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More than All

Adapted

This variation of an often repeated story comes from "Chicken Soup For the Soul."

There once was an eager student who wanted to gain wisdom and insight. He went to the wisest of the town, Socrates, to seek his counsel. Socrates was an old soul and had great knowledge of many things. The boy asked the town sage how he too could acquire such mastery. Being a man of few words, Socrates chose not to speak, but to illustrate.

He took the young man to the sea and, with all of his clothes still on, walked straight out into the water. He summoned the pupil who gingerly followed his instruction and walked into the sea. Finally – the water just below their chins – without saying a word, Socrates reached out and put his hands on the boy's shoulders. Looking deep into his student's eyes, Socrates pushed the student's head under the water.

A struggle ensued, and just before the boy began to drown, Socrates released his captive. The boy raced to the surface and, gasping for air and choking from the salt water, looked around for Socrates in order to seek his retaliation on

the sage. To the student's bewilderment, the old man was already patiently waiting on the shore. When the student arrived on the sand, he angrily shouted, "Why did you try to kill me?" The wise man calmly retorted with a question of his own: "Boy, when you were underneath the water, not sure if you would live, what did you want more than anything in the world?"

The student took a few moments to reflect, then went with his intuition. Softly he said, "I wanted to breathe." Socrates, now illuminated by his own huge smile, looked at the boy comfortingly and said, "Ah! When you want wisdom and insight as badly as you wanted to breathe, it is then that you shall have it."

Spiritually we often do not receive because we don't want it more than all. When we desire knowledge of God's word, a close relationship with God, or wisdom to such extent that those things take first priority, when we truly want them more than anything else in the world, then they lie within our grasp. Sadly, we desire many other things. 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself...' (Matt. 16:24-25). □

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK MAY 21	NEXT WEEK MAY 28
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Tommy Hill	Tommy Hill
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Steve Hagewood	Will Starks
Scripture Reading	Jim Ehl	Ken Cavender
Closing Prayer	Melvin Godette	Riley Monroe
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Charles Hill	SINGING
Opening Prayer	Ed Dill	W.D. Patrick
Closing Prayer	Bobby Wright	Phil Furlough
Wednesday PM	MAY 24	MAY 31
Song Leader	Searcy Hall	Collis Terry
Invitation	Mike McLemore	Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer	Terry Barnett	Mike Coward
Group Meeting	Group 3	Group 4

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES APRIL – JUNE 2017

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Various Lessons
Louis Garrett & Mike McLemore

ADITORIUM WEDNESDAY
Building Up One Another
Michael McLemore



2017 FRIDAY NIGHT SINGING

Tim Stevens, John Kilgore and Jeff May
August 11th, 2017

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

May	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Wes Caudle Dwight Ivey Ed Dill Phil Furlough ** Collis Terry Marty Hunt Ryan Patrick Jerry Mitchell
** Overseer	
Lord's Supper PM	Jim Ehl ** John Stokes
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	Murray & Wanda Castleman
Rear Door	John Stokes
Side Door	Mike & Peggy Coward
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Terry/Wright
Communion Prep	Cathy Preston
Building Lockup	Hill Roberts

Weatherly's Shepherds

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

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Michael W. McLemore (256) 698-5941
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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	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.

If the Jews Had Accepted Jesus

David A. Padfield

Modern premillennial theory insists God had not anticipated the rejection of Jesus by the Jews. They teach that one day Christ will return to this earth and the Jews will then accept Him as their Messiah. The Father in heaven knew all along how the Jews would react to Jesus. God's plan was perfect, and "when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law" (Galatians 4:4).

In John 6:15 we read that "when Jesus perceived that they were about to take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to a mountain by Himself alone." I have often considered this verse to be the death-knell of premillennialism. The Jews wanted to force Christ to be a king like Saul, David, or Solomon. However, Christ had no intention of setting up a physical, earthly kingdom, for as He told Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here" (John 18:36).

Have you considered what would have happened if the Jews had accepted Jesus as their Savior and King? Consider with me the consequences:

First, there would have been no crucifixion, and hence no shedding of blood. "And according to the law almost all things are purged with blood, and without shedding

of blood there is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22). Animal sacrifices could never remove the guilt and consequences of sin. "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins" (Hebrews 10:4). The Hebrew writer tells us that "Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption" (Hebrews 9:11-12).

Second, the church of Christ would never have been established, since it was purchased with the blood of Christ. Paul admonished the Ephesian elders "to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28).

Third, there would be no gospel, since the foundation of it is the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you — unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He arose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:1-4). □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Margret Smith's heart cath went very well last week. No significant blockage was discovered. We are praying that her strength will return quickly. Remember *Margaret & Harold* in prayer.

Please continue to remember *Glenda Cavender* to the Lord as you pray. She is slowly getting better. Your prayers mean so much to her and to *Ken*.

Melvin Godette is hoping to see an Orthopedist soon. *The Godettes* are in hopes they can find a way to give *Melvin* some relief from his chronic pain.

Jenny Jacks has an appointment in a few weeks for a second opinion as she seeks answers as to the cause of her chronic pain. Pray for the Lord's care of her while she endures.

Hill Robert's mother is doing well after surgery. She's been moved to a 21 day rehab facility to help her regain strength following the surgery to clear an obstruction in her digestive tract. We are so pleased that *Sister Roberts* is progressing well. She is 95 years old.

David Hand's mother, *Kay Holland*, suffered a heart attack last week. The family is considering nursing home facilities at the juncture. Your prayers are appreciated.

Please continue to pray for *Vicki Stevens*, *Tim's* wife, out in Texas. Her

treatments are rough. Pray for *Vicki & Tim*. I have included an address for those who would like to write.

Tim & Vicki Stevens
8260 Breeland Drive
Kemp, Texas 75143

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

Congratulations Graduates

Trey Curtis and *William Hill* will be graduating from Grissom High School on Friday, May 26th. Our entire Weatherly Family wants to commend these two fine young men for this great accomplishment. Both have distinguished themselves in so many ways. You are both forever in our hearts.

Please pray for *Trey* and *William* as they move ahead to meet the opportunities life presents.

Bible Skills Class at 6 pm

Last week we had a great turnout as we resumed our skills class at the front of the auditorium. We hope you and your little ones will be here tonight.

Group Three Meets Today

Group 3, led by *Murray Castleman*, will meet following morning worship for a covered dish luncheon at the home of *Dot & Forest Summers*. All Group 3 members are invited to attend. □

Weatherly Birthdays



5-23	Melvin Godette	5-23	Terry Childress
5-28	Terry Barnett	5-31	Petra Carter
6-1	Elaine Dorris	6-1	June Furlough
6-4	Ellie Pellegrini	6-5	Lynne Crank

The Earth is the Lord's:

Psalms 24

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face O Jacob.

Selah.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Selah.

God's mighty power has provided all that we behold as a habitation and a proving ground for an eternal home which far surpasses our imagination. Seek Him with clean hands and a pure heart and we shall see! (MWM) □

Weekly Walk!