeds. They may turn a deaf ear to a spoken word, but they cannot dismiss the testament of a righteous life.

The Holy Spirit of God produces fruit in the life of every faithful Christian. He does not limit Himself to preachers and teachers. If you are in Christ, then He resides in you, as the same great power that raised Christ from the dead. Won't you let the Holy Spirit create godly character in you? The power is YOU, live it out daily! ☐

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The Path to Greatness

Michael W. McLemore

Someone has said, "The pathway to greatness trends downward before it begins to ascend." While this may be true as a general rule, it is not universally applicable. However, one starting a career usually may expect to begin with the elementary aspects of the endeavor as a basis for moving upward in duties and responsibilities.

BUT SOME LOVE PREEMINENCE

One named Diotrophes is described as loving the preeminence (3 John 9). This is the only reference to this individual in the text. The verse that follows reveals that his place of eminence was not used to the glory of God, as it might have been had his motives been pure.

Jesus warned the disciples to avoid falling victim to the ways of the scribes and Pharisees. "They loved the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues." (Matthew 23:6) They performed their deeds to be seen of men, binding responsibility on others. What they demanded of others, they did not perform themselves. The Lord said of them, "...do not after their works: for they say and do not" (Matthew 23:1-12).

Some may remember the impetuous boy or girl in school whose hand went up the moment a teacher posed a question. Such a one was ignored at

times to give the instructor opportunity to call upon more retiring students, but who were always prepared. Also, sometimes when called upon, the aggressive one didn't know the answers after all.

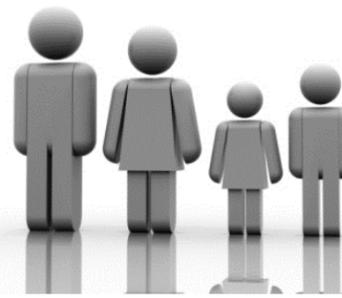
Jesus taught a parable concerning the seat to be occupied at a wedding feast (Luke 14:7-11). If one took the choice place, the host might ask him to vacate it that it might be given to a more honorable man. The Lord summarized the meaning of the example thus: "For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 14:11).

TRUE HUMILITY

Readers are introduced to a righteous woman in 2 Kings 4:8: "And it fell on a day that Elisha passed by Shunem, where was a great woman." Elisha by inspiration knew her heart; and he called her "great." The reader is to learn that her greatness came, not from seeking high recognition, but by declining promotion to a lofty place. Elisha had been extended hospitality by this woman and her husband. The woman suggested to her husband that they build a room and furnish it for the prophet. He was so grateful that he spoke to the woman rewarding her by speaking to the king on her behalf. The words comprising her response when Elisha mentioned this to her provided a class example of humility: "I dwell among my own people" (2 Kings 4:13).

GOOD WORKS NOT TO BE DONE FOR RECOGNITION OF MEN

Kind deeds performed to be seen of others will not merit the reward of heaven. They were done to obtain recognition which was sought. The doer has, thus, received his reward. The path to greatness trends downward before it ascends. □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

David King, 57, brother of our *Jaxie Rogers*, passed away last week. Memorial services were held in Birmingham on Tuesday. *David's* health had begun fail in the last few months. Please remember the *King* and *Rogers* families in your prayers.

Carolyn Holland's father, *Art Miller*, was hospitalized with pneumonia last week. Pray that *Art* will improve. Your prayers for the family, especially his wife, *Cecelia*, are also in order.

Joe Pellegrini will undergo surgery on December 14th at the Madison Surgery Center. Remember *Joe* to the Lord as you pray.

Betty Dubose has a broken bone in her leg. She will be in special boot for a few weeks. We are praying that this treatment will succeed and that she will not need surgery.

Jenny Jacks was not able to have her epidural treatment because she is suffering with a respiratory infection. We are praying that *Jenny* will be able to have the treatment soon.

Becky Hill is trying to get over a respiratory illness. This can present a challenge for her as you are well aware. Please pray for *Becky*.

Thank you for the prayers on behalf of my mother, *Jemie McLemore*. She is doing better (MWM).

Joanne Abernathy arrived home safely from Nevada on Wednesday.



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We are continuing to pray for her brother-in-law, *Steve Gittings*.

Devotion Tonight

Our first Sunday Night Devotion will be held this evening at the home of *John Stokes* immediately after worship tonight. We hope everyone will plan to participate. This is a great encouragement.

Sunday Skills Class Tonight

We will resume our regular Sunday evening schedule tonight. The Sunday Skills Class will begin at 5 p.m. We hope all of our children will gather on the front pew as we begin this very popular effort.

Thank YOU!

Louis Garrett pulled double duty last week while *Mike McLemore* was out of town visiting family. He taught the Wednesday evening Bible study and then preached on Sunday morning. We appreciate his fine work. Thank you, Sir!

Group 1 Meets Today

Group 1, led by *W.D. Patrick*, meets today immediately following morning worship at the home of *Mike & Peggy Coward*. We hope you can attend your group meeting. □

Weatherly Birthdays

12-4	Gwyneth McLemore	12-4	Steve Hagewood
12-4	Carley Hill	12-4	Tommy Hill
12-6	Ken Cavender	12-6	John Patrick
12-13	Joanne Abernathy	12-15	Carol Roberts
12-23	Charles Hill	12-24	Jack Barr

More Than Water

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According to the legend, a desert wanderer happened upon a spring of cool, crystal-clear water.

The water was so delightful, he decided to bring the king a sample of it. Barely quenching his own thirst, he filled his leather pouch and began the lengthy journey in the hot desert sun to the palace.

When he finally reached his destination, the water had become stale because of the old leather container in which it had been stored. The king graciously accepted the gift of his faithful subject. He tasted it with an expression of gratitude and delight, and the wanderer went his way with a joyful heart.

After he had gone, others in the king's court tasted the putrid water and asked why the king had pretended to enjoy it. "Ah," responded the king, "it was not the water I tasted, but the spirit in which it was given." □

Weekly Walk!