

Weatherly @ work

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

THIS WEEK
JANUARY 29

Sunday AM
Announcements
Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Closing Prayer

NEXT WEEK
FEBRUARY 5

Tommy Hill
Jared Jimison
Terry Barnett
Bobby Wright
Terry Childress

Sunday PM
Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Closing Prayer

Singing
Phil Furlough
Ken Cavender

Wednesday PM
Song Leader
Invitation
Closing Prayer

FEBRUARY 1
Mike Coward
Louis Garrett
Murray Castleman

Group Meeting

Group 1

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

February
Serving on the
Lord's Table AM

Wes Caudle
Dwight Ivey
Ed Dill
Ron Harmon **
Marty Hunt
Ron Holland
Ryan Patrick
Jerry Mitchell

Lord's Supper PM

Collis Terry **
John Stokes

Visitor Greeting
Sunday AM

Janice Schromsher
Steve & Shelia Hagewood

Side Door

Charles & Penny Hill

Sunday PM
Rear Door/ Side Door

Jimison/Roberts

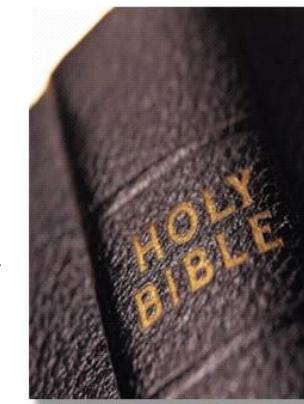
Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Phyllis Harmon & Janice Wray
Ron Harmon

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JANUARY – MARCH 2017

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Galatians
Gene Preston



ADITORIUM WEDNESDAY

New Testament Worship
Michael McLemore

2017 WEATHERLY HEIGHTS LECTURES

Mark your calendar
May 4th—7th, 2017

Weatherly's Shepherds

Louis Garrett	(256) 883-7785
Tommy Hill	(256) 883-0010
Will Starks	(256) 883-5273
Forest Summers	(256) 348-2251

Evangelist

Michael W. McLemore (256) 698-5941
Email: mmclmore@weatherlychurch.com

Weatherly's Deacons

Steve Hagewood	Ron Harmon	David Jacks
Hill Roberts	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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Recruiting

Michael W. McLemore

This is the time of year when collegiate football programs are recruiting players for the next season. Rankings are now publicized to reveal which programs did the best job in the off season. Letters, calls, home visits are all part of the attempt to woo players to choose their school. I ran across a piece some time ago that reveals something interesting about the Lord's tactics in choosing, or for our purposes, recruiting disciples. It is very telling in many ways. I have adapted it for our use.

Jesus wanted only twelve men, not thousands or hundreds (Matthew 10:1). He didn't look for prior experience, or physical prowess, but He looked upon the heart (John 2:25). Jesus recruited not for four years, but for a lifetime. He asked each to give the rest of his life to His cause (Luke 9:62). He wanted men that no one else seemed to want (Acts 4:13). He had no place of His own to offer them, but invited them to places where He was a guest himself (John 1:39, Matthew 8:20).

How did He do? Well, most coaches are through with players after four years of playing time, some succeed while others fail. Jesus' rag tag family of Apostles taught the world the Gospel. The value of their work can never be measured, but the evidence of its quality remains to the present. No recruiter ever achieved such success and became immortalized in the process (Colossians 1:23). □



“The Goal of Patience”

By Don Hooton

After obeying the gospel, one asked, "Preacher, does this mean I won't have any more troubles?" This simple expression conveys what many think about the Christian life. While we must be assured that the blood of Jesus takes away sin and guilt, it does not take us out of this world and its trouble – at least not yet. While many think and teach that life with Jesus eliminates all trouble, it doesn't. Look at the Apostles – beaten (Acts 5:40). Look at Paul – imprisoned (Acts 16:23). Look at us – "Born of woman is of few days and full of trouble" (Job 14:1).

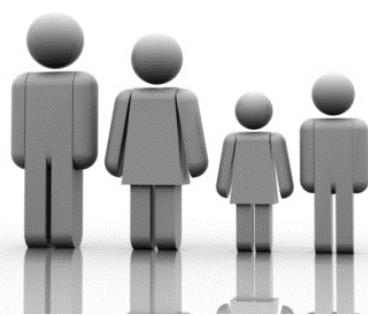
In fact, James writes, "Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." (James 1:2-4).

What James shows is that being a Christian does not end trouble and trial but it does help us respond to it. Instead of reacting to whatever happens, bobbing up and down like a cork in the sea, James helps us see the value of responding to trial with steadfastness (or patience) by seeing the goal. When one grace is tried another is produced.

So first of all, when trial comes, we need to let it work. Stoic apathy and Christian patience are very different. Indifferent emotion is not the same as Christian triumph. When we bear what God allows with a humble obedient eye to Him as well as "counting it all joy" by looking to their result, steadfastness (i.e. patience) will have reached its purpose: making us perfect and complete. □

Second, we need to value its goal: our perfection and completion. Sometimes, these words are used to define each other but here James uses both of them as the object goal of patience. The first word, perfect (*teleio*) means "1. brought to its end, finished, 2. wanting nothing necessary to completeness, 3. Perfect... full grown, adult, of full age, mature." The second word, complete (*oloklero*) means "complete in all its parts, in no part wanting or unsound, complete, entire, whole, of a body without blemish or defect, whether of a priest or of a victim, free from sin, faultless, complete in all respects, consummate." Of course the last clause of the verse sums up the idea of both, "Lacking in nothing." In other words, patience's goal is to leave our character "mature" and "whole".

The goal of patiently enduring suffering is that it will complete our character. We may have had good character built on sound principles but those principles may not have had the opportunity to be fully demonstrated. Trials, perhaps more than anything else, illuminate them. For piety in the soul is not the goal of faith; it is when we patiently endure the pressing of our piety that allows it to really shine. Steadfastness grows character to a mature wholeness of trust and dependency upon God's power and promise, a cheerful submission and a quiet resignation of ours' to God's. This demonstration of a single regard for our spiritual and eternal interest over our earthly will keep us steady in God's purpose, growing wisdom in us, and enlarging fervency in our devotion. Then, it can be said we have reached the goal of patience. □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Ann Summers remains an inpatient at Signature Health, 105 Teakwood, Room 100. She is growing in strength. We are thankful for the measure of improvement that *Ann* has enjoyed. Your visits have been most encouraging to her.

Becky Hill's knee surgery went very well. She will have a few weeks of recovery ahead. We are praying that she will be back to 100% soon minus the knee pain she has been enduring for some time.

Mike Gore has been moved to a regular room. He is stronger and his various blood levels look to be holding. A note from *Betty*, "We all appreciate the prayers offered on *Mike & Sandra's* behalf, as well as the care shown to us about them. Hopefully it won't be too much longer until we learn the extent of his cancer." Your continued prayers are solicited and appreciated.

Steve Guice received tremendous news from his visit to M.D. Anderson. His tests were excellent and he will not need to return to Houston again. His follow up visits, every three months, can be done at UAB in Birmingham. We are rejoicing with the *Guice family*. Remember *Steve & Julie* as they travel.

Steve Gittings, Joanne Abernathy's bother-in-law, remains on our prayer list. *Steve* is being treated for

cancer. Pray for the benefit of his treatments.

Spring Study Series

The dates have been set for our Spring Sunday Night Study Series – March 19th – April 30th. Our theme for the series will be "I'll Be a Christian First!" We are looking forward to these Sunday evening classes. Mark your calendar.

Sunday Night Devotion

Next Sunday evening our Sunday evening devotion will be held at *the McLemore's*, following evening worship. We hope you will plan to attend

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 Meeting Updates

This being the fifth Sunday of the month, no group meeting will be held.

Next Lord's Day Group 1, led by *W.D. Patrick*, will meet for a covered dish and group meeting at the Coward's home. We hope you can attend. □

Weatherly Birthdays

1-29	Will Starks	1-29	Jim Risner
1-30	Jenny Jacks	2-11	Aaron Gore
2-13	Julie Guice	2-15	Glenda Cavender
2-15	Hilda Wright	2-27	Penny Hill

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Respecting Our Elders

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"When Ty Cobb was 70, a reporter asked him, 'What do you think you'd hit if you were playing these days?' Cobb, who was a lifetime .367 hitter, said, 'About .290, maybe .300.' The reporter said, 'That's because of the travel, the night games, the artificial turf, and all the new pitches like the slider, right?' 'No,' said Cobb, 'it's because I'm 70.'"

Whether we are looking forward to it or not, we're all getting older. Truth is, old age frightens most of us. I think Jonathan Swift was right when he said, "Every man desires to live long, but no man wants to be old."

Old age should be something looked upon with honor and respect. The Jews were commanded, "You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man..." (Leviticus 19:32).

But we live in a society where youth is glorified, so age is something you cover up or deny. The talents and skills of the elderly, acquired over a lifetime, are often ignored.

Even David expressed his fear when he prayed to God, "Do not cast me off in the time of old age; Do not forsake me when my strength fails." (Psalm 71:9).

Fortunately, we know that God will not forsake us then (or at any other time!). Though we may not be able to do at 70 what we could do at 40, there is much to be offered (both to God and others) in the "golden years". May God help us to appreciate and respect those who are our elders. □

Weekly Walk!