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“Blessed is the Man”

William Arthur Ward

Blessed is the man with whom a good woman lives, to whom his work is a pleasure, by whom his friends are encouraged, with whom others are comfortable, in whom a clear conscience abides, and through whom his children see God.

Blessed is the man whose strength is enhanced by his tenderness, whose wisdom is empowered by his faith, and whose courage is made complete by his compassion.

Blessed is the man who looks at life with joyful optimism, who listens to his children with eager attentiveness, who enriches his community with creative enthusiasm, who loves his country with grateful loyalty, and who worships his God with unswerving

fidelity.

Blessed is the man who brings honor to the word “father,” who is a credit to the word “brotherhood,” who is a quiet example of the child’s perfect image of the word “manhood.”

Blessed is the man who confidently builds bridges of understanding, who generously lightens the loads of his fellow man, and who cheerfully brightens each day with words of hope, inspiration, and assurance.

Blessed is the man of whom his children often say, “We’re glad he’s our father”; of whom his wife often says, “I’m glad he’s my husband”; of whom his parents of whom his parents say, “We’re glad he’s our son.” □

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK OCTOBER 22	NEXT WEEK OCTOBER 29
Sunday AM		
Announcements	Will Starks	Will Starks
Song Leader	David Jacks	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	Will Starks	Tommy Hill
Scripture Reading	Phillip Dill	Ken Cavender
Closing Prayer	Jim Ehl	Riley Monroe
Sunday PM		
Song Leader	David Jacks	Jared Jimison
Opening Prayer	W.D. Patrick	Gene Preston
Closing Prayer	Terry Childress	Searcy Hall
Wednesday PM	OCTOBER 25	NOVEMBER 1
Song Leader	Cody Loggins	
Invitation	Phil Furlough	Louis Garrett
Closing Prayer	Terry Barnett	
Group Meeting	Group 3	Group 4

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 Ryan Patrick Jim Ehl John Patrick
** Overseer	
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

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.

Living Sacrifices

Excerpt from the 1953 Abilene Lectures

PAUL EARNHART

In all the history of the world there have been many causes to which men have attached their efforts and influence. Many have been tragic hoaxes deluding many honest and sincere men, while others have been to a greater or lesser degree worthwhile to humanity. Regardless, however, of their ultimate value, great homage has always been paid to the men who give their all that a cause might live. If a soldier pours out his life's blood on some far flung battle field in a deed of heroic daring, he is said to have served above and beyond the call of duty. If some noble individual pays the supreme price as a human guinea pig for medical science that others might be spared the ravages of disease, his name is not soon forgotten, lest he be praised too little for such uncalled-for devotion. Indeed, the world enthrones with honor all who give the last full measure of devotion out of love for a cause.

The purposes of Christianity make it the noblest and greatest cause. Its demands on its followers make it without a doubt the most challenging. Paul writing to the church at Rome made this urgent exhortation "... present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your spiritual service." Herein is embodied the urgent scope of the demands of our Lord's cause, that all who aspire to the name Christian should come and present themselves without reservation as living sacrifices unto God (pp. 276-277).

The church today is the only stronghold of New Tes-

tament Christianity. Think now what it would mean if she apostatized. Think of the millions of souls yet unborn that might never hear a gospel sermon. Yet today we're playing with the fire that could consume the church in apostasy. We hear on every hand, "If you can't get men who meet all the qualifications of the elder get the best you have." I have observed that in almost every small congregation for which I have preached that at least one or more so-called elders do not meet the qualifications. This trend has been created by a lack of men qualified for the eldership and ultimately a failure of Christians to be living sacrifices. It is because we do not have enough mothers and fathers who impress upon their young sons the nobility and importance of the work of an elder and consequently cause them to aspire to it. Until this situation be changed the doctrinal soundness of the church rests on very shaky ground (pp. 280-281).

(Editor's Note... Sage words from Paul Earnhart some 60 years ago. We live in an age which demeans the home and the value of the church of Christ. To be a living sacrifice for Jesus is perceived weakness and ignorance. Brother Earnhart properly rebuked the shortcomings of that generation's society along with the people of God. Yet, sixty years later his words ring as true. What shall become of the last bastion of hope for the worlds if the people of God do not "impress upon their young sons the nobility and importance of the work of an elder and consequently cause them to aspire to it"? MIWM) □



Family matters

News and Notes of Interest
To Weatherly Members

Pray for Those in Need

Peggy Childress is home resting following her back surgery. The surgery went very well, now comes the recovery. Your prayers are appreciated very much.

Jack &Carolynn Barr have not been able to be at services for over six weeks due to health issues. Their current address is:

815 Baylor Drive
Huntsville, AL 35802.

The Barr's permanent phone number is 205-968-3009. You may currently reach them at the temporary number of 256-489-1885.

Melvin Godette is scheduled for surgery November 17th. Prayers please for his comfort and the success of this surgery.

Caryl Ehl is planning to be in the assembly today. She is doing better, but still has bouts with awful headaches that are related to her head injury. We have surely missed her in our assemblies. Its hard to be here without her.

Glenda Cavender remains on our prayer list. Say her name to the Father this week as you pray.

Mike Coward's latest test results have been most encouraging. We are praying for his strength to increase.

It was awesome to see *Ann Summers* on Sunday. She is very weak and struggles with dizziness, but it's hard

to keep her down. She's a true inspiration to our family. Pray for her.

Collis & Sue Terry's mothers, *Carlton Terry*, and *Lona Mae Brewer*, remain in our daily prayers.

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

Week #3 of Sunday Night Study Series

Our annual fall edition of Sunday Night Study Series is underway. Make your plans to come tonight.

A Note to Parents

We have been finding melted and crushed M&M's on the pews and carpeting in the auditorium. We need your help to police your area and prevent potential damage.

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."

Group Four Meets Today

Group 4, led by *Ron Harmon*, will meet immediately after the morning services for a covered dish and group meeting. *Ron & Phyllis* have graciously invited the group to meet in their home. Please attend your group meeting □

Weatherly Birthdays

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| 10-22 | Abbey Crank | 10-24 | Amanda Jimison |
| 10-26 | Chris Farrell | 10-26 | Dwight Ivey |
| 10-29 | Charlotte Hagewood | | |



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Ancestor Worship

Michael W. McLemore

To the average man in this country in our day, "ancestor worship" is a pagan relic of a foreign people of another day. Yet, millions are what they are in religion, believe what they believe in religion, and practice what they practice in religion simply because such was that which their parents were, believed and practiced. Be careful, to think this mentality is only prevalent in denominational circles and has no application in conservative churches of Christ. This is not new, either in denominationalism, or even in our own assembly.

Such "ancestor worship" is as old as the human race. Not only is it among the ancient pagans, but it was one of the mistakes of backsliding Israel in the days of her decline and fall. Ezekiel wrote, "And I said to their children in the wilderness, 'Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, nor keep their rules, nor defile yourselves with their idols. I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes, and be careful to obey my rules, and keep my Sabbaths holy that they may be a sign between me and you, that you may know that I am the Lord your God.' (Ezekiel 20:18-20).

God's prophet called the Exiles to "walk in the Lord's statutes" and not those of their idolatrous fore parents. The pleading requires every successive generation to give an answer for its own faith.

Paul called upon first century Christians to, "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind" Romans 14:5. The question is not merely, "What do you believe?" One must also be able to answer, "Why do you believe it?" □

Weekly Walk!