

# The Weatherly Weekly

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## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

|                      | THIS WEEK<br>JULY 9 | NEXT WEEK<br>JULY 16 |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Sunday AM</b>     |                     |                      |
| Announcements        | Forest Summers      | Forest Summers       |
| Song Leader          | Charles Hill        | Jared Jimison        |
| Opening Prayer       | Ron Holland         | Marty Hunt           |
| Scripture Reading    | Nick Holland        | Searcy Hall          |
| Closing Prayer       | Jeremy Leshko       | Ron Harmon           |
| <b>Sunday PM</b>     |                     |                      |
| Song Leader          | Charles Hill        | Jared Jimison        |
| Opening Prayer       | Will Starks         | Phil Furlough        |
| Closing Prayer       | Riley Monroe        | Gene Preston         |
| <b>Wednesday PM</b>  | <b>JULY 12</b>      | <b>JULY 19</b>       |
| Song Leader          | Collis Terry        | Mike Coward          |
| Invitation           | Mike McLemore       | Mike McLemore        |
| Closing Prayer       | Charley Carter      | Louis Garrett        |
| <b>Group Meeting</b> | Group 2             | Group 3              |

## QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JULY – SEPTEMBER 2017

### AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

1 & 2 Thessalonians  
Gene Preston

### ADITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Study of First Century  
Churches  
Various Speakers



## 2017 FRIDAY NIGHT SINGING

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

## MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>July</b>                           |  |
| <b>Serving on the Lord's Table AM</b> | Ken Cavender<br>Wes Caudle<br>Nick Holland<br>Will Starks **<br>Jim Ehl<br>Kirk Hatcher<br>Rob Crank<br>John Patrick |
| ** Overseer                           |  |
| <b>Lord's Supper PM</b>               | Gene Preston **<br>Terry Childress   |
| <b>Visitor Greeting</b>               |  |
| Sunday AM                             | Louis Garrett  |
| Rear Door                             |  |
| Side Door                             | Forest & Dot Summers   |
| Sunday PM                             |  |
| Rear Door/ Side Door                  | Cavender/T. Hill   |
| Communion Prep                        | Becky Hill/Julie Singleton   |
| Building Lockup                       | Collis Terry   |

## Weatherly's Shepherds

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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.  |

# Forgiveness for All

Michael W. McLemore

It is a powerful feeling to be able to say with confidence to one overcome in sin that no matter who you are or what you've done, Christ's payment for sin on your behalf is sufficient to cover your sin. God's goodness and love are proven by the cruel and hateful act of crucifixion. This was the only plan that could save us, and God's perfect Son was the sole qualified candidate to give His life in our place. What's more, Jesus did it willingly for all those who will come to Him.

To grasp what took place at the cross, we first must understand that the Lord is absolutely righteous and just. He never acts contrary to His nature or His Word. He always acts in accord with the will of the Father, the grand designer of the eternal plan. On the other hand, man chooses sin and is deserving of eternal punishment (Romans 3:23; 6:23). Without the cross ALL would suffer wrath, and eternal doom loomed the ever present expectation. Divine justice demands a penalty for sin; God could not simply decide to forgive us. The

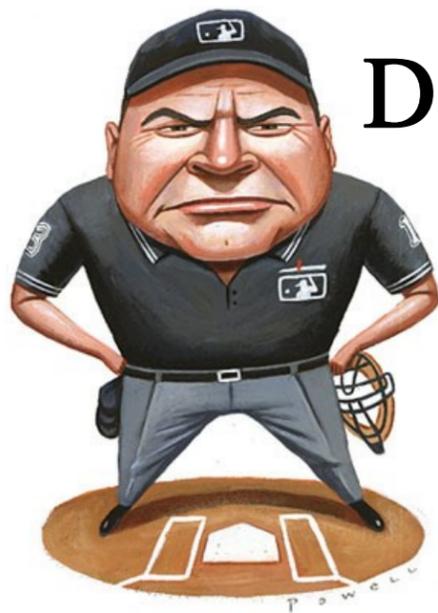
cross is the plan that would satisfy His justice, yet allow Him to show mercy.

From the foundation of the world, God already planned for His sinless Son to come to earth in human flesh to bear our sins (Ephesians 3:11, Revelation 13:8). The Father placed upon Him all our guilt and punishment. Because the Savior's payment fully satisfied justice, sinful man could now, through faith in Christ, be declared righteous. Justice punished sin, and mercy rescued sinners.

For many the dilemma of the cross of Jesus Christ is puzzling. How could He allow such suffering and still be loving? This cross, which is so offensive to many, presents humanity with the only opportunity and a desperately needed choice. The heavenly Father's goodness and love allowed His only Son to endure the agony of crucifixion so as to offer man the hope of forgiveness. Looking beyond the obvious hate and cruelty of the cross, we can see the most awesome demonstration of love mankind will ever know. ☐

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# Does God Keep Score?

Kevin Cauley

Several years ago, I was having a conversation with someone about getting credit for ideas. I mentioned to them that it doesn't matter to me if I get credit for an idea or not, because God

knows who did what and I was content to let God handle such things. This person then wondered whether or not God really credited man with such things. In essence, the question can be framed, Does God keep score?

First, we need to understand that God does not keep score in the sense that if we could only get enough points, then we would win salvation. The Bible teaches us that salvation isn't something that we earn. Jesus said in Luke 17:10, So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do. When we do everything that God tells us, we still haven't earned our salvation. We are still dependent upon Him for eternal life. Salvation is a gift that God gives upon the condition of faith and obedience (see Hebrews 11:6 and Hebrews 5:9). Neither our faith nor our obedience earns our salvation; but God promises to give us salvation when we trust and obey Him. It is the promise of God in which we trust, not in our own faith or obedience. In that regard, God doesn't keep score because no matter how high a score we get, we'll never be high enough to earn our salvation.

Second, neither does God keep score as to how long we have been a faithful Christian as if that would make a difference in our salvation. Jesus told the parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard in Matthew 20:1-16. In the parable, the vineyard owner agrees with laborers for the same wage though they begin working at different times in the day. At the end of the day, they all get the same pay. The ones

who started early complain, saying that they worked longer than the others. The owner asks them whether or not they agreed to that pay. They did, so that is what they got. The lesson from the parable is that salvation is available for all and it doesn't matter when you started working for God, everyone, whether young or old gets the same pay eternal life and for that we ought to be very thankful. No, God does not keep score in regard to one's longevity of service in His kingdom.

Third, there is a sense, however, in which God does keep score. In Hebrews 6:10 we read, For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. We learn from this passage that God takes note of those who do good things and He remembers those things. Moreover, Jesus said, But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal (Matthew 6:20). What are these treasures that we are to be laying up in heaven? He explains in Luke 12:33, Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. When we do good things for others, we lay up treasures in heaven. Are they for earning our salvation? No. What then are these treasures for? There is only one explanation. It is because God wants us to appreciate the results of the good things that we did once we are in heaven. That will be our treasure!

Does God keep score? He doesn't keep score when it comes to good works meriting salvation. Regardless of how high the score, it would never be enough to earn salvation. However, He does keep score when it comes to having treasure in heaven over which we can appreciate the results of our good efforts. And so John can write, Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward (2 John 1:8). God doesn't keep score to determine who earned what, but to determine who IS what! □



## Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

### Pray for Those in Need

*Erin Riggs* went back to the cardiologist on Thursday. He thinks she may have a condition called Long QT Syndrome. *Will* indicated that they are now considering treatment options. We have been asked to please continue to keep *Erin* and family in our prayers.

*Ann Summers'* "want to" is exceeding her "able to" right now. She "wants to drive herself to worship," but she just isn't able. Please pray for her strength and for her encouragement. *Ann* feels like not being able to gather with the Saints is the worst thing ever. We know our gracious Lord understands, but it sure is hard on *Ann* not to be able to come. Your prayers and words of encouragement are greatly appreciated.

*Mike Coward* had his heart shocked back into its proper rhythm last Wednesday and is anticipating a heart ablation to two separate areas of his heart soon. His doctor believes this will prevent *Mike's* heart from going back into AFIB. Prayers please!

*Sister Edith Turner* is scheduled to see her Orthopedist on Wednesday. Please pray for good news and no surgery. Until this is sorted out she has to limit her moving about.

*Rob & Lynne Crank* relayed that *Abbey* is doing well after surgery. Your prayers, cards and words have been very meaningful. *Abbey's* recov-

ery is going to take some time.

*Carol Blackwood*, niece of *Margaret Smith*, underwent another procedure last week to place a larger valve intended to relieve pressure on her brain. So far so good. Prayers appreciated.

*Melvin Godette* remains on our minds daily. We are trusting the Lord for his strength and comfort. Say his name daily to the Father.

*Glenda Cavender* remains on our prayer list. Say her name to the Father daily.

*Jenny Jacks* goes to her appointment with Vandy tomorrow.

*Joanne Abernathy* is heading to Nevada to be with her sister and brother-in-law, *Steve Gettings*, who is not doing well at all.

*Art Miller, Mike Gore, and Vickie Stevens* remain on our prayer list.

### Skills Class Tonight

Remember Sunday night skills class will begin promptly at 6. We hope all of our little ones will be able to be present. It is most encouraging.

### Group 2 Meets Tonight

Group 2, led by *Phil Furlough*, will meet immediately after evening services for group meeting in the class room off the foyer. We hope you can attend your meeting. □

### Weatherly Birthdays

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|------|---------------|------|---------------|
| 7-3  | Leslie McCary | 7-10 | Will Patrick  |
| 7-19 | Jim Ehl       | 7-27 | Donna Godette |
| 7-29 | Mike McLemore | 7-31 | Phillip Dill  |



## Beyond Redemption

At the turn of the 20th century, the Niagara River of New York was a point of recreation for many people who enjoyed the outdoors. Boaters, anglers and swimmers plied the beautiful waters of this magnificent setting. Many enjoyed memorable times in the safe upper reaches of the River. They could take comfort in being far from the dangers that lay downstream.

These are the words of preacher George Truett in June, 1917, "danger was in store for those who failed to heed the warning:"

"Were you ever yonder above Niagara? If you have been, some hundreds of yards above that roaring, plunging Niagara, you have seen a strange sign, flung out on either side of the river, as the river rushes to take that last awful plunge. You recall it as I speak of it. A plank with three ominous words is flung out on either side of the river, and you are arrested as your eyes see those words - just three: "PAST REDEMPTION POINT"

The meaning of the words is ominous and evident. Oh boatman, plying your little boat on the surface of that river, do not get below that sign! Oh canoe-man, floating idly and leisurely on the bosom of the river, do not get below that sign! For a little below that sign the river-bed falls, and the river rushes with the speed almost of the arrow let fly from the bow to take its fearful plunge over the awful precipice. Do not get below that sign. Somewhere in the journeying of a human soul there is that awful sign flung out: "PAST REDEMPTION POINT." Soul, do not get into the current below that sign!" □

## Weekly Walk!