

The Weatherly Weekly

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We "Have a Name"

Robert Turner

Concerning the church at Sardis the Lord said, "I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead" (Rev. 3:1). Now think, where did they get that "name"?

"Name" is here used in the sense of reputation -- the popular opinion. But the smallness and insignificance of the cause of Christ in the world at that time negates any suggestion that this was a "name" in the world's hall of Fame. The world couldn't care less. Yet, someone had to give them that name, and give it such general acceptance as to warrant significance. The Lord certainly did not sanction this appraisal; so we are forced to conclude that their peers, or social circle, gave them their "name."

Other churches, others of their professed "kind," must have talked of their "good works," "wonderful spirit," "liberal contributions" or whatever that generation considered great. It is apparent that brethren of that age were no more qualified judges of what God approves than their current counterparts. Doesn't it shake you? They had a good reputation -- they got it from their own brethren -- and

it did not amount to a hill of beans (when beans were cheap). No wonder Paul said those who "measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves among themselves, are not wise."

For the Lord said of Sardis, that Big Name church, "thou art dead." What remained was "ready to die." The "few names in Sardis" who had not defiled their garments must have stood out from the rest like a sore thumb -- a few cranks or "fanatics" who would not line up with the majority. Perhaps those "on the march" wished them gone, so as to remove that source of criticism and embarrassment; not realizing that they were the last bit of salt in the whole stinking mess.

The majority "had a name" -- and it seems the "name" was more valued than the truth. Well, we all have a name -- of some sort -- with both God and man. Our concern for what men think often blinds us to what God thinks of us -- and that's what I'd call real near-sightedness. Man, a good reputation is not enough. We've got to consider who gives us our "name." □

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK MARCH 5	NEXT WEEK MARCH 12
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Forest Summers	Forest Summers
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Searcy Hall	David Jacks
Scripture Reading	Ken Cavender	Melvin Godette
Closing Prayer	Mike Coward	Rob Crank
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Ed Dill	Collis Terry
Closing Prayer	Jim Risner	Charley Carter
Wednesday PM	MARCH 8	MARCH 15
Song Leader	Phil Furlough	Mike Coward
Invitation	Mike McLemore	Searcy Hall
Closing Prayer	Tommy Hill	Kirk Hatcher
Group Meeting	Group 1	Group 2

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JANUARY – MARCH 2017

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Galatians
Gene Preston

ADITORIUM WEDNESDAY

New Testament Worship
Michael McLemore



2017 WEATHERLY HEIGHTS LECTURES

"Magnify the Lord with ME"
David Banning, Jonathan Reeder, Tim Stevens
and Lowell Sallee, May 4th—7th, 2017

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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.

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

March	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Adam Hagewood Riley Monroe Bobby Wright Tommy Hill ** Jim Ehl
** Overseer	W.D. Patrick Jeremy Leshko Will Patrick
Lord's Supper PM	Will Starks ** Doyle Wray
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Doyle & Janice Wray
Side Door	Charlotte Hagewood
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Hall/Jacks
Communion Prep	Sue Terry
Building Lockup	Murray Castleman

When Having It All Gets You NOTHING

By Phillip Mullins

There is a man in the Bible who went on a hunt - a search for the best that "this life" has to offer. What he found though was not what he was looking for.

The book of Ecclesiastes records for us the experiences and observations of an ancient king in Israel. In chapter 2 he tells us how that he launched out to find the meaning and profit to life through pleasure and possessions. Verse 1 says, "I said in my heart, 'Come now, I will test you with mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure...'" Verse 2 tells us how that he experimented with wine. In other words, the man decided to live it up and drown himself in fun.

Verses 4-8 of Ecclesiastes 2 tell us how that this wealthy king built great houses, vineyards, gardens, orchards and waterpools. He acquired servants, herds, flocks, and musical entertainers to satisfy and soothe his flesh.

This man held nothing back in his pursuit for happiness. In Ecclesiastes 2:10 he says, "Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them, I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure." Indeed this man had it all and did it all.

Yet, where did it get him? "Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done and on the labor in which I had toiled; and indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun" Ecclesiastes 2:11). What did he get out of this mad pursuit for goods and fun? Nothing. Obviously if you live this kind of life you will have a few laughs along the way and some temporary gratification. Yet as far as any lasting good, earthly wealth and pleasure do not pay off. Why is that the case? Usually the fun and frolic of this life are brief. The goods you gather and money you sock away are sometimes tak-

en from you. For sure there is one fact that cannot be ignored. You are going to die and this life's riches and enjoyments will all end.

It is no wonder that those in our society who become so successful that they can have anything they want and do anything they want become so miserable. Most celebrities, pro athletes, and powerful politicians have a private life that is in shambles. Broken marriages, drug and alcohol addictions, gambling problems, and serious mental illnesses are characteristic of their lives. It must be frustrating and down right depressing to realize that, after you have all that this life has to offer, you are still left with nothing.

The main reason why earthly goods and pleasures do not satisfy is because of the nature of man. We were not designed to be fulfilled with a pocketful of cash, a garage full of cars, a closet full of clothes, and a party every night. Listen to this wise and experienced man pass on what he had learned after hunting for profit by living in the fast lane and walking on easy street. "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). We all have a spirit or soul that yearns to know and be close to our Creator. Until we feed it with fellowship with God, no matter how much stimulation and comfort we give our bodies, we will always feel empty.

Don't waste your time trying to find happiness in things. Don't think that living it up with fun and frolic will fill you up on the inside. For the more you pursue this life's pleasures and possessions, the more frustrated you will become, for you will still be empty of a real and lasting satisfaction. Only in God can you find what truly satisfies. Only in God can you find what truly lasts. □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Mike Coward is continuing to undergo procedures that we hope will increase his strength and balance. Your prayers are solicited.

It was great to see *Carolyn Holland* on Wednesday night. We are looking forward to having the whole family back with us. Pray for the *Hollands*, especially *little Olivia Ray*.

Carolyn Holland's dad, *Art Miller*, remains an inpatient at Whitesburg Gardens, 105 Teakwood. Your prayers are requested.

Glenda Cavender is having good days and bad days. *Ken* indicates that the physical therapy is helping some. It is just a slow process. We are continuing to pray for her improvement. Your expressions of interest and support of *Glenda* are very meaningful.

Linda Cuddington, daughter of *Edith Turner*, continues on our prayer list. *Edith* hopes they will be able to move *Linda* to Birmingham soon so that she can visit her more easily.

Mike Gore, *Sandra's* husband and *Steve Gittings*, *Joanne Abernathy's* bother-in-law, are in our prayers as they undergo treatments.

Vicki Stevens' Diagnosis

Most are now aware that *Tim Stevens'* wife, *Vicki*, has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of uterine cancer. She is scheduled for surgery on March 8th at Baylor hospital in

Dallas. Chemo will follow. Please pray for the entire *Stevens family*. *Tim* is scheduled to be with us in May for our annual lectures.

Weatherly Family Photos

Brooke Hatcher will be making photos for Weatherly members who do not have a current photo, or who would like a new one. See *Brooke!*

Devotion at Joanne's Tonight

Tonight is our last Sunday Night Devotion of the season. It will be held immediately after evening worship at the home of *Joanne Abernathy*, 467 Bell Circle, in northeast Huntsville. Plan to attend.

Spring Study Series

Remember our Sunday Night Study Series begins in just two weeks, March 19th.

Time Change Next Week

Time "springs forward" next Sunday. Also, we begin meeting at 6 p.m. on Sunday night!

Group One Not Meeting

Group 1, led by *W.D. Patrick*, will not be meeting today. Guest cards should be passed to *Doyle Wray* or *Mike McLemore*. □

Weatherly Birthdays



3-5	Gina Curtis	3-6	Harold Smith
3-11	Evelyn Hall	3-12	Stevie Hagewood
3-13	Collis Terry	3-14	Becky Hill
3-18	Susan Ivey	3-22	Thomas Hill

Waste of Time?

Michael W. McLemore

Is it a waste of time, going to worship? Growing up, we called it, "Going to church." Well, is it a "waste of time"? I read the following story and related it several years ago.

A church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for thirty years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for thirty years now. In that time my wife has cooked 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not cooked these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

I've often wondered what is more a more valuable use of time than gathering with God's people around His book, growing closer to Him? I can think of nothing! "I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified" (Acts 20:32). □

Weekly Walk!