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Jesus Cares

Michael W. McLemore

We have all tried to comfort another who finds himself in a difficult period of life. Sometimes our expressions of consolation create more hurt than good. Even the most well-intentioned words, "I understand" feel empty if we've never actually experienced exact situation. Sometimes it's hard to help when we haven't walked in the shoes of one in pain.

Still, we all long to feel we have been understood. It helps to know individuals who have endured circumstances similar to ours. The author of the Bible book of Hebrews reassures us that Jesus truly understands because He endured struggles like ours.

The writer of Hebrews refers to Jesus as our High Priest. Each year the man serving in this capacity would enter the Holy of Holies, and there, in God's presence, offer a sacrifice for sin. The priest was the Jewish people's bridge to God. Christ not only took on this

role, but He Himself also became the sacrifice when He died on the cross. Now He sits at the right hand of the Father in heaven and intercedes on our behalf.

In Jesus we find the encouragement that He truly understands our pain and our weakness. He faced the very temptations, needs, and hurts we experience. He identifies with betrayal. Judas turned against Him for money and spite. He knew isolation, even His own trusted disciple Peter denied knowing Him when He needed someone most. He feels the pain and anxiety of depression for he faced separation from His heavenly Father at the cross. Jesus knows! And, best of all, Jesus cares!

If you feel alone in the hardships you are facing, recall Jesus' trials, hurts, and temptations. You will find comfort in His understanding. ☐

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK SEPTEMBER 17	NEXT WEEK SEPTEMBER 24
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Tommy Hill	Tommy Hill
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Nick Holland	David Jacks
Scripture Reading	Jim Ehl	Philip Dill
Closing Prayer	Ron Harmon	Kirk Hatcher
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Charles Hill	SINGING
Opening Prayer	Forest Summers	Collis Terry
Closing Prayer	W.D. Patrick	Bobby Wright
Wednesday PM	SEPTEMBER 20	SEPTEMBER 27
Song Leader	Mike Coward	Jared Jimison
Invitation	Steve Hagewood	Searcy Hall
Closing Prayer	Charley Carter	Terry Childress
Group Meeting	Group 3	Group 4

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JULY – SEPTEMBER 2017

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

1 & 2 Thessalonians
Gene Preston

ADITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Study of First Century Churches
Various Speakers



2018 WEATHERLY LECTURES

Weatherly Lectures are set. Speakers TBA
May 3-6

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

September	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Adam Hagewood Riley Monroe Bobby Wright Forest Summers ** Steve Hagewood
** Overseer	Jim Risner Jeremy Leshko Will Patrick
Lord's Supper PM	W.D. Patrick ** Terry Childress
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Doyle & Janice Wray
Side Door	Charlotte Hagewood
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Hall & Jacks
Communion Prep	Wanda Castleman & Jenny Jacks
Building Lockup	John Stokes

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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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.

Biblical Illiteracy

by Michael W. McLemore



radio talk show host doubted the veracity of the Biblical flood story because it was clear to him that Noah couldn't fit all the animals of the earth into the ark. See Genesis 7:1-3 for the actual number of animals taken into the ark. A television comedian suggested that the apostle Paul was at the Last Supper, the Passover Feast just prior to Jesus' death. The Bible records that Saul of Tarsus (later called Paul) did not even become a disciple of Jesus until some time after Jesus' death (Acts 9).

Those example of Biblical illiteracy do

"Two-thirds of Americans don't regularly read the Bible or know the names of the Four Gospels. More than half of Americans surveyed can't name even five of the Ten Commandments. And the majority say they find the Good Book irrelevant."

not actually surprise me, considering the sources. However, in an article which appeared in the Los Angeles Times (July 27, 1999), Teresa Watanabe noted that Biblical illiteracy is pandemic among Americans. She quoted the results of one research firm which found that "two-thirds of Americans don't regularly read the Bible or know the names of the Four Gospels. More than half of Americans surveyed can't name even five of the Ten Commandments. And the majority say they find the Good Book irrelevant."

It would appear that for many Americans the Bible has become a religious relic - good to have in one's home, but not really used. The apostle Paul (not at the Last Supper!) encouraged Timothy to "be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," (2 Timothy 2:15) because he knew the value of the Word of God. He wrote that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The Word of God cannot perform these functions if we do not read and study it. No wonder a majority of Americans consider the Word of God irrelevant; they don't even know what is in it!

The Weatherly Heights Church of Christ doesn't field a sports team. We don't sponsor mother's day out. We don't conduct aerobics classes. While all of these things are good, none of them is included in the mission which the Lord gave to the local church. We fight Biblical illiteracy by teaching people about the Bible, because we believe that one must know the Scriptures before making relevant application in life. If Jesus is the Way and the Bible is our source of information about Jesus, then Biblical illiteracy is a killer! ☐



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

Joanne's Grandson!!

We are happy to present *Scout Josiah Archer* to our Weatherly family on behalf of our *Joanne Abernathy*. Her first grandchild made his grand entrance into the world Friday, September 1st. *Scout's* mother *Samantha* and father *Seth* are grinning from ear to ear, as well they should be. He is precious! We can't wait to watch what he will become!



a good outcome from these tests. We are trusting *Melvin's* care to the Lord.

Elaine Dorris' knee replacement remains on hold while she recovers from a broken ankle. Pray for her.

We are praying for *Glenda Cavender*. Say her name to the Father this week. She is still anticipating an appointment with an immunologist in October.

Remember *Collis & Sue's* mothers as you pray - *Carlton Terry* and *Lona Mae Brewer*.

Pray for *Betty Reavis, Mike Gore, Marty McLemore, Carol Blackwood* and *Vickie Stevens*.

Pray for Those in Need

Caryl Ehl suffered a frightening fall in the garage making her way into the house on Friday evening. It was a serious fall that left her with a concussion and bleeding on her brain. She was admitted to Huntsville Hospital and placed in the NICU. Thankfully as of this printing she is better. *Caryl* will spend a few days in the hospital. Pray for the Lord's care of our sister.

We are pleased to report that *Melvin Godette's* cardiac tests revealed that he has NO issue that would prevent his back surgery. This is such good news! He is awaiting other appointments before he will have the clearance for surgery. Please pray for

Cody & Miranda to Wed Friday

Cody Loggins & Miranda Gullion will be joined in marriage this Friday evening. Pray for our God's blessing of their union. They are both a wonderful blessing to our Weatherly family.

Mike McLemore Preaching

Mike McLemore will be preaching at both services today. "I look forward to resuming my roll as your local preacher. I am blessed to be part of this family. I am also very grateful to *Louis Garrett* and *Tommy Hill* for preaching while I recov-

ered."

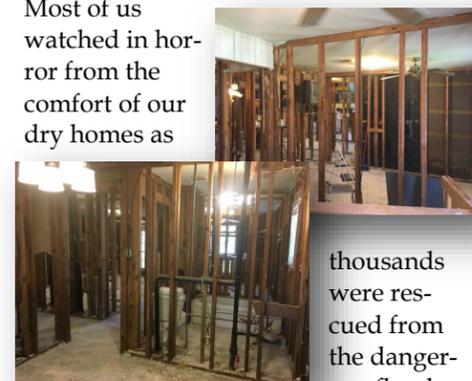
Denny Freeman's Visit

Denny Freeman will be with us next Lord's Day. We are looking forward to his being here.

Relief for Our Brother

For the last several weeks we have been searching for a family who was directly and profoundly impacted by the devastating flooding in Texas.

Most of us watched in horror from the comfort of our dry homes as



thousands were rescued from the dangerous flood.

Because there are so many faithful congregations of the Lord's people in that area, we knew many of our brethren would be affected. As information emerged we learned that literally hundreds of faithful Christians were driven from their homes. Many did not have "flood insurance." Because it's impossible for us to help EVERYONE, and sending a little here and a little there didn't seem to make sense, we have identified one brother, *Thomas Scott* (in his middle 70's) who essentially lost everything. His homeowners insurance will pay nothing. *Brother Scott* is a long time member of the small church of Christ in Dickinson, Texas (at the epicenter of the flooding). He is worthy of any and all help that we can send. The elders will be giving us instructions today as to how we might be of help to *brother Scott*.

Group Three Tonight

Group 3, led by *Murray Castleman*, will meet immediately after the evening services. Please attend your group meeting. ☐

Weatherly Birthdays

9-19	Hannah Matlock	9-20	Sophia Hunt
9-21	Louis Garrett	9-25	LaNelle Patrick
9-27	Miranda Loggins	9-28	Doris DeCelles
9-30	Tyler Curtis	9-30	Rebecca Pellegrini



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