

The Weatherly Weekly

April 2, 2017

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK APRIL 2	NEXT WEEK APRIL 9
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Louis Garrett	Louis Garrett
Song Leader	David Jacks	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Gene Preston	Steve Hagewood
Scripture Reading	Jim Ehl	Melvin Godette
Closing Prayer	Marty Hunt	David Jacks
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	David Jacks	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Forest Summers	Nick Holland
Closing Prayer	Collis Terry	Doyle Wray
Wednesday PM	APRIL 5	APRIL 12
Song Leader	Phil Furlough	Searcy Hall
Invitation	Louis Garrett	Jared Jimison
Closing Prayer	Ron Harmon	Jim Risner
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

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

April	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Kiel Adams Ken Cavender Nick Holland Forest Summers ** Terry Barnett Kirk Hatcher Jonathan Matlock John Patrick
** Overseer	
Lord's Supper PM	Gene Preston ** Terry Childress
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	Petra Carter
Building Lockup	Terry Barnett

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	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.

Hinderers

Michael W. McLemore

With every door of opportunity comes an adversary, a hinderer. In life we always find that the “open door” and the “many hinderers” go together. Very seldom can we have the one without the other. With Paul we share a common problem, the hindrance of progress in the cause. He said to the Corinthians, “For a great and effective door has opened unto me, and there are many adversaries” (1 Corinthians 16:9).

When Paul first preached at Ephesus the word of God grew “mightily and prevailed” (Acts 19:20). Yet, at “the same time there arose no small stir about the same way” (Acts 19:23). Satan stepped up and tried to undermine the good. Nothing has changed. The Devil hasn’t taken a day off.

Paul did so much good in his lifetime. He embraced the opportunities as they came. Time and again he passed through open doors that led to other doors. The lost were taught. Christians were strengthened. The weak and faint were restored. But, every faithful effort was opposed by challenges. Frail health, difficulties

and dangers in traveling, the willfulness of his traveling companions, men of base character, sudden and unexpected demands for his time and teaching, his persecuting enemies, even the sometimes difficult restraints and limitations placed upon his work by the Holy Spirit, all seemed very real hinderers to opportunity. He never fainted. He pressed on.

How do we meet the hinderers? First, we must fully accept the fact that, here on earth, God has put open doors before us. The faithful are his agents among men. Second, step through His doors. Embrace the task, God will multiply the opportunity. Finally, prepare for conflict. It will come.

Hinderers are always with us and they have many forms. It may be our own human frailty. It might be a brother or sister of base character. It could be overwork, difficult circumstances. Whatever the hinderer, it will come. Prepared for conflict! Remember, no “hinderer” can prevent God’s people from embracing their opportunities. God will give the increase. □

Growing in Faith: TRUST

Michael W. McLemore

It is true that faith in God must be of such a nature as to cause the one possessing it to rise up and act upon the commandments which God gives him. Anything short of this is not faith. But, faith is more than this. Faith is more than mere obedience to commandments, even though it most surely must encompass this completely. It is in reality absolute trust in God: in matters pertaining to commandments and in other matters as well.

Consider this. The Bible tells us that, "By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore" (Hebrews 11:11,12).

Nothing is said here of obedience to commandments, for the simple reason that in these various verses the Hebrew writer does not discuss commandments to be obeyed. This was a promise from God, and involved the woman's trust that the one who promised could discharge the promise made. It is understood that Sarah herself was a Godly woman who did obey the commands of God under all circumstances.

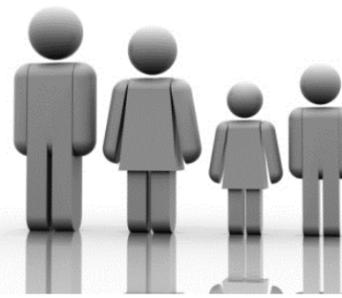
This incident is a lesson in trust. The subject of faith depends on God to do that which we would find difficult or impossible without His help. Sarah was at the time of the promise of a child, Isaac, ninety years old. Her husband Abraham was 100 years old. No Bible student has trouble accepting the reality that "Abraham and Sarah were past the age of normal childbearing." They would have no normal ex-

pectancy of becoming parents. Yet, concerning Sara, God said, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her" (Genesis 17:15,16).

It is this which the writer to the Hebrews looks back upon when he comments upon the faith of Sarah. Sarah simply believed in, that is, she trusted in God. She trusted Him to do that which He promised, even though she herself could not understand how He would accomplish it.

Christians find themselves in many situations in which we are called upon to exercise much the same faith - trust. Jesus said, "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:33). This is a promise of the Lord himself. It takes faith to accept it. It takes trust. But, nothing short of that faith or trust can be of any value to the disciple of Christ. It was this kind of faith that the Israelites lacked when they listened to the spies who gave an unfavorable report concerning the land of Canaan, saying, "We cannot take it!" Joshua and Caleb had the faith the rest lacked, for they said, "With the Lord's help it can be done," even though by human standards it can never be done. It is that kind of faith which we need when confronted with the responsibilities of life. Jesus assured, such trust will nullify the greater part of all our worries.

It is just absolute trust in God. □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Caryl Ehl remains at home. We are praying daily for her to be well very soon, and that she may have as little discomfort as possible.

We are continuing to pray for **Sheila Hagewood's** mother, **Pat Gamble**. She went home on Tuesday and is very happy to be there. Her recovery will take time. Thank you for your prayers.

Brooke Hatcher has been diagnosed with walking pneumonia. Her allergies have been very severe this spring. Pray for **Brooke**.

Jenny Jacks is moving around a bit, stopping in at the building to do her part as it relates to the Sunday night classes currently underway. But, she is not well yet.

Glenda Cavender has decided to give in and take the steroid that her Dr. has recommended. We are praying this will help her body heal. Your prayers are desperately needed!

Mike Coward's tests all came back great. He is scheduled to see a Neuropsychologist this week.

Art Miller, Mike Gore, Steve Gittings, and **Vicki Stevens** remain on our prayer list.

Betty Eubanks Passes

Betty Eubanks, sister of **Margaret Smith**, passed away Friday. A visitation will be held at Ardmore Chapel in Ardmore Tuesday evening from 5

to 8. Funeral services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Wednesday. Your prayers for this good family are appreciated.

Address Correction

For those who would like to write to **Linda Cuddington**, daughter of **Edith Turner**, we have included a corrected address.:

Linda Cuddington
302 Mount Royal Towers
Birmingham, AL 35309

Night at the Roundhouse

April 21st a gathering will be held at Huntsville Depot Roundhouse, 398 Monroe Street, Huntsville to benefit **Emily & Jared Paschal's** recent adoption of their daughter, **Avery**. Tickets and details are available online at Sacred Selections North Alabama. **Emily** is the granddaughter of our own **Charlotte Hagewood**.



Group Changes

OLD Group 1, led by **W.D. Patrick**, will meet today following morning worship at the home of **Mike & Peggy Coward** for a covered dish. NEW Group 1, will meet in May.

A new group list has been posted. Group 2, led by **Phil Furlough**, will meet next week for group meeting. Make your plans to participate. □



APRIL 2, 2017

Weatherly Birthdays

4-2	Silvia Henderson	4-6	Jerry Mitchell
4-5	Carolynn Barr	4-9	Mandi Adams
4-8	William Hill	4-13	Sherrie Stovall
4-12	Auburn Henderson	4-20	John Stokes
4-18	Peggy Monroe		

TRUTH

MICHAEL W. McLEMORE

Nearly two thousand years ago a confused and bewildered Pilate asked, "What is truth?" Many in our day are as hopelessly confused as he, for they contend that truth is relative, that such a thing as absolute truth is non-existent! Yet, our Lord has plainly and emphatically declared, "I am the truth" (John 14:6), and "thy [God's] word is truth" (John 17:17). What powerful force is truth, for it (and it alone) is capable of completely liberating the sin-shackled soul (John 8:31-32).

Several things are essential if we are to be benefited by this truth. To be a recipient of this priceless blessing one must come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4). This requires diligence on our part, for it does not come to us miraculously nor through haphazard, shortcut methods (2 Timothy 2:15). A tireless search is demanded (Proverbs 2:1-5).

In addition to a knowledge of the truth, to be eternally saved every accountable being must believe the truth (Romans 10:9-11), obey the truth (1 Peter 1:22), love the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10-11), serve the Lord in harmony with the truth (Joshua 24:14-15) and die if need be to defend the truth (Philippians 1:17; Revelation 2:10).

The wicked, by turning away from and offering resistance to it, thus clearly manifest their diabolical attitude toward the truth (2 Timothy 4:4; 3:8). It is to such individuals that the Lord will send a "strong delusion," because "the love not the truth" but have "pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thessalonians 2:10-11). God grant each of us the grace to accept and follow the truth. □

Weekly Walk!