

The Weatherly Weekly

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK OCTOBER 8	NEXT WEEK OCTOBER 15
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Will Starks	Will Starks
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Forest Summers	Collis Terry
Scripture Reading	Bobby Wright	Searcy Hall
Closing Prayer	Ron Holland	Steve Hagewood
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	Charles Hill	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	David Jacks	Ed Dill
Closing Prayer	Doyle Wray	Kirk Hatcher
Wednesday PM	OCTOBER 11	OCTOBER 18
Song Leader	Cody Loggins	Phil Furlough
Invitation	Jared Jimison	Ed Dill
Closing Prayer	Louis Garrett	Charley Carter
Group Meeting	Group 2	Group 3

QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES JULY – SEPTEMBER 2017

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

The Pastoral Epistles
Mike McLemore

ADITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Ezekiel
Mike McLemore



2018 WEATHERLY LECTURES

Lowell Sallee, Kevin Clark, Greg Chandler
May 3-6

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

October	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Ken Cavender Wes Caudle Nick Holland Ron Harmon ** Gene Preston
** Overseer	Ryan Patrick Jim Ehl John Patrick
Lord's Supper PM	Murray Castleman ** Kirk Hatcher
Visitor Greeting	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Kim & Terry Barnett
Side Door	W.D. & LaNelle Patrick
Sunday PM	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Harmon & Starks
Communion Prep	Peggy Coward
Building Lockup	Mike McLemore

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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.

Work

Michael W. McLemore

"For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat."
(II Thessalonians 3:10)

From the beginning, God has intended for man to work. Even while sinless Adam walked in the pristine land of Eden, he was expected to dress the garden and keep it (Genesis 2:15). I once asked my 2nd grade Bible class, "What did God command Adam to do in the Garden?" "Dress and keep the garden." "Name the animals." "Take care of Eve." I then asked, "What was Eve's work." One little 7 year old girl chimed in, "To make sure Adam did his work!" I've known more than a few who agree with her sentiment.

The Bible is filled with examples of those who worked. The virtuous woman of Proverbs 31 was commended for her hard work (Proverbs 31:10-31). The mighty prophet Amos was a "herdsman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit" (Amos 7:14). When we are introduced to Peter, Andrew, James and John in the Gospel

of Mark we find them working (Mark 1:16-20). The apostle Paul made several references to the work that he did to support himself (Acts 18:3; I Corinthians 4:12; I Thessalonians 2:9; II Thessalonians 3:8). Many other passages attest to the demand that God has placed on us to be workers, but none than our selected text.

"If any would not work, neither should he eat" clearly addresses a need that still exists. Men and women are commanded of God to rely on their own diligence as much as physically and mentally possible to provide a living for themselves. As children of God, it is our responsibility to work to provide not only for our own needs (Ephesians 4:28) but also for the needs of our household. Paul wrote in I Timothy 5:8, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

While God has promised to bless us with our daily requirements (Mt. 6:33), He has nowhere promised to hand it all over to us without any effort on our part. We must work. □

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LIVE!

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How Did I Get Here?

Michael W. McLemore

Have you ever wondered how you have gotten to the exact point in life where you are now? If not, allow your mind to take a trip back through time and observe the path that you have traveled these many years. Go all the way back to your childhood. Do you live in the same town now as you did then or did you move away? What ever happened to that boyfriend or girlfriend you had when you were younger? Did you marry him or her or did you meet and wed someone later in life? Did you finish high school and go on to college? What happened next? Can you remember the jobs you had? Can you bring to mind all the different people you met? Along the road to where you are right now, did you experience any tragedies? Were there any illnesses or deaths in your immediate family? Did you suffer job loss, family break-up or personal sickness?

No matter what road any of us have traversed to get to where we are, the truth is that each of us is here as the result of decisions. In our younger days, our lives were shaped primarily by the decisions of our parents. As we aged, we began making our own decisions. Suppose each of us drew up maps of our lives with the starting point being our birth. This map would contain countless numbers of roads, not just one. Each road would have numerous intersections, each representing a different path we could choose to take or, in our younger years, others took for us. If such a map were to actually exist, we would likely find it populated with more roads than the most finicky cartographer could draw. If we could see that map, doubtless we would notice intersections that now we wish we would have negotiated differently. Instead of going one way, a way that turned out badly, we would have gone another way.

Basically, along the road to where we are now, we have made good decisions and we have made bad decisions. We have made regrettable choices and we have made stellar choices. The path we've traveled is amazing and the adventure goes on moment by moment as we blaze our trails into adulthood and our winter years.

There's one factor in our personal histories that has not yet been mentioned — God. Some would look at where they are now and say they got there simply by the

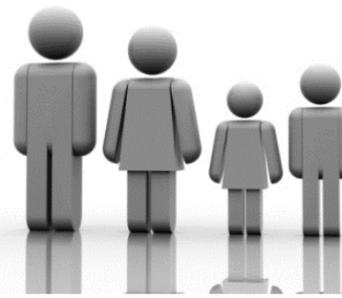
natural course of living. To them, there is no rhyme or reason to life. We are nothing more than the spewed out slime of primordial ooze to them anyway. To their minds, we're all headed for a big, black hole of nonexistence.

Some might look at where they are now and say that fate got them to that point, their lives were pre-planned. They have no control over their actions. Every choice they've made, they've made because it was meant to be that way. Some would say this with a recognition of a mystic, unknown superior force guiding the universe while others would say that it is God who is behind it all, Himself having predestined each of us to the course we have taken, are taking and will take.

God is indeed involved in His creation, but He will not invade the power of human will. Paul told the Athenians that God is "not far from every one of us, for in him we live, and move, and have our being." (Acts 17:27-28). Jeremiah wrote, "Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord." (Jeremiah 23:24). James made it clear that all blessings come from God above (James 1:17). That all of mankind, regardless of their belief or disbelief in God, is blessed by Him is evident from Jesus' statement in Matthew 5:45. "For he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

How did you and I get to where we are at this very moment? Regardless of the path each of us has taken to arrive here, right now we are at the point in our lives where we can be of our best service to God. Our past has shaped us and given us experiences from which we can draw and become stronger in the faith and more influential in the lives of others. Our future is unknown, but here and now we can shape our future and make it even more fruitful in God's service.

It's important for us to see where we are. In taking the time to scan the history of our lives we can see the goodness and providence of God on every hand. Beyond that, however, is the necessity of seeing where we could be if only we will remember that God will be with us just as surely now as He has been with us in the past. "Behold, now is the accepted time!" □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Caryl Ehl continues her recovery. We are so pleased that she is doing as well as she is. Your prayers on her behalf are coveted. We are looking forward to seeing her in our worship assemblies.

Glenda Cavender has been able to see a rheumatologist. She has been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. Unfortunately the medications take time to work and have potential side effects that are undesirable. Your prayers for *Glenda* are important. Say her name to the Lord as you pray this week.

Melvin Godette is still awaiting word on his surgery. Please pray for him and for his family. This has been a long arduous process. Please ask for the Lord's comfort for *Melvin*.

We are looking forward to having *Elaine Dorris* back with us, but it will take some time. Having her on Sunday night has been a blessing to us all. Please continue to pray for her and for *Gordon*.

Remember *Mike Coward* as he undergoes further testing. We are praying for the answers he needs to get better.

Ann Summers remains on our prayer list. She has both good and bad days. Pray for good ones!

We are continuing to pray for *Collis & Sue Terry's* mothers. *Collis'* mom, *Carlton Terry*, and *Sue's* mom,

Lona Mae Brewer, both have serious health challenges.

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

Sunday Night Study Series Begins TONIGHT!

As is our custom during the seven weeks before the Thanksgiving holiday, we spend an hour each Sunday evening studying together as a family. The Bible Class style gathering is preceded by a short devotional in the auditorium. This is one of the most encouraging efforts we are involved in each Fall. Make your plans to be here. It will be awesome.

Mike McLemore will be teaching the auditorium class this time. Our ladies are to be commended for all of the hard work that has gone into the young children's classes.

Special Gathering Oct 29

A 10 year reunion covered-dish will be held at *the Coward's* on the fifth Sunday in October for the "Old Group One and guests." You know who you are. Please mark your calendar.

Group Two Meets Tonight

Group 2, led by *Phil Furlough*, will meet immediately after the evening service. Please attend your group meeting □

Weatherly Birthdays



10-11	Caryl Ehl
10-14	Janeth Hagewood
10-22	Abbey Crank
10-24	Amanda Jimison
10-26	Chris Ferrell
10-26	Dwight Ivey
10-29	Charlotte Hagewood

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WORRY!

Michael W. McLemore

Paul's command, "Be anxious for nothing," is an exacting ideal. Inordinate and harassing "care" is to play no part in the believer's life. Worry mars and spoils. The apostle's counsel is unconditional and covers every sphere of human life. Anxiety is to be banished. It must not be permitted to find the smallest foothold in the church.

We must fend off the tendency to excuse excessive concern on the basis that we are entitled because of our own peculiar circumstance. "That's easier said than done!" Or, "Paul lived in different times." Or, "Paul couldn't have appreciated my cares." These are often heard excuses to sustain anxiety on our part. Was Paul qualified to urge others to have faith in adversity? Surely he was well acquainted with adversity's power to repress.

Just who is the man who said to the church at Philippi, "be anxious for nothing"? A prisoner! Be assured when Rome took hold of a prisoner it rarely let go without exacting a bloody penalty. Paul was expecting his trial, likely ending in death. Everything was dismal and uncertain. It was this man, with all the pressure of personal sorrows weighing upon him, who, in the very crisis of his life, turned to his brethren in Philippi, who had far fewer causes of anxiety than he, and cheerfully besought them, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7). □

Weekly Walk!